

Statement

The events of the past year and a half have exacted, and are still exacting, extremely heavy prices from the residents of the region.

The ongoing violence, beyond its direct victims, has repercussions on all parts of society. Added to this is the neglect: of the residents of the 7.10 attacked area, of the evacuees, of the residents of the north, and of course of the abductees, many of whom are still languishing in Hamas captivity, for more than 500 days. We are witnessing the intensification of social and political conflicts, the deepening of economic inequalities, and the complete neglect of Arab-Palestinian society, which is suffering from unprecedented violence. Instead of leading to correction and reconciliation, the government is pitting groups in society against each other - Jews and Arabs, secular and religious, "right" and "left".

After such a long period of violence, suffering, and collective trauma, which permeates every fiber of society, the residents and society as a whole need healing.

But healing is not possible without the return of all the hostages. No repair is possible if the cover-up, neglect, and abandonment continue. No reconciliation is possible if a fair political solution is not found for the national conflict and for all the residents and residents of the region, and when ideas such as the forced collective transfer of people from their homeland are legitimized. How can Israeli society recover and prosper if it continues to live on its sword?

Out of genuine concern for the future of Israeli society, we, the members of the Israeli Sociological Association, call for an immediate end to violence and neglect, for the promotion of a process of historic reconciliation, and for the return of all the hostages now!