



התנועה המסורתית
The Masorti Movement



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Dear friends,

As our peaceful Shabbat was ending, we were alarmed and horrified to learn about the hostage ordeal at Congregation Beth Israel, in Colleyville, TX. Whilst we were overjoyed the next morning to learn that the situation ended with no loss of life, we are very aware of the mental and even physical toll that this nightmare may have caused.

We are warmed by the knowledge that, alongside State and Federal institutions, many US Jewish leaders have reached out to help, as well as those of other faiths. We are moved by resilience you show as a united Jewish community in face of such terror, together with how you are able to cooperate with those of other faiths. Although we in Israel have much to learn from, we have unfortunately experienced similar traumatic situations. Yet this means that we can offer help, support and understanding as you deal with the aftermath of this crisis.

We, members and leaders of the Masorti Movement, Rabbinical Assembly of Israel and the Schechter Rabbinical Seminary, offer you our prayers and any assistance that we are able to provide. As we pray in the evening service: **יְהוָה יְהוָה יִקְרָא וְיִסְרֹף אֶת־עֲדֹנֵינוּ וְיִסְרֹף אֶת־עֲדֹנֵינוּ** – purge us of all enemies ... conceal us beneath Your wings.

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