

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO GUIDES THE DESTINIES OF ALL MANKIND, AND WHO HAS CHOSEN THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO BE THY INSTRUMENT IN BRINING REDEMPTION TO THE WORLD, GRANT THAT AS WE ~~ALL~~ LEAVE THIS ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER HOUSTON THAT WE WILL ALL REALIZE THAT WHAT WE ARE DOING IS THY WORK, ^{in the Federation} THAT WE WILL ALL REALIZE THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE NEED TO CONTINUE TO EXIST NOT ONLY FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE'S SAKE AND FOR JUDAISM'S SAKE BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD. O LORD, LET US ALL ALWAYS REALIZE THAT JUDAISM HAS YET MUCH TO TEACH THE WORLD, THAT ALTHOUGH WE ARE A VERY SMALL PEOPLE WE HAVE ALWAYS STOOD FOR THOSE IDEALS AND PRACTICES WHICH HAVE BECOME THE BEACON FOR ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD AND WHICH, IF IMPDEMENTED CORRECTLY, COULD EVENTUALLY BRING PEACE AND HARMONY, LOVE AND COMPASSION TO ALL MANKIND. GRANT THAT NONE OF US WILL EVER FLAG IN OUR ENDEAVORS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE CONTINUE TO EXIST PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO BE A MODEL TO WHICH ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD CAN REFER. GRANT, O LORD, THAT EACH OF US WILL CONTINUE TO DO OUR UTMOST TO MAKE SURE THAT JEWS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE IN FREEDOM AND SAFETY AND THAT ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE TO BE STRONG SO THAT SHE WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE PEACE ^{with} ~~AND~~ HER ARAB NEIGHBORS AND EVENTUALLY BECOME THE BEACON OF LIGHT AND HOPE TO THE NATIONS WHICH WE KNOW THAT SHE IS CAPABLE OF BECOMING, AND GRANT, O LORD, THAT EACH OF US WILL ESPECIALLY DO OUR UTMOST TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN AMERICA RECEIVE THE MAXIMUM JEWISH EDUCATION POSSIBLE SO THAT THEY WILL WANT TO CONTINUE THE JEWISH TRADITION AND HELP BRING REDEMPTION TO THE WORLD, AND MAY WE ALL BY WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND, THUS, TO THEE. AMEN.

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O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, CREATOR OF ALL MANKIND, AUTHOR OF HOPE AND PRIDE, FREEDOM AND CREATIVITY WHO HAS ENDOWED MAN WITH THE DESIRE TO BE IMPORTANT AND TO STAND OUT AND ALSO WITH THE DESIRE TO BE LOVED AND TO BE PART OF A GROUP, GRANT THAT AS WE ALL GATHER TOGETHER HERE TODAY TO DEDICATE THIS NEW FLAGPOLE DONATED BY THE ALLIED MERCANTILE BANK FOR THE EDIFICATION OF OUR COMMUNITY, ~~WE~~ ^{and ~~we~~ ~~will~~ ~~will~~} WE ALL EVERY MORNING, AS ~~WE~~ ^{will this flag and} ARISE, LIFT ~~UP OUR EYES AND RAISE UP OUR HOPES~~ ^{ourselves up by raising our sights & goals} ALWAYS REALIZING THAT THERE IS MUCH TO ^{so} CONTRIBUTE AND MUCH TO DO IN THIS GREAT LAND OF OURS WHICH WILL ALLOW US TO NOT ONLY FULFILL OUR NEED FOR BEING IMPORTANT BUT ^{which will allow us to} ALSO DEMONSTRATE THAT WE ARE PART OF A DYNAMIC COUNTRY WHO NEEDS THE TALENTS OF ALL PEOPLE. ^{of us}

O LORD, AS WE GAZE UPON THIS SYMBOL OF LIBERTY WHICH ALLOWS ALL OF US ^{the} OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP OUR TALENTS ^{AND} WHICH IS THE SYMBOL OF OPPORTUNITY TO ALL THE WORLD'S PEOPLES LET US NEVER FORGET THAT WE MUST REPAY THIS GREAT GIFT BY VOLUNTARILY HELPING OTHERS AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMON GOOD.

O LORD, LET US ALWAYS REALIZE THAT THIS ~~FLAGPOLE~~ WHICH STANDS ON THE ^{is a source of inspiration} GROUNDS OF AN AGENCY WHICH HAS HELPED THOUSANDS ^{to} BECOME AMERICANS, GRANT THAT AMERICA WILL ALWAYS REMAIN TRUE TO ITS IDEALS, THAT IT WILL ALWAYS BE A LAND OF LIBERTY AND CREATIVITY WHOSE PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS USE THEIR LIBERTY TO STRENGTHEN THEIR FEELING OF BROTHERHOOD FOR EACH OTHER AND WILL ALWAYS TRY TO LIFT UP EACH OTHER ^{by} CREATING ^{Bonds} ~~A FEELING~~ OF ^{love, cooperation} BROTHERHOOD AND COMMUNITY. ^{And all working together} MAY WE BY ~~SO DOING~~ BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND, THUS, TO THEE. AMEN.

and hope to all the people of the world

Freedom

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, CREATOR OF ALL MANKIND, REDEEMER OF THE OPPRESSED, UPLIFTER OF THE DOWNTRODDEN, WHO HAS CREATED EACH OF US WITH THE DESIRE TO BE FREE AND WITH THE DESIRE TO SERVE THEE, GRANT THAT AS WE APPROACH THE HOLIDAY OF PESACH, THE HOLIDAY OF OUR FREEDOM, WE WILL ALL BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT THE JEWS OF THE SOVIET UNION ARE NOT FREE, THAT THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO TEACH THEIR CHILDREN ANYTHING ABOUT JUDAISM OR PRACTISE IT THEMSELVES. GRANT, O LORD, THAT THEY SHALL SOON BE GIVEN THEIR RIGHTS AND FREEDOM AND BE ALLOWED TO GO TO ERETZ YISROEL, THE LAND OF THEIR DREAMS. GRANT, O LORD, THAT THIS SHOULD BE THE LAST YEAR AT WHICH WE SHALL HAVE TO SET ASIDE A MATZOH OF HOPE AT OUR SEDERS FOR SOVIET JEWRY. GRANT, ALSO, O LORD, THAT ALL JEWS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD SHALL ALWAYS FEEL THE FULL MEANING AND JOY OF PESACH AND THAT THE STATE OF ISRAEL, THE BEGINNING OF OUR REDEMPTION, WILL ALWAYS REMAIN SAFE, SECURE, AND FREE.

Freedom

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, RULER OF THE DESTINIES OF ALL MANKIND, WHO HAS FASHIONED MAN WITH THE URGE TO CREATE, TO CONQUER, AND TO IMPOSE HIS WILL ON NATURE AND THINGS, AND WHO HAS, AT THE SAME TIME, FASHIONED MAN WITH THE SEEMINGLY OPPOSITE DESIRE TO BE FREE, INDEPENDENT, AND TO LOVE. GRANT THAT AS WE APPROACH THE HOLIDAY OF PESACH EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT BOTH THESE URGES ARE TRUE AND WORTHY OF HUMAN EFFORT, AND THAT IF WE ARE TO BE TRUE INDIVIDUALS, TRUE HUMAN BEINGS, THAT WE MUST EXERCISE THEM BOTH. GRANT, O LORD, THAT IN OUR ZEAL TO CREATE AND TO BE CREATIVE THAT NONE OF US WILL EVER FORGET THAT WE ALSO MUST LOVE. GRANT, TOO, O LORD, THAT NONE OF US IN OUR DESIRE TO BE FREE WILL EVER FORGET THE JUST DEMANDS THAT OTHERS MAKE ON US FOR OUR CARE AND CONCERN. GRANT, O LORD, THAT NONE OF US WILL EVER HAVE TO LEARN THE BITTER LESSON THAT CREATIVITY WITHOUT LOVE IS BARREN, AND THAT LOVE WITHOUT A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL SORROW IS A TRAP. GRANT, O LORD, THAT EACH OF US WILL LEARN THE LESSON OF PESACH, THAT FREEDOM MEANS FREEDOM WITH PEOPLE AND NOT FREEDOM FROM PEOPLE, AND THAT BY SO DOING, WE WILL BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND TO THEE.

Freedom

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, SOURCE OF ALL OUR POWER AND STRENGTH, WHO UPHOLDS
 THOSE THAT FALL AND HEALS THOSE ~~THAT~~ ^{that} ARE SICK AND FREES THOSE ~~THAT~~ ^{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, ~~GRANT THAT~~ ^{ALL Always} WE WILL REMEMBER THE
 PLIGHT OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BRUTALIZED AND HAVE BEEN MADE PRISONERS EITHER BY
 THE DELIBERATE DESIGNS OF ~~THE~~ HATEFUL GOVERNMENTS WHO WISH TO ENSLAVE AND EMPOVERISH
 THEIR 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 COME TO AN END, THAT SOVIET JEWS WHOSE ONLY CRIME IS THAT THEY
 WISH ~~TO~~ ^{Wish} IMMIGRATE WILL BE SET FREE AND THAT ^{soon} ~~ALL~~ ^{the sea of emity surrounding} OF US WILL NEVER FALTER IN OUR EFFORTS
 TO HELP THOSE WHO ~~WILL~~ ^{must} BURST THEIR BONDS OF ^{oppression} POVERTY, EMOTIONAL TURMOIL, IGNORANCE,
^{or} DISEASE. BLESS, O LORD, THE WORK OF THIS FINE ORGANIZATION THAT ALL WHO PARTICIPATE
 IN IT KNOW THE FEELING OF SELF-FULFILLMENT THAT COMES FROM DOING THY WORK. GRANT THAT
~~THIS~~ ^{Thy} WORK OF FREEING MAN WILL CONTINUE AND BE EXPANDED AND ~~GRANT~~ THAT EACH OF US WILL
 ALWAYS REALIZE THAT WE ~~ARE LIMITED~~ ^{at} ~~AND THAT ONLY BY DOING THAT WE ARE LIMITED~~ ^{at} ~~AND THAT WE NEED~~ ^{at} THY HELP AND THE HELP OF EVERY MAN CAN WE OVERCOME OUR PROBLEMS.
 LET HATRED CEASE. LET ~~JUSTICE~~ ^{Justice, with my companion} PREVAIL. MAY LEADERSHIP ~~ARISE~~ ^{and let it lead} THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE
 WORLD LIKE THAT WE ~~HAVE~~ ^{In the Past} ENJOYED FROM PRESIDENT FORD WHO RECOGNIZED THAT NO MAN IS SO
 RIGHT THAT HE CAN, ~~IN THE STAKE~~ ^{for the sake} OF ANY CAUSE, DISPENSE WITH ~~DISCRETION~~ ^{being} ~~OR DECENCY~~ ^{family or decency}.

and MAY we all by our coming to contributing tonight bring forth & forward thy spirit of
 goodness & hope.

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS CREATED US WITH THE WILL TOWARD FREEDOM AND WITH THE CAPACITY TO BE GENEROUS AND COMPASSIONATE, GRANT THAT WE WILL ALWAYS REALIZE THAT IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD OUR FREEDOM WE MUST BE WILLING TO TAKE RISKS. COMPASSION DOES NOT MEAN ALLOWING YOURSELF TO BE DEGRADED OR HUMILIATED. NO ONE RESPECTS ANYBODY WHO DOES NOT RESPECT HIMSELF. ONLY THOSE WHO RESPECT THEMSELVES CAN BE COMPASSIONATE AND KIND. A PERSON WHO FEELS INFERIOR OR HATES HIMSELF WILL EVENTUALLY BE CRUAL AND VICIOUS TO OTHERS AS WELL. LORD, LET US ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THERE WILL BE CASUALTIES IN THE FIGHT TO PRESERVE HUMAN DIGNITY. LET NOT THE FEAR OF CASUALTIES DETER US FROM DOING THE RIGHT THING. LET US NOT SHIRK FROM UPHOLDING THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM BECAUSE P.O.W.'S WILL BE TAKEN OR THERE WILL BE M.I.A.'S OR HOSTAGES WILL BE HARMED. WHEN YOUNG MEN GO INTO BATTLE WE KNOW THAT MANY WILL NOT RETURN, BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT IF THESE YOUNG MEN WILL NOT GO THERE WILL BE MANY, MANY MORE WHO WILL BE MASSACRED: WOMEN AND CHILDREN, THE OLD AND THE INFIRM. FREEDOM REQUIRES SACRIFICE AND IF SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO SUFFER CASUALTIES AND P.O.W.'S AND M.I.A.'S WE KNOW THAT THEY HAVE NOT SACRIFICED IN VAIN. THEY HAVE SACRIFICED TO PRESERVE FREEDOM. ON THE OTHER HAND, O LORD, LET US ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT AFTER THE BATTLE IS OVER IT IS NOT ONLY OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BURY THE DEAD BUT TO MAKE SURE WE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET OUR P.O.W.'S BACK AND LOCATE OUR M.I.A.'S AND BRING TO JUSTICE THOSE WHO HARM HOSTAGES. HOSTAGES, THOUGH, CAN NEVER DETER US FROM DOING THE RIGHT THING. O LORD, LET US NEVER FORGET THE SACRIFICES OF OUR BRAVE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN. MAY THE WORLD SOON COME TO REALIZE THAT PEACE IS BETTER THAN WAR AND THAT FREEDOM IS PRECIOUS AND SHOULD NEVER BE ATTACKED, BUT IF FREEDOM IS ATTACKED, LET NONE OF US SHIRK OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DEFEND IT BECAUSE WE ARE AFRAID OF CASUALTIES. AMEN.