

## *A Prayer for the State of Israel*

***To assist the individuals you have chosen for this honor, please distribute this page to them. All participants are also welcome to attend any of the student's weekly bimah sessions with the Cantor, the final Thursday rehearsal, or to remain after the Friday evening service in order to review their parts.***

***The individuals selected for this honor have the option to lead this prayer in either Hebrew or English, as they prefer. Both versions of the prayer are shown below.***

**[Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals, page 149]**

Our Father in Heaven, Rock and Redeemer of the people Israel: Bless the State of Israel, with its promise of redemption. Shield it with Your love; spread over it the shelter of Your peace. Guide its leaders and advisors with Your light and Your truth. Help them with Your good counsel. Strengthen the hands of those who defend our Holy Land. Deliver them; crown their efforts with triumph. Bless the land with peace, and its inhabitants with lasting joy.

And let us say: Amen.

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אֲבִינוּ שְׁבַשְׁמִים, צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגֹאֲלֹ, בָּרַךְ אֶת־מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל,  
רֹאשִׁית צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלָּתָנוּ. הִגֵּן עָלֶיהָ בְּאַבְרַת חֶסֶדְךָ, וּפְרֹשׁ  
עָלֶיהָ סֶכֶת שְׁלוֹמְךָ. וּשְׁלַח אוֹרְךָ וְאַמְתָּךְ לְרֹאשֵׁיהָ, שָׂרֶיהָ  
וְיוֹעֲצֶיהָ, וְתִקְנֵם בְּעֶצֶה טוֹבָה מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. חֲזֹק אֶת־יְדֵי מְגִנֵּי אֶרֶץ  
קְדִשְׁנוּ, וְהִנְחִילֵם אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְשׁוּעָה, וְעֵטֶרֶת נִצָּחוֹן תַּעֲטִרֵם.  
וְנִתַּת שְׁלוֹם בְּאֶרֶץ וּשְׁמִיחַת עוֹלָם לְיוֹשְׁבֶיהָ, וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.