

Kindness

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, CREATOR OF ALL LIFE, THE REDEEMER AND ROCK OF ALL MAN, THE SOURCE OF ALL HOPE AND INSPIRATION, THE AUTHOR OF BOTH FREEDOM AND THE DESIRE TO COUNT AND BE ACCOUNTABLE, WHO HAS CREATED ALL OF US WITH THE STRONG DESIRE TO LEAVE OUR MARK ON THE WORLD AND ALSO WITH THE OVERWHELMING DESIRE TO SEE TO IT THAT THIS MARK WE MAKE SHOULD BENEFIT NOT ONLY OURSELVES BUT ALSO ALL HUMANITY, GRANT THAT AS WE LEAVE THIS JEWISH FEDERATION FUNCTION TONIGHT WE WILL ALWAYS BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT BY GIVING WE NOT ONLY HELP OTHERS BUT WE ALSO FULFILL OURSELVES. GRANT, O LORD, THAT WE WILL ALWAYS REALISE THAT THE ONLY ENDURING <sup>achievements</sup> ACCOMPLISHMENTS WE REALLY <sup>accomplish</sup> ~~ARE~~ IN THIS WORLD ARE THE GOOD DEEDS WE DO, THAT JUST AS THERE IS A LAW OF THE CONSERVATION OF ENERGY AND MATTER THERE IS ALSO A LAW OF THE CONSERVATION OF GOODNESS, THAT NONE OF THE DEEDS OF LOVING KINDNESS THAT WE DO ARE EVER LOST. THAT THE GOODNESS THAT WE DO ~~DO~~ REMAINS ADDING TO THE GOODNESS THAT WENT BEFORE US AND SERVING AS A BASIS FOR THE GOODNESS THAT IS YET TO COME AFTER US AND THAT IT IS BY DOING DEEDS OF LOVING KINDNESS THAT WE BRING CLOSER THE DAY WHEN ALL MAN SHALL WANT NO MORE, WHEN ALL PEOPLE SHALL BE FREE AND WHEN ALL EVIL AND IGNORANCE SHALL BE BANISHED FROM THE EARTH. GRANT, O LORD, THAT EACH OF US HERE TODAY WILL NEVER FORGET THAT <sup>Give</sup> ~~THE~~ IS THE FINEST MARK WE CAN MAKE ON THE WORLD, THAT BY GIVING WE NOT ONLY BRING REDEMPTION CLOSER BUT WE ALSO BRING ~~THE~~ SELF-FULFILLMENT <sup>to</sup> ~~OF~~ OURSELVES, A SELF-FULFILLMENT WHICH TRANSCENDS OURSELVES AND MAKES US MORE THAN OURSELVES. GRANT, O LORD, THAT JUST AS WE FIND INNER PIECE BY GIVING, MAY ALL THOSE WHO ARE THE RECIPIENTS OF OUR GIVING ALSO KNOW TRUE PEACE AND FREEDOM, ESPECIALLY OUR HOSTAGES IN IRAN AND THE BELEAGUED PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, AND MAY WE BY GIVING BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND THUS TO THEE. AMEN.