

# A HANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER

*Before lighting the candles:*

I light this flame of Hanukah remembering the time when my people were oppressed because of their faith. Greeks persecuted us, martyred our people, tortured and killed us. Many of my people stood firm, and I am their descendant. As I celebrate the light of freedom today, I pray that I and my fellow citizens shall not be the source of suffering in others, never persecute others because of their faith, never torture others, never be the instrument of hate. May we all be sources of light in the world, not of darkness.

*You may also wish to read and discuss the principles on the reverse side of this card.*

## **K'vod Habriot: A Jewish Human Rights Network**

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## STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

*We believe that the following principles are central to the teachings of Judaism.*

- **“Every human being is created in the image of God”**  
בצלם אלהים ברא אתו זכר ונקבה ברא אתם It is incumbent on each of us to act in a way that affirms the fundamental dignity of every human being.
- **“To do what is just and right”**  
לעשות צדקה ומשפט For a nation to have legitimacy, it must enforce a system of law that is fair, equitable, and just.
- **“Do not oppress the stranger, orphan or widow”**  
גר יתום ואלמנה אל תנו We have a duty to promote a society that cares for the well-being of all its members, especially those who are most vulnerable.

*We believe that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights flows from these Jewish values, as well as from our own historical experience, especially the experience of the Holocaust. We affirm the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and commit ourselves as Jews to do all we can to ensure that all people enjoy these fundamental human rights.*

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