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Mr. Ambassador:

In the past few days Israel has been the victim of repeated murderous terrorist attack at the hand of Palestinian Arab suicide bombers. Dozens of Israelis have died and hundreds have been wounded, some critically. Leaders all over the world have expressed shock and revulsion at such cowardly attacks, aimed specifically at defenseless civilians, and urged the Palestinian leadership to immediately redouble its efforts to stop terrorism and bring those responsible to justice.

By contrast, little was heard from Egypt . President Mubarak issued a late, terse, perfunctory statement condemning "all acts of violence". The Arabic daily Al Ahram merely reported the attacks with a short byline.

We, Jews who used to live in Egypt, wish to express our outrage at Egypt's standoffish, business-as-usual attitude, and its policy of fanning the fires of hatred in its antisemitic and anti-Israel press. Truth be told, we must add that we are not surprised. We can only hope that Egypt will one day see that its own self-interest does not lie in allying itself with the murderers.

Sincerely,

HSJE Committee and the Regional Officers