

## Leadership

Serving in the Israeli army has made me deeply suspicious of “isms” of every form. The most pernicious and persistent “ism” in my mind is nationalism, which has blinded otherwise good people to the deeply unjust things that they or their governments do. Forget two state solutions and diplomatic manoeuvring. When did the Palestinian who lives three streets down stop being a human being and turn into a rabid animal made to suffer indignity after indignity in his basic quest to feed and clothe his family? But thus it is day after day. Good leaders are the ones with the bravery to free us from this vicious circle of distrust, instead of cheap political demagoguery

### Leaders

We are grateful  
For leaders both forceful and graceful  
Guarantors of lives free and plates full  
Generous not wasteful  
Unpretentious not baleful  
Champion our causes  
Both trivial and fateful  
For leaders like that let's be thankful!

### מנהיגים

**מודים אֲנַחְנוּ**  
על מְנַהֲיָנוּ וְשָׂרוּתֵינוּ  
צוּרֵינוּ וְצוּרֵי חַיֵּינוּ  
אֲשֶׁר עַל שְׂכָמָם/ כָּל תְּלֵאוֹתֵינוּ  
חַיֵּינוּ נִמְסְרוּ בְיָדָן וְנִשְׁמֹתֵינוּ פְּקוּדוֹת בְּחִיקָם  
יְהֵא נֶסֶן נֶסֶנוּ וּבְכָל יוֹם יִמְסְרוּ לְדֹאגוֹתֵינוּ  
וְאֵל יִפְלֵא מִהֵן דְּבַר - בְּכָל יֵת עֶרֶב בִּקְרָר וְצַהֵר כְּפָתוּב בְּצִרְתָּם לֹא צָר  
הַטּוֹב לֹא כָל וְרַחֲמֵי הַמְּרַחֲמוֹת לֹא תָם  
חֲסִדֵיהֶם מְעוֹלָם וְעַד עוֹלָם מְקוּי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְהָאָדָם  
וְכָלָם יִתְבָּרְכוּ וִירוּמָם שְׂמֵם - וְשִׁמְנוּ תָמִיד לְעוֹלָם  
כִּי כָל הַחַיִּים יוֹדוּ וַיְהִלּוּ מְנַהֲיָנוּ/אוֹת אֲמַת וְטוֹב  
בְּרוּכָה מְנַהֲיָנוּ כְּעֵין ז' וְנוֹדָה אִם תְּבוֹא בְּקָרוֹב