

# Prayer for our Country

*composed for the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale*

Ribon kol ha-olamim, Ruler of the Universe, please protect America's democracy and bless us, the people of the United States, who have established the Constitution and laws of this country.

El Rachum, Compassionate God, plant love, peace and friendship among us, and uproot all hate and envy from our hearts. Give us the wisdom to select leaders who revere truth and despise corruption.

Enable us and our chosen representatives to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You, our God. Inspire us to lift a lamp of welcome and kindness and to proclaim liberty throughout the land for all its inhabitants.

Strengthen the hands of those who guard America's freedoms and protect them from harm.

May Judah be saved and Israel dwell securely, and let us say: Amen.