



I write this article in mid-May, not knowing what will happen to Israel, but fearing that the current unrest there will continue to be happening by the time this article lands in your email. I write this article with the words of Hatikvah (our Israeli national anthem) upon my lips...a mantra of hope and a prayer for peace.

Golda Meir once said: "If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel". Sadly, this statement continues to feel true for many of us.

who immediately boarded boats to the not yet formed Israel as soon as they were liberated. We may recall the images of Jews being rescued from countries where they were targeted for their religion, like the Jews of Ethiopia. Or we may remember the boatloads of Jews seeking to escape Nazi Germany that were turned away from America, Canada and elsewhere with the words "None are too many". Or perhaps we think back to Israel's initial declaration of independence with the hope that all Palestinians (those living in British Palestine, Jewish and Arab) would want to join together to create a democracy in an area of the world where that did not exist...only to be met with a dec-