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Mike, Pataki going to Israel to show support

Gov. Pataki, Mayor-elect Michael Bloomberg and possibly Mayor Giuliani will board Bloomberg's private plane Saturday for a whirlwind trip to Israel in a show of support after the suicide bombings there.

"Once again, terrorists have struck, and just as people around the world came to New York and expressed their outrage and their sympathy with us, I think it's appropriate that we go and do exactly the same thing in Israel," Bloomberg said yesterday.

Pataki and Bloomberg will be joined by Mortimer B. Zuckerman, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and chairman and co-publisher of the Daily News.

"These are two countries that share many ties, but alas, this is a tie that they share in sorrow and in tragedy, and I think to be able to be a part of a delegation to express our solidarity is of great significance, and so I'm delighted to be a part of it," Zuckerman said.

Giuliani said he was not sure he could attend.

The group hopes to meet with Israeli leaders and return to New York on Sunday night.

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