



Introduction to *Hashkiveinu*: A Prayer for Erev Rosh Hashanah

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As *Yom Tov* descends, we stand at the gates with bruised and battered souls. We yearn to ask the unanswerable questions. To gather en masse and raise our voices. To cry out—

Avinu Malkeinu

אָבִינוּ מֶלְכֵנוּ כְּלָה דְבָר וְחָרֵב וְרָעַב וְשָׁבִי

Our Father, Our King

Our Parent, Our Ruler

Remove from among your people all plagues, all violence, all hunger,
All captivity

Here at the precipice of a new year, we plead:

May Israel be granted safety and peace under the great tranquil blanket of divine shelter.

May the holy land be shielded under the watchful eyes of those who neither slumber nor sleep.

May Israel be safeguarded by the armor of unwavering allies.

May the sounds of thundering rockets be drowned out by the hopeful cries of the *shofar*.

וּפָרֵשׁ עָלֵינוּ סִכַּת שְׁלוֹמָךְ

Spread over us your shelter of peace

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה'

Holy One of Blessing

הַפּוֹרֵשׁ סִכַּת שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל יְרוּשָׁלַיִם

The one who unfurls your shelter of peace over us, and all your people Israel, and over Jerusalem