

כל ישראל ערבים זה לזה

All of Israel is Responsible for One Another

A fifth question

This past February, several hundred rabbis purchased a full-page ad in *The New York Times* condemning the idea of relocating Gazans to other countries. Do you think that radically condemning Israel in public is a legitimate way to demonstrate servitude to the Jewish people? Are Jewish leaders obligated to support Israel publicly no matter what?

A fifth child

The Haggadah speaks of “four children,” but today we might have a fifth: the one who keeps a distance from Israel’s conflicts and subsequently dismisses Israel as part of their identity. What can we do to engage this child? How can we make Israel feel more relevant to all Jews?

Erev Pesach is Day 554 in captivity for the hostages held in Gaza.

Acheinu | אחינו

Prayer for the Release of Hostages

אחינו כל בית ישראל, הנִּתּוּנִים בְּצָרָה וּבַשְּׁבִיָּה
הַעוֹמְדִים בֵּין בָּיִם וּבֵין בַּיְבֻשָּׁה
הַמְּקוֹם יְרַחֵם עֲלֵיהֶם, וַיּוֹצִיאֵם מִצָּרָה לְרוּחָה
וּמֵאֶפְלָה לְאוֹרָה, וּמִשְׁעֶבֶד לְגֹאֲלָה
הַשְּׁתָּא בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

*Acheinu kol beit yisrael, ha-n'tunim b'tzarah u-vashivyah,
ha-omdim bein ba-yam u-vein ba-yabashah,
ha-makom y'raheim aleihem, v'yotzi-eim mi-tzarah lirvahah,
u-mei-afeilah l'orah, u-mi-shibud lig'ullah,
hashta ba-agala u-vizman kariv, v'nomar amen.*

Our family, the whole house of Israel, who are in distress or captivity — who stand either in the sea or on land — may the Divine have mercy on them and take them out from narrowness to expanse, and from darkness to light, and from oppression to redemption, now, swiftly, and soon, and let us say, Amen.

