

Depression

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, ALL POWERFUL AND ALL MERCIFUL WHO HAS CREATED ALL HUMAN BEINGS WITH THE CAPACITY TO DREAM AND TO STRIVE, AND WHO HAS PLACED US IN A WORLD WHERE HOPE AND DESPAIR, COMPASSION AND CRUELTY ARE INEXTRICABLY INTERWOVEN, GRANT THAT EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS BE GIVEN THE ABILITY TO FEEL THE GOOD, THE JOYFUL, AND THE HOPEFUL IN LIFE. MAY NONE OF US EVER BECOME OVERWHELMED WITH DEPRESSION OR HOPELESSNESS. AS WE LOOK OUT OVER THE WORLD AND SEE THE RENEWAL OF ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE CRUELTY OF MAN DISPLAYED IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD AND OF THE SENSELESS HATRED DIRECTED BY ARAB, COMMUNIST, AND THIRD-WORLD COUNTRIES AGAINST ISRAEL, LET NONE OF US EVER FEEL THAT DARKNESS WILL TRIUMPH AFTER ALL. LET US INSTEAD RENEW OUR EFFORTS AND REDOUBLE OUR ENERGIES SO THAT THE POSITIVE, THE JOYFUL, THE CONSTRUCTIVE WILL EVENTUALLY HOLD SWAY. LET US ALL ALWAYS REALIZE, O LORD, THAT THE MIZRACHI WOMEN YOUTH VILLAGES ARE BUILDING A YOUTH WHO WILL EVENTUALLY INSURE PEACE BECAUSE THEIR EXAMPLE OF WHAT POSITIVE, LOVING, MORAL AND COMPASSIONATE VALUES CAN ACHIEVE WILL EVENTUALLY BE APPARENT TO ALL. MAY THE DAY SOON COME WHEN PEACE WILL REIGN FOR ISRAEL AND ALL MANKIND AND WHEN ~~ALL~~ ^{Everyone} SHALL RECOGNIZE THAT THE JOYFUL, THE HOPEFUL, THE CONSTRUCTIVE IS SO MUCH MORE TO BE DESIRED THAN THE DARK AND THE CRUEL. MAY WE ALL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS FOR MIZRACHI AND ALL WORTHY ORGANIZATIONS NEVER BECOMING DISCOURAGED AND ALWAYS REALIZING THAT THROUGH OUR EFFORTS WE MAKE HOPE LIVE, JOY BREAK FORTH, AND PEACE COME NEARER, AND MAY WE ALL BY WORKING TOGETHER FOR THESE GREAT GOALS BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND, THUS, TO THEE. AMEN.