

War on Simchat Torah

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On the ground,
We rejoice with the Torah.
In the air,
The missiles fly.
On the ground
The attack has come, as well.
Some still dance
With the Torah,
While others shelter in place.

We are at war,
Even as we remember
The blessings of G-d's word,
Even as we pledge
To be true to our faith
And to live according
To G-d's instructions.

כִּי נֵר מִצְוֹת וְתוֹרָה אֹר וְדֶרֶךְ חַיִּים
For mitzvot are a lamp
And Torah is light
And the way of life. (Proverbs 6:23)

G-d of Israel,
Bless this nation
And protect us
Even as the sirens blare
And combat has come
To our streets.

Let peace be close at hand,
So that we dance
In the gardens and the groves,
In the heights and in the deserts
Once more In joyous celebration
Of Torah and life.