The cruel terror and the outbreak of war in Israel and Gaza over the weekend is devastating to all of us. As OISS staff, we would like to express our sympathy and concern for our international students and scholars from the region and every member of our community who has ties to or loved ones in the region.

In light of the ongoing war in Israel and Gaza, President Peter Salovey released a statement, “War in the Middle East”, which you can read here [1].

Please remember that Yale has resources in place for individuals and groups seeking support:

- Any students in need of support can contact Mental Health and Counseling at Yale Health [2], where assistance is available around the clock. The telephone number is (203) 432-0290 during business hours and for urgent concerns after hours. Faculty and staff can find information about Yale’s Employee Assistance Program at Yale Signature Benefits | It’s Your Yale [3].
- The Chaplain’s Office [4] (Old Campus, Bingham Hall, Entryway D; (203) 432-1128), Yale Religious Ministries [5] and the Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale [6], (80 Wall Street; (203) 432-9419) are among the resources available to all members of our community.
- The Yale College Community Care (YC3) team are offering drop-in hours for all students at the Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life this week at the following times: Thursday October 12th at 10am and Friday October 13th at 3pm
- We (OISS) are open at 421 Temple Street or by phone at (203) 432-2305 to anyone who needs support.

Members of our community may be moved to express their feelings, political positions, or to learn more. As always,
the Office of the Secretary and Vice President for University Life [7] is available to support students, faculty, and staff who wish to convene groups for public discussion or other events in accordance with Yale’s policies around free expression.

If you have been directly affected and need assistance from the university, please contact Ozan Say, Director of OISS [8] at (203) 432-2305.

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