In response to the calls for humanitarian aid, let's think back a bit to how we got to this situation.

In 2005, Israel unilaterally withdrew from all of the Gaza Strip, dismantling the 25 Jewish communities in the area and evicting the 9,000 Jews who lived there.

From that moment on, all of the Gaza Strip was in the hands **solely** of the Palestinians.

In 2006, the Palestinians elected Hamas as the governing body of the Gaza Strip. Hamas Charter says it is committed to creating ""an Islamic state throughout Palestine."

Since the time it came into power, Hamas has consistently attacked Israel, targeting its civilians.

Israel has engaged in restrained responses in an attempt to limit civilian casualties among the Palestinians.

Periodically, there have been calls from the international community for humanitarian aid to Gaza.

What has Hamas done with this humanitarian aid?

It ripped up the sewer system throughout the Gaza Strip and turned the pipes into rockets to fire into Israel.

It took the concrete that was sent as humanitarian aid to rebuild homes and used it instead to build tunnels underground the cities in Gaza to shield the leaders of Hamas from Israeli attacks. They also built tunnels to try to infiltrate into Israeli itself to carry out the kinds of barbaric attacks that we saw recently.

Hamas filled the pockets of its leaders with the money that was supposed to help the Palestinian people in the area. They also used it to pay the families of those who engaged in suicide attacks against Israeli civilians.

Given this track record, it's understandable that Israel is skeptical about "humanitarian aid."

And why hasn't the international community forced those receiving this aid to be accountable to the taxpayers throughout the world from whom this money is coming about where the money is actually going?