

Dear God,

Hear my plea for unity, togetherness, a meeting of the minds.
Let us come together .

When I think of Israel today, I think of shattered glass.
G-d withdrew and the vessels shattered.

So many Jews, so many views, each stuck in its own milieu, buried under dogmas,
Opposing one another when there's so much to celebrate:

A strong, viable state,
Creative minds bringing new beginnings to citizens of the world,

A tiny corner of the world that allows Jews all over to hold their heads up and walk in peace.

Why can't we see this as our beginning?
Why does one Jew have to look like the next one?
Believe as the next one does?

Lord, let us come together. Let us sing in one voice:

Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad ... Echad ... Echad.

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