

*Members of our community:*

*May the Peace and Blessings of Allah be on all of you*

*You all may all be aware of the recent and sad events in the Holy land of all the monotheistic faiths.*

*It is, indeed, most unfortunate that we the Creations of our common and one Creator, have not learnt to love each other, and live in peace and harmony.*

*Human lives -the most precious, and singularly irreplaceable- are being lost*

*We are in our faith, and possibly in other faiths, are asked never to judge or classify people or to treat any of Allah's creations being less or more than our self. That command from Allah is embossed in the Quran and in our mission.*

*Innocent men and women have died and continue to die, because people ,throughout history, have put their self-interest, religious- interest, national- interest and corporate interest ahead of the most precious thing Allah has blessed us with - human interest.*

*There is no humanity without peace, justice, love and giving to others what we want for ourselves. There is no peace without telling the truth-particularly to power. There is no justice without acts that are just. There is no compassion if we are not compassionate in all our thoughts and actions*

*I ask for your patience and righteousness at this difficult time.*

*I ask for your prayers for Allah to show all of humanity, the path to peace.*

*I have asked our interfaith team to reach out to our Jewish brothers and sisters to comfort them in this difficult time.*

*Once again May Allah bless you all.*

*Jamal Hamdani*