

Principles

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, RULER OF THE DESTINIES OF ALL MANKIND, WHO HAS CHOSEN ISRAEL TO BE THY INSTRUMENT IN HELPING PERFECT THE WORLD, GRANT THAT AS WE APPROACH THE HOLIDAY OF CHANUKAH WE WILL NEVER DESPAIR AND THAT, AS THE MACCABEES, WE WILL NEVER GIVE UP BUT WILL ALWAYS STICK TO OUR PRINCIPLES, KNOWING THAT IF WE DO SO THOU, IN THY INFINITE MERCIES, WILL ADD STRENGTH TO OUR STRENGTH AND SEE TO IT THAT ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE NOT ONLY WILL SURVIVE, BUT WILL SURVIVE AS A VITAL, VIGOROUS, AND CREATIVE PEOPLE, SO THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE AS A SOURCE OF IDEAS, CULTURE, AND ETHICS TO ALL MANKIND AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST. GRANT, O LORD, THAT EACH OF US WILL DO HER SHARE TO MAKE THIS VISION COME TRUE AND THAT AS WE LIGHT THE CHANUKAH LIGHTS, EACH OF US WILL BE FILLED WITH RENEWED DEDICATION, AND THAT WE WILL, ALONG WITH ALL ISRAEL, BE BLESSED WITH CREATIVITY, SECURITY, AND PEACE, AND THAT BY THIS REDEDICATION WE WILL BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND TO THEE.