

## **Rabbi's Response to the War in Ukraine**

*Dear Members of CEHV,*

*Our hearts are breaking for the loss of life incurred by the unprovoked attack and senseless war waged against the Ukrainian people.*

*So many of our families trace their heritage to towns and cities in and around the Ukraine. Ukraine's history with the Jewish people has been complicated and at times painful. We are grateful for the strides toward democracy and healing that the Ukrainian people have been undertaking and we remain hopeful for a future for Ukraine to continue to build an open, sustainable, and safe society for all of her citizens.*

*Today in the face of aggressive war, unnecessary violence, and painful destruction we stand with the Ukrainian people who are waging daily heroic resistance against authoritarianism. Many of you want to know what we can and should do. I am enclosing two resources that are extensions of our community to which you can contribute: [Israaid Ukraine](#) providing humanitarian and refugee relief, and the [World Union for Progressive Judaism](#) providing aid to the Ukrainian Jewish community.*

*We stand with Ukrainian people in their right to sovereignty, independence, and safety in their homeland.*

*In faith and with profound concern,  
Rabbi Yael Romer, DD  
(she/her)*

*Rabbi's resource links to organizations providing humanitarian and refugee relief:*

<https://www.israaid.org/media/israaid-launches-ukraine-refugee-crisis-response-in-moldova/>

<https://wupj.org/give/ukraine/>