



*SSWAA Statement for our
Jewish and Palestinian School Social Workers*

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As we witness the extensive news coverage of the ongoing events resulting from the Israel-Hamas War, our hearts are heavy as we grapple with the devastation and loss of innocent lives.

The School Social Work Association of America extends its deepest condolences to our colleagues in Israel and Palestine and the families, friends, loved ones, and communities affected by these events. In the face of this unimaginable tragedy, it's crucial to acknowledge the incredible bravery and dedication demonstrated by our Jewish and Palestinian social work colleagues. They uphold the principles of our Code of Ethics by providing essential services, championing social justice, preserving the dignity and worth of every individual, and emphasizing the importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence while offering guidance and understanding.

SSWAA is a network of School Social Workers who are trained mental health professionals with unique expertise in addressing the impact of trauma on families and communities. We understand the challenges that lie ahead as individuals and communities work to process their pain and fears in the coming days, months, and years.

Our national organization stands ready to support and facilitate open dialogue among social workers. We are prepared to respond to direct email exchanges and share resources to assist in this challenging time.

Yours In Service,
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