

A Psalm for Israel

With *Ahavat Israel*, love for the Jewish people;
With gratitude *al hanissim*, for the miracle of the State of Israel: the in-gathering of Jewish exiles, the defense of Jewish lives, the flourishing of Jewish culture, the rebuilding of our ancient Jewish homeland;
With dedication to Jewish values that sustain the world: *din, emet* and *shalom*, justice, truth and peace [*Pirkei Avot* 1.18].

Let us recite Psalm 122, to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and all who live under her authority.

A song of ascents. Of David. I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the House of the Lord." Our feet stood within your gates, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem rebuilt, a city joined together. For there the tribes made pilgrimage, the tribes of the Lord, testimony for Israel, to thank the Lord. There sat the thrones of judgment, thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May those who love you be at peace. May there be peace within your fortress and serenity in your palace.

For the sake of my comrades and friends, I pray for your peace. For the sake of the house of the Lord, our God, I seek only your success.

(א) שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת לְדָוִד שְׁמִחָתִי
בְּאֲמָרִים לִי בַּיּוֹם הַזֶּה: (ב) עֲמָדוֹת
הָיוּ רַגְלֵינוּ בְּשַׁעְרֵיךָ יְרוּשָׁלָּם: (ג)
יְרוּשָׁלָּם הַבְּנוּיָה כְּעִיר שְׁחֻבָּה-לְהָא
יְחָדָה: (ד) שָׁשִׁים עָלוּ שְׁבֹטִים שְׁבֹטֵי-יָה
עֲדוֹת לְיִשְׂרָאֵל לְהַזֹּת לְיָשִׁים יי: (ה) כִּי
שָׁמָּה | יִשְׁבּוּ כִסְאֹת לְמִשְׁפַּט כִּסְאֹת
לְבֵית דָּוִד:

(ו) שְׁאַלוּ שָׁלוֹם יְרוּשָׁלָּם: שְׁלֵוֹ
אֶהְבֶּיךָ: (ז) יְהִי-שָׁלוֹם בְּחֵילֶךָ שְׁלוֹהָ
בְּאַרְמְנוֹתֶיךָ:

(ח) לְמַעַן אֲחֵי וְרַעֲי אֲדַבְּרָה-נָא שָׁלוֹם
בְּךָ: (ט) לְמַעַן בֵּית-יְי אֶלְקֵינוּ אֲבַקֶּשֶׁה
טוֹב לְךָ: {פ}

*Le'ma'an achai ve'rei'ay, adabra na shalom bakh
Le'ma'an Beit Adonay Eloheyenu, avak'sha tov lakh*