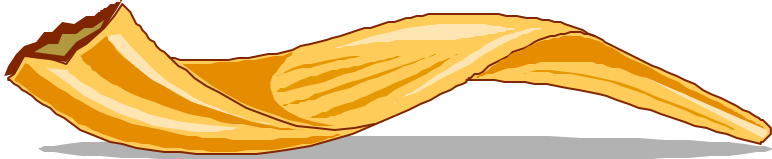


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A Link in the Chain

עמידה לר"ה "ויעשו כלם אגודה
אחת לעשות רצונך בלבב שלם"

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The day before Tisha B'Av our entire family - grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren - joined the "human chain" that stretched from Gush Katif to Yerushalayim. Two thousand Jews lined a 90 kilometer route to protest the irrational decision to transfer 70,000 Israeli Jewish citizens from their homes in Gaza, further endangering the heartland of Israel.

The Leftist establishment, anti-Torah and anti the Jewish character of the State of Israel, is the driving force to make Gaza, a part of Biblical Israel, "Judenrein". Most of the towns in Jewish Gaza are populated by religious Israelis who heeded the call of the Israeli government to settle in Gaza so as to make facts on the ground in preparation for an ultimate division of Israel with the Arab enemy.

Every man woman and child in this human chain was a link in the historical destiny of our people. They

represented a chain that stretched not only from Gaza but from Har Sinai to the Har Habayis in Yerushalayim spawning 3,500 years of our history.

The leftist Israeli press could not silence the truth in their hearts. Headlines the following day read: [Maariv 8 Av 2004]

"אי אפשר לא להתרגש"

"It is not possible not to be impressed"

"תצוגה כזו מסוגלים רק המתנחלים"

"only the 'settlers' could launch such a demonstration."

"שאהבתם את הארץ הזו... היא אחד

הדברים היפים בחברה הישראלית"

"Whose love of this land is one of the beautiful things in the Israeli society".

Sadly all the male participants wore head coverings. All the women were dressed modestly. Except for a few Chabad participants, the Charedim were not represented at all.

Hashem will heed our prayers these Days of Awe. We all have such dire

need for Hashem's protection from danger and sickness. Each of us will present many personal petitions to Hashem during these Days of Awe, the Yomim Noraim. We must add, with true fervor, the petition that our Sages ordained:

"May we all become one brotherhood to do Thy will".