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Rabbi Wexler - *Tazria*

It has been a difficult week for our brothers and sisters in Israel. A wave of deadly terrorist attacks over the past week has claimed the lives of eleven Israelis; the largest number in a single week in Israel since 2006 when a suicide bus bombing killed eleven in Tel Aviv. In fact, eleven Israeli victims of terror are more than in 2020 and 2021 combined. Our hearts break for Israel and we pray for comfort for the grieving families as we stand behind the [statement put out yesterday by the Rabbinical Assembly in condemnation of the recent terror attacks in Israel](#). Most of all, we pray for peace. As we pray for peace, I share with you [a prayer for peace for our brothers and sisters in Israel, direct from our liturgy, sung by Listen Up](#). The translation:

*Our brothers (and sisters) the whole house of Israel, who are in distress and captivity who wander over sea and over land — may God have mercy on them, and bring them from distress to comfort, from darkness to light, from slavery to redemption, now, swiftly, and soon. And let us say: Amen.*

How appropriate that as many TBS members conclude their trip in Israel, Rabbi Lindemann sends a message of peace accompanied by many photos that inspire prayers for peace and for hope.

Wishing all of you and all of our brothers and sisters in Israel a Shabbat Shalom, a Shabbat of peace.

**From Rabbi Lindemann:**

You can see all of the Torah in the pictures below. Behind Lori Haaz you can see the Dome of the Rock. According to Midrash, the Rock is Even HaShtiyah — the foundation stone from which God began the creation of the world. Behind Herb Karfeld you can see the brown of Mount Nebo in Jordan, from which Moses looked into the Promised Land. From Bereysheet to the end of Deuteronomy — that’s the view from the top of the Truman Peace Center at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The view captures a central message of Torah: “V’khol Netivoteha Shalom — All its paths are toward peace.” What a view! What a message to learn from Torah. What a statement about the mission of Hebrew University...and the Jewish People. Shabbat Shalom from the TBS group in Israel.



