

Youth

O LORD, GUARDIAN OF THE POOR AND DISTRESSED, PROTECTOR OF THE WIDOW AND ORPHAN, GIVE US THE STRENGTH AND WILL TO CONTINUE HELPING THE OPPRESSED, THE POVERTY-STRICKEN AND THE HELPLESS. KINDLE AMONG US ALL A GREAT DESIRE NOT TO REST UNTIL WE HAVE DONE OUR SHARE FOR YOUTH ALIYA AND THE OTHER PROGRAMS OF HADASSAH WHICH HAS DONE SO MUCH TO RELIEVE MISERY AND SUFFERING AMONG OUR PEOPLE AND GIVE US A SENSE OF PURPOSE. LET NOT OUR EFFORTS FLAG. LET NONE OF US CLAIM THEY ARE TIRED AND CAN DO NO MORE LEST WE BE UNTRUE TO OURSELVES. AMEN.

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O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, THE SOURCE OF ALL ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM, THE FOUNTAIN OF ALL INSPIRATION, THE AUTHOR OF GOODNESS AND COMPASSION WHO HAS ENDOWED ALL HUMAN BEINGS WITH THE CAPACITY TO DREAM AND WITH THE CAPACITY TO ANALYZE AND CRITICIZE, GRANT THAT AS WE ALL GATHER TOGETHER HERE TODAY AT THIS MIZRACHI DONOR LUNCHEON NONE OF US WILL EVER USE OUR CRITICAL FACULTY TO DAMPEN OUR ENTHUSIASM OR OUR APPRECIATION OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN ANY PROJECT TO CAUSE US TO WITHDRAW OR NOT BELIEVE WE CAN OVERCOME AND ACHIEVE EVEN MORE IN THE YEARS AHEAD. GRANT, O LORD, THAT OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS WILL BE INSPIRED TO CAUSE OUR CHAPTER TO REACH NEW HEIGHTS AND TO DO EVEN MORE FOR ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN ISRAEL WHO DEPEND UPON US AND THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ALWAYS APPROACH ALL THEIR TASKS WITH ENERGY AND GREAT ENTHUSIASM. GRANT, O LORD, THAT ISRAEL WILL KNOW REAL PEACE IN THE YEARS AHEAD AND THAT OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE YOUTH OF ISRAEL WILL HELP BRING THIS TRUE PEACE CLOSER. AND MAY WE ALL BY WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THESE GREAT GOALS BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND, THUS, TO THEE.