

# Individuality

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, CREATOR OF ALL MEN, AUTHOR OF ALL HARMONY AND PRECISION, WHO HAS CREATED MAN WITH THE NEED TO BE AN INDIVIDUAL AND WITH THE NEED TO BE PART OF A SAFE AND SECURE SOCIETY, GRANT THAT EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THESE TWO NEEDS ARE ABSOLUTELY AND MUST BE MET, THAT THEY ARE NOT ANTAGONISTIC, BUT ARE COMPLIMENTARY, THAT NO ONE CAN DEVELOP HIS INDIVIDUALITY UNLESS HE LIVES IN A SECURE SOCIETY AND THAT SOCIETY CANNOT BE SECURE UNLESS IT HAS CREATIVE, INVENTIVE, HAPPY INDIVIDUALS.

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O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS CREATED EACH OF US WITH THE NEED AND THE DESIRE TO BE UNIQUE AND DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS AND ALSO WITH THE NEED AND DESIRE TO BE PART OF A FAMILY AND A TRADITION. GRANT THAT AS WE ALL GATHER HERE TODAY WE ALL WILL ALWAYS BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT WE CAN ONLY TRULY BE UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS IF WE ARE PART OF A LOVING, WARM FAMILY AND TRADITION. GRANT, O LORD, THAT WE AS WE ALL SIT HERE TODAY LINKS IN THE TRADITION OF JUDAISM, GRANDMOTHERS, MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, AND EVEN GREAT GRANDMOTHERS, WE ALWAYS WILL REALIZE THAT OUR STRENGTH TO DEVELOP OUR INDIVIDUALITY COMES FROM THE STRENGTH WE GET FROM OUR FAMILIES AND TEACHERS, FROM THE KNOWLEDGE THAT NO MATTER WHAT WE DO WE ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE TO TURN TO, A HOME TO GO TO, SOMEONE TO LOVE US AND, WHAT'S MORE, SOMEONE TO APPRECIATE US. GIVE US THE WISDOM O LORD, NEVER TO SLIGHT OUR FAMILY OR OUR BRETHREN AS WE DEVELOP OUR TALENTS AND ABILITY AND GIVE US THE INSIGHT TO REALIZE THAT IT IS ONLY THE FEELING OF SECURITY WHICH OUR FAMILIES GIVE US WHICH ALLOWS US TO DEVELOP OURSELVES. O LORD BLESS ALL WHO ARE ASSEMBLED HERE, LET US ALL LEARN TO APPRECIATE EACH OTHER, OUR PROBLEMS, OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, OUR TALENTS AND ABILITIES, AND EACH OF OUR SPECIAL INSIGHTS, AND BY SO DOING, O LORD, LET US BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND TO THEE.

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O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, RULER OF THE DESTINIES OF ALL MEN, PROTECTOR AND REDEEMER OF ISRAEL, WHO HAS CREATED EACH OF US WITH THE NEED TO EXCELL AND EXPRESS OUR UNIQUE INDIVIDUALITY AND WITH THE NEED TO BELONG TO A GROUP AND TO EXPERIENCE ITS WOES AND ITS JOYS. GRANT, THAT AS WE GATHER HERE TODAY TO VIEW AN EXHIBIT ON THE FACES OF ISRAEL WE WILL ALL REALIZE THAT THESE TWO NEEDS ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE, THAT EACH OF US LIKE THE DIFFERENT FACES WHICH WE WILL SEE HERE TODAY, ARE UNIQUE BUT YET THAT IN ORDER TO BE FULLY EXPRESSIVE, MUST BE PART OF A LARGER SOCIETY. GRANT THAT EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS REALIZE THAT WE CAN'T EVER EXPRESS OUR INDIVIDUALITY FULLY UNLESS WE ARE PART OF SOMETHING GREATER THAN OURSELVES. GRANT, O LORD, THAT WE, BY WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR BRETHREN IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL, WILL CREATE A JEWISH CONSCIOUSNESS WHICH WILL SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD AND AS A FULFILLMENT OF ALL OUR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS. MAY TRUE AND LASTING PEACE COME TO THE MIDDLE EAST, AND MAY WE CONTINUE TO BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND TO THEE.