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“Justice, justice shall you pursue" -Deuteronomy 16:20

The right of national self-determination, sovereignty and security is a fragile thing. The Jewish people, perhaps more than others, knows how fragile.

Each human is an image of our creator, and therefore the spark of the divine that resides in all of us. An unjust death, is tantamount to diminishing holiness in this world. The scale of destruction in Ukraine is a loss to Ukraine, to all of humanity.

We condemn the actions of the Russian government and its allies for the unspeakable destruction and loss of life that has taken place. We express our solidarity with the people of Ukraine. We call on people everywhere to work to end this war and restore the sovereignty and security of the Ukrainian state.

“Whoever saves a life, it is considered as if they saved an entire world”  
-Babylonian Talmud Sanhedrin 37a

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