**B’NAI B’RITH OPENS RELIEF FUND FOR TENNESSEE TORNADO VICTIMS**

**(Washington, D.C., Dec. 12, 2023)—B’nai B’rith President Seth J. Riklin and CEO Daniel S. Mariaschin have issued the following statement:**

B’nai B’rith International has opened a disaster and emergency relief fund to aid those affected by the devastating tornadoes that tore through Tennessee on Dec. 9 and will match funds up to an initial $10,000 contribution.

The aftermath of these severe EF3-level storms has impacted multiple communities in Nashville and surrounding areas, leaving six dead, thousands displaced and dozens injured. Tens of thousands are still without power.

A total of 114 homes were destroyed, while an additional 857 residences suffered varying degrees of damage. Funds raised will support reconstruction efforts for the affected communities.

Our longstanding tradition of helping communities in distress began in 1865 in pre-state Israel when B’nai B’rith raised funds to aid victims of a cholera outbreak. Since then, B’nai B’rith has helped countless people across the globe who have faced adversity after natural and man-made disasters. Recent donations to our Disaster and Emergency Relief Fund have been used to help Morocco earthquake victims.

To assist victims of the Tennessee tornadoes, donate to our Disaster and Emergency Relief Fund [here](https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=E354478&id=17).

Donors can also call 800-573-9057 to make a credit card contribution over the phone. Or, you can send a check payable to the B’nai B’rith Disaster and Emergency Relief Fund to:

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