

שְׁלוֹם רַב Shalom Rav

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1. שְׁלוֹם רַב עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל עֲמָךְ תְּשִׁים לְעוֹלָם,
2. כִּי אַתָּה הוּא מֶלֶךְ אֲדוֹן לְכֹל הַשָּׁלוֹם.
3. וְטוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךָ לְבָרֶךְ אֶת עַמְּךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל
4. בְּכָל עֵת וּבְכָל שָׁעָה בְּשָׁלוֹמְךָ.

A Great peace for Israel, You shall place forever,

Because You are the Ruler and Master of peace.

May it please you to bless Your people Israel,

At every season and every time with Your peace.

BIG Idea - Give us peace!

Shalom Rav literally means “A great peace.”

It is a musical prayer which we sing at the end of the Amida, asking God to bless the people of Israel with peace forever.

Did you know?



The word “Israel” has several meanings:

1. **The country of Israel**, established in 1948. A democratic state in the Middle East. It was also the name of a Jewish state in the land of Israel many centuries ago.
2. **The people of Israel** – the Jews are sometimes called “B’nai Israel” meaning: “children of Israel. The name Israel was given to Jacob by God after he successfully fought against an angel and won. “Isra” means to struggle, and “El” means God. Jacob's descendants came to be known as the Israelites, eventually forming the tribes of Israel and ultimately the kingdom of Israel, which is where the name of modern-day State of Israel came from. In most prayers, when you see the word “Israel” it usually means the Jewish People and not the state of Israel.
3. **A person’s name!** There are many people named Israel as a first or family name.

Key words:

שְׁלוֹם רַב - great peace

יִשְׂרָאֵל - Israel / Jewish People

לְעוֹלָם - forever

מֶלֶךְ - king / ruler

אֲדוֹן - master