

# October 7<sup>TH</sup> A Forever Impact

VIDEO PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

A Roundtable Q&A of Middle School Students  
with **Rabbi Yaakov Neuburger**

## REAL KIDS WITH REAL THOUGHTS

How can I **balance**  
feeling for my Israeli brothers  
in pain – and going about  
**my own life?**

I'm not there.  
It's not my life.  
How can I  
**care more?**

I've tried  
to do more mitzvot since October 7<sup>TH</sup>,  
but things keep **getting worse**  
... is it helping?

Hashem  
is good...  
and does good...  
but *this?*

In the beginning, I  
**davened so much,**  
but how can I keep  
those feelings fresh  
*now?*

Why does it feel like  
**all** of the news  
is gloom and doom lately?  
Isn't it enough already?



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**Dear School Administrators and Teachers,**

As we approach October 7<sup>th</sup>, the significance of this day weighs heavily on all of us—both as individuals and as educators. We carry the important responsibility of leaving a lasting and age-appropriate impact on our students.

The Consortium of Jewish Day Schools has partnered with elementary schools in Bergen County, NJ, to produce a meaningful program that will be shown in middle school classrooms worldwide on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

The program is designed to offer middle school students a thoughtful, Torah-based perspective on the tragic events of that day. Chazal teach us that during times of *hester panim*, of the concealment of Hashem's presence, we should turn to our Rabbinic leaders for moral and religious guidance. We are fortunate to have Rabbonim like Rabbi Yaakov Neuburger to offer our children insight and clarity during these challenging times.

*The program will include two key components:*

1. A 15-20 minute video featuring Rabbi Neuburger engaging with a small group of middle school students, answering the questions they ask him.
2. Additional resources to further explore Rabbi Neuburger's responses, which you can use to facilitate discussions in your classroom.

We look forward to creating a lasting impact on our students on this very difficult day.

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