



## **SevenDays® Board of Directors issues statement on murder of child outside of Chicago**

**SevenDays®** expresses deep sadness after last Sunday's stabbing death of six-year-old Wadea Al-Fayoume -- a Palestinian-American in Plainfield Township, a suburb of Chicago. Wadea's mother, Hanaan Shahin, who called 9-1-1 to summon police, was seriously injured in the same hate-provoked attack that took place in the family's apartment. Shahin's landlord now faces several charges in this heinous crime, including first-degree murder and two counts of hate crimes.

This is a particularly difficult time in the world after Hamas' terrorist attack on Israel, which SevenDays® unequivocally condemns.

We extend prayerful thoughts to the Israeli, American and hostages of other nationalities and to innocent civilians, including Palestinians, who are suffering from Hamas' actions.

Authorities in the U.S. have been on high alert ever since for violence driven by antisemitic and Islamophobic sentiment. Both Muslim and Jewish groups in the United States have reported a rise in hateful rhetoric since the initial attack on Oct. 7.

Let us be clear: SevenDays® condemns hate in any form.

SevenDays® works to overcome hate by teaching kindness through education and dialogue. SevenDays® continues the healing journey after the hate murders that took the lives of Dr. William Corporon, his grandson Reat Underwood and Teresa LaManno outside of Jewish facilities in April 2014 by a white supremacist looking to kill Jews. None of the three was Jewish.

As we always mention the names of Reat, Bill and Terri when speaking out against hate and promoting kindness, let us extend kindness to one another as we work together to overcome hate in the world. Please consider how YOU can be a ripple of kindness today. Check out our website, [SevenDays.org](https://www.SevenDays.org), for kindness ideas and free resources to make a ripple and change the world.