

# Judaism

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS CREATED JOY AND GLADNESS, GRANT THAT AS WE APPROACH THE HOLIDAY OF CHANUKAH ALL OF US WILL BE PRIVILEGED TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE EXIST HERE TODAY AS JEWS AND HAVE THIS WARM, WONDERFUL HOLIDAY OF CHANUKAH ONLY BECAUSE THERE WERE JEWS IN EARLIER GENERATIONS WHO WERE WILLING TO PUT THEIR JEWISHNESS ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE AND WHO WERE WILLING TO SACRIFICE ALL THEIR FORTUNE, TIME, AND VERY LIVES TO SEE TO IT THAT JUDAISM WOULD CONTINUE. THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO, BUT THEY KNEW JUDAISM'S IMPORTANCE FOR THE WHOLE WORLD. O LORD, LET THEIR ZEAL AND DEVOTION BE AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL OF US. AND LET US, O LORD, NEVER FORGET ESPECIALLY WHEN WE LIGHT THE CHANUKAH CANDLES THAT JUDAISM AND JEWISHNESS CAN AND WILL EXIST TODAY ONLY IF EACH OF US IS WILLING TO SACRIFICE HER TIME, MONEY, AND EFFORT TO SEE TO IT THAT IT DOES. LET ALL OF US BE WORTHY OF THIS TRUST. AMEN.