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My Dear Friends,

Tonight marks one year. I am in Jerusalem for the end of Sukkot, like I was here last year at this time. On the surface it looks the same but nothing is the same.

I have never previously felt the confluence and incongruence of simcha and Yizkor both being present on the same day of Yom Tov. This is our reality. It is the story of the Jewish people throughout history. We have lost, remembered and celebrated for a millennium.

Our Yeshiva has shared guidelines from Rabbi Yaakov Neuberger on how to celebrate the chag this year ([linked here](#)).

I share with you a Hakafot companion composed by Dr. Sara Asher, our Dean of Students, that I found particularly meaningful ([linked here](#)).

Simcha will be expressed; Yizkor will be said; the Jewish people live, now and forever.

Am Yisrael Chai

Chag sameach to all,

Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman
President, Yeshiva University



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