

בנין דע אדם אהרן קדוש יישרתו ויחיה ויבאנו אליו ויפדנו מכל ידו ויחיה ויבאנו אליו ויפדנו מכל ידו

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O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, SOURCE OF ALL OUR POWER AND STRENGTH, WHO UPHOLDS THOSE THAT FALL AND HEALS THOSE THAT ARE SICK AND FREES THOSE THAT ARE BOUND, WHO HAS CREATED MAN WITH GREAT ENERGY AND PASSION WHICH HE CAN USE EITHER TO SERVE THEE OR TO CROWN HIMSELF AS A GOD, GRANT THAT AS WE GATHER HERE TODAY AT THIS JEWISH FEDERATION FUNCTION, AN ORGANIZATION WHICH IS DEDICATED TO HELP MAN FREE HIMSELF FROM THE FETTERS OF POVERTY, IGNORANCE CRUELTY, AND SELF-DELUSION, WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE PLIGHT OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BRUTALIZED AND HAVE BEEN MADE PRISONERS EITHER BY THE DELIBERATE DESIGNS OF HATEFUL GOVERNMENTS WHO WISH TO ENSLAVE AND EMPOVERISH THEIR OWN PEOPLE OR BY RULERS WHO DELUDE THEMSELVES INTO THINKING THAT THEY ARE GOD, GRANT, O LORD, THAT OUR IRANIAN HOSTAGES WILL SOON BE FREE, THAT THE CAMBODIAN HOLOCAUST THROUGH STARVATION WILL QUICKLY COME TO AN END, THAT SOVIET JEWS WHOSE ONLY CRIME IS THAT THEY WISH TO IMMIGRATE WILL SOON BE SET FREE AND THAT THE SEA OF ENMITY WHICH SURROUNDS ISRAEL WILL IN THE NEAR FUTURE BE DISSIPATED, GRANT, O LORD, THAT NONE OF US WILL EVER FALTER IN OUR EFFORTS TO HELP THOSE WHO MUST BURST THEIR BONDS OF OPRESSION, POVERTY, EMOTIONAL TURMOIL, IGNORANCE, OR DISEASE. BLESS, O LORD, THE WORK OF THIS FINE ORGANISATION SO THAT ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN IT WILL ALWAYS KNOW THE FEELING OF DEEP SELF-FULFILLMENT THAT COMES FROM DOING THY WORK. GRANT THAT THY WORK OF FREEING MAN WILL CONTINUE AND BE EXPANDED AND THAT EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS REALIZE THAT WE ARE LIMITED AS INDIVIDUALS, WE CAN WITH THY HELP AND THE HELP OF ALL DECENT MEN OVERCOME OUR PROBLEMS. LET HATRED CEASE. LET JUSTICE, TRUTH, MERCY AND COMPASSION PREVAIL, AND LET, O LORD, LEADERSHIP ARISE THROUGH OUT THE WHOLE WORLD LIKE THAT WE HAVE ENJOYED ~~IN THE PAST~~ FROM PRESIDENT FORD ^{which} ~~was~~ RECOGNISES THAT NO MAN IS SO RIGHT THAT HE CAN, FOR THE SAKE OF ANY CAUSE, DISPENSE WITH FAIR PLAY AND DECENCY. MAY THE JEWISH FEDERATION GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH. AND MAY WE ALL BY COMING AND CONTRIBUTING TONIGHT BRING FORTH AND BRING FORWARD THY SPIRIT OF GOODNESS AND HOPE.