

# Helping

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, AUTHOR OF LIFE, PROTECTOR OF THE WIDOW, THE ORPHAN, AND THE DOWNTRODDEN, GRANT THAT IN THE COMING MONTHS WE WILL HAVE THE STRENGTH TO DO OUR SHARE IN HELPING THE DISTRESSED OF OUR PEOPLE AND ALL PEOPLES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THROUGH OUR WORK IN HADASSAH. MAY WE ALL BE GRANTED THE VISION TO SEE THAT DISEASE, MISERY, AND SUFFERING CAN BE ALLEVIATED IF ONLY EACH WILL DO HIS SHARE. MAY WE ALL FEEL THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT COMES WITH KNOWING THAT THE FATE OF OTHERS LIES IN OUR HANDS AND THE JOY OF KNOWING THAT WE HAVE DISCHARGED OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND ARE STILL DOING SO. MAY WE ALL REALIZE THAT SELF-FULFILLMENT CAN NEVER BE ATTAINED BY ONE WHO IS ONLY CONCERNED WITH HIM OR HERSELF. MAY THE WORK OF OUR ORGANIZATION PROSPER AND MAY IT BRING US CLOSER TO THEE.

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MAY IT BE YOUR WILL, O LORD, CHAMPION OF POOR AND THE DEFENSELESS, GUARDIAN OF THE ORPHAN AND THE DOWNTRODDEN, TO GRANT TO US AND TO OUR REGIONAL HADASSAH THE STRENGTH AND THE VISION TO CONTINUE IN THE WORK OF AIDING THE ILL AND THE UNFORTUNATE. MAY WE GAIN ADDED STRENGTH AND SENSE OF PURPOSE FROM OUR MEETINGS THE NEXT THREE DAYS. MAY WE ALL BECOME INSPIRED TO INCREASE OUR EFFORTS FOR OUR NEEDY BRETHREN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND MAY WE ALL THROUGH OUR WORK GAIN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER AND OF THEE.

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MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, RULER OF THE DESTINIES OF MANKIND, AS WE APPROACH THE HIGH HOLY DAYS MAY OUR THOUGHTS BE TURNED TOWARD HOW WE CAN ALL BECOME BETTER PERSONS, HOW WE CAN ALL LEARN TO BE MORE CONSIDERATE AND HELPFUL, HOW WE CAN BETTER FILL THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND MAKE OUR SHUL, COMMUNITY, AND CITY A BETTER PLACE. MAY WE ALL BE GIVEN THE VISION TO SEE OUR FAULTS CLEARLY AND THE COURAGE AND STEADFASTNESS TO CORRECT THEM. MAY WE ALL START OUT THE NEW YEAR WITH RENEWED ZEAL AND DETERMINATION TO MAKE OUR LIVES AND OUR SISTERHOOD BETTER AND TIED MORE CLOSELY TO THEE.

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O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, CREATOR OF ALL LIFE, THE SOURCE OF ALL HOPE AND INSPIRATION, WHO HAS CREATED EACH OF US WITH THE DESIRE TO EXCELL AND ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS FOR OURSELVES AND, ALSO, WITH THE DESIRE TO LOVE AND TO HELP OTHERS, GRANT AS WE GATHER HERE TODAY TO HONOR THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION, EACH OF US WILL EVER REALIZE THAT THESE TWIN GOALS OF MANKIND ARE NOT CONTRADICTORY, BUT COMPLIMENTARY, THAT THE BEST WAY TO ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS FOR OURSELVES IS TO HELP OTHERS. GRANT, O LORD, THAT EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS REALIZE THAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITHOUT LOVE ARE STERILE AND THAT DEVOTED EFFORTS AND SERVICE WITHOUT ATTAINMENTS ARE FRUSTRATING AND USELESS. GRANT, O LORD, THAT NONE OF US WILL EVER BE SATISFIED WITH JUST IDEALS, NO MATTER HOW LOFTY, BUT THAT EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS DEDICATE OURSELVES TO PUT THINE IDEALS OF LOVE AND SERVICE INTO PRACTICE. GRANT, O LORD, THAT THE LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION WILL NEVER FLAG IN THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THY WORKS OF LOVING KINDNESS AND THAT BY HELPING AND SERVING OTHERS THEY, THEMSELVES, WILL FIND THEIR OWN SELF FULFILLMENT. LET THEIR REWARDS BE WRITTEN LARGE ON THE HEARTS AND SMILES OF THOSE THEY SERVE, AND MAY WE ALL BY WORKING TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GREAT GOALS BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND, THUS, TO THEE.