



CONGREGATION  
B'nai Torah

## **A Prayer for Israel in Wartime** **Rabbi Joshua Heller November 2023**

May God who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca Rachel and Leah, bless the people and the state of Israel.

Be with those who have been taken hostage and give courage to them and those who wait for them. May we witness the return of all captives, whole in body and soul.

Heal those who have been wounded, and grant your gifts to their caregivers, so that they may they be blessed with full recovery.

Comfort those who have suffered loss and grant them consolation among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Spread your sukkah of protection above all those who live in fear of attack from above and below.

May it be your will to plant good counsel in the hearts of Israel's leaders, so that they may guide the nation with wisdom and resolve.

Protect all of the defenders of the land of Israel, on the land, on the sea, and in the air. Deliver into their hands all who seek harm and guide their hands to spare the innocent. Return our soldiers home safe and victorious.

Help all who love Israel to remain steadfast. Give them courage to walk through the valley of shadow, free from fear and harm. Shine your light of truth to dissolve the darkness of hatred and open the eyes of those who have been blinded by the fog of falsehood.

You are the one who makes peace in the heavens, and so when, in Your world, the path to peace is obscured, we pray all the more that you guide us to a true and lasting peace for us, for the whole world, and for Israel.