

Am. Jewish Committee

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, AUTHOR OF ALL LIFE, HOPE, CARE, AND CONCERN, THE SOURCE OF ALL INSPIRATION AND THE CREATOR OF ALL MEN WHO HAS CREATED EACH OF US WITH THE NEED TO EXCEL AND WITH THE NEED TO BELONG, GRANT THAT AS WE ALL GATHER HERE TOGETHER TODAY AT THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL MEETING WE WILL ALL ALWAYS REALIZE THAT THESE TWO BASIC NEEDS ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE BUT THAT THEY ARE COMPLIMENTARY. GRANT, O LORD, THAT EACH OF US HERE WILL ALWAYS REALIZE THAT WE MUST LET EVERYONE DEVELOP THEIR FULL POTENTIAL IF WE ARE TO HAVE A SOCIETY IN WHICH EVERYONE CAN FEEL THEY BELONG AND THAT ~~IF~~ ONLY IF WE HAVE A SOCIETY WHERE EVERYONE ~~CAN~~ FEELS THEY BELONG CAN WE HAVE A SOCIETY WHICH STRIVES FOR EXCELLENCE AND WHICH IS HARMONIOUS, DYNAMIC, CREATIVE, AND DEMOCRATIC. O LORD, LET US ALL ALWAYS REALIZE THAT THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN KEEP PEOPLE DOWN IS TO STOOP DOWN AND LOWER YOURSELF. LET US ALL ALWAYS, O LORD, NEVER WANT TO STOOP BUT TO RISE. LET NONE OF US EVER FEEL THREATENED BY ANOTHER PERSON'S EXCELLENCE. LET US ALL ALWAYS REALIZE THAT EXCELLENCE CAN ONLY ELEVATE US ALL. GRANT, O LORD, THAT IN OUR PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE NONE OF US WILL EVER SACRIFICE OUR HUMANITY, OUR COMPASSION, OR OUR FEELINGS FOR OTHERS. GRANT THAT WE WILL ALWAYS REALIZE THAT WE NEED TO BELONG, THAT WE NEED ROOTS, THAT EACH OF US NEEDS THE SECURITY OF BELONGING BEFORE WE CAN EXCEL. WE NEED PEOPLE TO BRING OUR ACHIEVEMENTS TO. GRANT, O LORD, THAT WE ALL OF US WILL ALWAYS TAKE PRIDE IN EACH OTHER AND THAT OUR STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE WILL NEVER CAUSE US TO EITHER BREAK WITH OUR PAST OR WITH OUR FAMILIES BECAUSE IT IS OUR FAMILIES, OUR TRADITIONS, AND OUR PAST WHICH GIVES US THE STRENGTH TO DO EXCELLENTLY IN THE FUTURE. O LORD, BLESS THE WORK OF THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION WHICH STRIVES FOR EXCELLENCE WITHOUT CUTTING ITSELF OFF FROM ITS JEWISH PAST. GRANT THAT ITS EFFORTS WILL BE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS AND THAT ALL OF US WILL ALWAYS BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT BY WORKING TOGETHER WE SATISFY NOT ONLY OUR NEED FOR EXCELLENCE BUT ALSO OUR NEED FOR BELONGING AND MAY OUR WORKING TOGETHER CAUSE US TO BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND, THUS, TO THEE. AMEN.

Health Committee

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