At this wrenching moment for all Americans, Masorti Foundation Chair, Heidi Schneider, who lives in Minneapolis writes this: "Minneapolis is a symptom of the injustice and instability that is rocking our entire world. We are doing our small part to try to bring more justice. Here and in Israel."

Our partners in the Masorti Israel Movement stand in solidarity with all of us in the United States as we seek a more just, more equal and, more compassionate society. As Masorti Rabbi Yoav Ende, writes:

"...when I see the photos and videos of marches and confrontations, I feel as if I am there, experiencing the shocking events with you...we support you, we are thinking of you, and we know that the people of the United States have the power to endure and overcome. The Jewish community in the US has a particularly strong and stirring legacy of fighting on behalf of civil rights and a humane, democratic society. These characteristics are central to the fabric of American society, to Judaism, and to the story of the Jewish people."

These characteristics are central, of course, to the Masorti Movement. Here and in Israel, we strive to do as we’re famously commanded in Deuteronomy: "Justice, Justice you shall pursue."

The Masorti Foundation shares the feelings of our friend Rabbi Aaron Weininger of the Adath Jeshurun synagogue in Minneapolis, who gave a stirring talk based on that sacred teaching at Governor Walz’s office this past Saturday.
He spoke of the need to vigorously fight the pandemic of racism. That we must: "call out the injustice of white supremacy...that we are clear and unambiguous about this current moment of justice that calls us to rise in peace...that we remember how to dismantle the systems of racism that have brought us to this point and that we turn to our allies and we ourselves in the Jewish community serve as allies and witnesses of the moment...We call out to one another: 'Justice, Justice may each of us pursue.'"

May George Floyd, and all the other victims of institutional racism, be remembered for a blessing.

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