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To our esteemed Rabbinic Colleagues of the United Kingdom,
Shalom u'vracha,

We write to you at this painful and challenging moment with hearts that are both heavy and full; heavy with anguish over the suffering endured by the communities you lead, and full with admiration for your leadership, and unwavering commitment to Torah and K'lal Yisrael.

Over the past year, the pattern has been unmistakable and alarming. Following months of escalating incidents, from harassment to violent assaults, to arson attempts, and threats directed at synagogues and schools, the most recent stabbing attack in North London has again sent shockwaves through our communities.

Taken together, all these incidents morph from isolated actions into a cultural climate of antisemitism.

We know that behind every headline is a kehilla forced to increase security, parents reconsidering where their children walk, and rabbanim tasked not only with spiritual leadership but with confronting fear that has entered daily life. The burden you carry is real, and it is heavy.

And yet, you continue.

You continue to teach. You continue to build, and you continue to lead with dignity, clarity, and resolve.

Across the ocean, we want you to know with absolute clarity that you are not alone. The pain of British Jewry is felt acutely by your brothers and sisters in the United States. עמו אנוכי בצרה

At such a moment, the words of the Torah speak with renewed force. “לא תירא מהם קיי” – לך יתגה אלקיך עמך” (דברים כ:א) The Ramban explains this is not a denial of danger, but a call to profound trust in Hashem:

“כי יבטחו בה ויושיעם... ולא ייראו מן האויב כלל” In moments such as these, your steadfast leadership, your refusal to yield Jewish life to intimidation, is precisely the powerful fulfillment of that mandate and a profound השם קידוש השם.

We call upon our colleagues, our communities, and all people of conscience here in the US to stand firmly with you, to speak out, to advocate, and to ensure that the safety and dignity of Jewish life in the UK is protected without compromise.

We pray that the Ribbono Shel Olam grant you strength, protection, and success in your sacred הקודש עבודת. May He remove all fear and bring a renewed sense of peace to all our communities.

With deep respect and unwavering solidarity,

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