



ועד הרבנים דאוסטרלאסיה

## RABBINICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA

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In response to recent public statements, the Rabbinical Association of Australasia (RAA) wishes to remind the community that while the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ) is an important communal body that has faithfully served Australian Jewry for decades, it does not represent the Rabbinate. At times, the Rabbinate may take a principled and independent view.

At this moment, the Rabbinate wishes to affirm our unwavering public support for the State of Israel and its Prime Minister.

We are living in uncertain and unstable times. It is upon us all to do what we can to bring stability to our world. King Solomon teaches, “Gam et ha’olam natan belibam”; Hashem has placed the entire world within the heart of man. The message is clear: the global reality is profoundly influenced by the spiritual and moral choices of each individual.

As we approach the new year; a time when fresh spiritual vitality flows into the world, we call upon the Jewish community to strengthen their connection to Yiddishkeit and their observance of Mitzvot. By taking small but consistent steps to deepen our relationship with Hashem and with one another, we bring stability to ourselves and through us to the world at large.

In particular we encourage a renewed focus on the three pillars upon which the world stands, as taught in Pirkei Avot: Torah, Tefillah, and Tzedakah (Torah Study, Prayer and Charity). Over the next forty days—from Rosh Chodesh Elul until Yom Kippur—let us each commit to adding something meaningful, however small, in each of these three areas, with sincerity and consistency.

Through these collective efforts, we will bring greater light, stability, and peace into our lives and into the world. May we soon merit to see the release of all hostages, the end of all suffering, and the arrival of an era of true peace and harmony for all of mankind.

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