

JEWISH WOMEN'S FUND OF ATLANTA STATEMENT ON ITS LONGSTANDING WORK IN THE FIGHT TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

12/1/2023 Atlanta GA. Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta repairs the world through grantmaking to vetted organizations and educational and advocacy community programming that collectively promote social change for Jewish women and girls. This includes the many investments we have made for over twelve years to our Grantee Partners in Israel, the US and Atlanta working specifically to end violence against women and provide necessary support to survivors.

JWFA's mission could not be more critical or relevant today. We have remained heartsick since the terror-filled atrocities of October 7 in Israel, united in our hope for the continued release of all hostages and the safety and security of all IDF soldiers. And we firmly lean into our longstanding work – which is now more urgent than ever – to seek justice for and reaffirm the rights and protections due to Israeli women and girls. This includes the recognition of war crimes by Hamas on October 7 in the brutal form of rape, torture and murder of innocent Israeli women and girls.

The facts about these war crimes and their aftermath have been thoroughly documented by our own current Grantee Partners – Association of Rape Crisis Centers Israel, Itach Ma'aki Women Lawyers for Social Justice, Physicians for Human Rights Israel Coalition for Reproductive Rights, WePower and Women's Spirit - whose work in real-time, 24x7, on the ground in Israel bear irrefutable witness. Additionally, we take pride in our national association, Jewish Women's Funders Network (JWFN), who will represent JWFA and the thousands of Jewish women in the JWFN network, at the United Nations on December 4 alongside many other women's organizations. They will deliver testimony on the sexually-based, violent war crimes and insist that UN Women stand up for Resolution 1820, adopted in 2008, stating unequivocally that "rape as a tactic of war is a crime against humanity".

JWFA's ongoing, meaningful work in prevention and advocacy continues in partnership with our Grantees, our national association and in coalition with fellow women's organizations.