

AM YISRAEL CHAI – RABBI DAN MOSKOVITZ

**AM YISRAEL CHAI – THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL THRIVE
AND WE STAND WITH THEM**

**THOUGH ROCKETS RAIN DOWN ON OUR CITIES – AM
YISRAEL CHAI, THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL THRIVE AND
WE STAND WITH THEM**

**THOUGH TERROR TUNNELS, SLITHER BENEATH
FARMS AND KIBBUTZIM – AM YISRAEL CHAI, THE
PEOPLE OF ISRAEL THRIVE AND WE STAND WITH
THEM**

**AS THE COURAGEOUS SOLDIERS OF THE IDF RISK
THEIR OWN LIVES TO PROTECTS INNOCENT CIVILIANS
ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS CONFLICT – AM YISRAEL
CHAI, THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL THRIVE AND WE STAND
WITH THEM**

**IN THE FACE OF GROWING ANTI-SEMITISM AROUND
THE GLOBE, ISRAEL DOES NOT STAND ALONE. – AM
YISRAEL CHAI, THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL THRIVE AND
WE STAND WITH THEM, CANADA STANDS WITH THEM**

**WE HERE IN VANCOUVER A JEWISH COMMUNITY AS
DIVERSE AND VARIED AS ANY IN THE WESTERN
WORLD, WE ARE UNITED WITH OUR BROTHERS AND
SISTERS IN ISRAEL, WE ARE UNITED WITH EACH
OTHER – AM YISRAEL CHAI, THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL
THRIVE AND WE STAND WITH THEM**

**NO OTHER COUNTRY GIVES UP ITS LAND IN
EXCHANGE FOR PEACE.**

NO OTHER COUNTRY IS ASKED TO TRADE ITS SECURITY FOR A WISH.

NO OTHER COUNTRY IS ASKED TO RESTRAIN ITSELF ON THE FRONT LINE AGAINST EXTREMISM.

ISRAEL IS AN ISLAND OF DEMOCRACY IN A SEA OF TOTALITARIANISM.

AN OASIS OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN A DESERT OF INTOLERANT OPPRESSION.

A BEACON OF HOPE IN A CHASM OF DESPAIR.

THAT'S THE JEWISH STATE.

JUST ONE COUNTRY HOLDS ITSELF TO A HIGHER STANDARD THAN ITS NEIGHBORS, AND IS IN TURN PUNISHED WITH ROCKETS, TERROR TUNNELS, SUICIDE BOMBERS AND GROWING INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION FOR DARING TO EXIST AT ALL.

BUT NOT HERE, NOT TONIGHT, IN THIS TEMPLE OF SHOLOM, THIS COMMUNITY OF SHOLOM, AMONG A PEOPLE WHO'S ONLY DREAM AND PRAYER IS OF SHOLOM – HERE TONIGHT – **AM YISRAEL CHAI, THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL THRIVE AND WE THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF VANCOUVER STAND WITH THEM. WE STAND WITH ISRAEL.**