

# KUMAH

Today, we American Jews march in solidarity with Israel. We are finally beginning to awaken to the horrible plight of our brethren in Israel, we read the papers intensely, we rally in Washington, we show our support. But it's not enough: anti-Semitism is increasing wildly throughout the world, synagogues being burnt, Jews being attacked. In Israel, Jewish children are being targeted, murdered, mutilated, and stoned to death. Israel's economy has grown weak and the endless violence has brought about a general feeling of depression and malaise throughout the Israeli public.

We must do something to turn this around. We must awaken from our slumber and arise to save our brethren's lives as well as our own. We American Jews need to see that something fundamental has to change about our approach.

American Jews are the key to the next historical Jewish **rebirth**. This rebirth will not come from our pocket books, nor from our political influence here. It will occur when we begin to see ourselves in a historical perspective which clearly shows that the time has come for us American Jews to Arise, return to Israel, and reunite with our brethren as one nation. Our charitable donations and our supportive lip service fail to mask our fundamental separation from Israeli Jews and from Israel itself. When we fail to see that their dead children are our dead children, and that their captives are our captives, we betray all that we are as Jews. **Our destiny is one.**

Sixty years ago, Jew-haters planned to memorialize us in a museum of lost peoples. Instead, from the ashes of Holocaust the redemption of two millennia was born. The prophecy of return had come and the prayers of mercy had finally been heard. The world saw and knew that Am Yisrael had returned to Israel. However, immigration was not so easy. After the Holocaust, the survivors found themselves grouped in three main geographical camps. A large contingent of Jews made it to the fledgling Jewish State, another group was behind the Iron Curtain of Russia, while the third group came to America through Ellis Island. In the early seventies, the imprisoned Russian Jews were miraculously allowed leave of the Soviet Union and they immigrated to Israel en masse.

Now only two main camps remain. American Jews and Israeli Jews. **Two halves of**

**one whole.** The return of the American Jews to Zion is the last leg of Jewish people's long journey towards **reunification**. Its hard to make Aliya on your own, to uproot yourself from your house, friends and employment, but it does not need to be that way anymore. A Community Aliya, an en masse movement will ease our transition through joint effort and mutual support. With our American know-how and ambition we will create jobs and new homes. We will settle the land and turn Israel around. We will be the catalysts for rebirth and reform. Now, we must meet this challenge and not forsake our land to our enemies. Let us not turn our backs on our brothers, our destiny, and our **God.**

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North American Jews to  
Arise, return to Israel,  
and reunite with our  
brethren as one nation.

These thoughts sit in each one of our hearts - let us follow our hearts to the truth, **let us go home.**

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