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Missile attack drew supporters of Israel to demonstrate Tuesday.

Downtown demonstration supports Israel and peace

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SANTA CRUZ — More than 100 supporters of Israel gathered at the Town Clock in a hastily arranged demonstration of support for the Jewish state after an Iraqi missile struck a civilian part of Tel Aviv Tuesday.

Ivan Resnikoff, 22, a UC Santa Cruz politics senior, was one of those clutching an Israeli flag and standing near Water Street as motorists tooted their horns in support while passing by.

"I'm here to demonstrate my support for peace and for Israel," he said. "They're not part of the military alliance and yet Saddam Hussein is trying to involve them in a war that is not their's."

Marc Lipton, a local business executive, said it was the first time he had ever set foot on the Town Clock to demon-

strate for a cause.

"I had to do something," he said. "Can you imagine what it would be like if we had to do this five years from now, when Hussein may have nuclear weapons, and had to worry about whether those missiles were nuclear-tipped?"

Rabbi Rick Litvak, of the Temple Beth El Jewish Community Center, said the restraint demonstrated thus far by the Israeli government proves that Israel is a peaceful nation, and not the source of friction and unrest in the Middle East.

"This is a demonstration that recognizes the road to peace has to first put an end to the threat of the Iraqi war machine," he said. "We're hopeful that the allied efforts will be successful, but fearful Hussein's attack may have to be answered by Israel."