

Spiritual Care Corner



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Yom Ha'Atzma'ut

Yom Ha'atzma'ut - Israel's Independence Day - is recognized in Judaism as a modern day miracle. The creation of the State of Israel, a place where Jews can return and be safe from persecution, was a dream for thousands of years. It did not happen with one simple action. Rather, it took a combination of improbable events and the will of a nation scattered across the globe. It was the result of catastrophe, fighting, negotiation, intelligence, diplomacy, and perseverance.

The lesson for us, today, is that dealing with the coronavirus pandemic cannot rely on a simple miracle from G-d. It will require the same combination of effort, individual and political will, and intelligent action. And, of course, perseverance. We have the ability to deal with it and survive and to create an even better world. We had the ability to create the State of Israel against all odds - everything else pales in comparison!

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