

STANDING STRONG

Express your Convictions with Pride



On October 26th, in the wake of a series of anti-Zionist and antisemitic protests that erupted across the United States, particularly on college campuses, Dr. Mijal Bitton delivered an impassioned address at the "Never Again is Now" NYU Rally.



You can [view the speech here](#) and [read it here](#).

Mijal's words were nothing short of arresting; they carried the weight of an accusation, a prophecy, a call to action, and a prayer all at once. Uniquely universal yet firmly rooted in Jewish identity, Mijal's speech served as a testament to the unwavering conviction we must all discover, express, and proclaim without hesitation and with immense pride.

We find ourselves at a pivotal moment in history, one that demands our unwavering resolve. For the sake of our families, our communities, our nation, our people, and our future, we must learn to raise our voices, unapologetically and with unwavering conviction, declaring, '*Hineni*' This is me. This is who I am. This is what I will fight for."

Now is the time for you to declare your '*Hineni*.' For you to stand strong; to articulate and then say out loud what you will fight for.

Using Mijal's speech to guide you, follow this suggested structure below. Once you have filled the table out, use it to form your speech.

Then -

Say it out aloud to yourself.

Say it again.

Say it to your family and friends.

Say it again. Shout it out.

Again and again, until you feel your heart swelling with pride...

Your feet rooted in your convictions...

Until you know you are standing strong.



PROMPT	EXAMPLE FROM MIJAL'S SPEECH	YOUR ANSWER
PART 1		
<p>This is me: <i>Who are you? Where did you come from? What is your story?</i></p>	<p>I stand here as a Latina immigrant... as the witness of the devastating terror attack in Argentina...</p>	
<p>This is what I was raised to believe: <i>What have you taken for granted that recent events have disrupted?</i></p>	<p>That I could be a Jew in public... that there would be no terror on these streets...</p>	
<p>This is how you failed me: <i>What is happening around you that feels like a deep betrayal?</i></p>	<p>This is a betrayal of America... Jewish students are being threatened... academia is legitimizing terror... the double standards of human rights...</p>	
<p>These are my accusations: <i>What are your harshest accusations? Say them!</i></p>	<p>You are vilifying me! You are showing your ugly Jew-hatred! 'All lives matter' except for mine!</p>	



PROMPT	EXAMPLE FROM MIJAL'S SPEECH	YOUR ANSWER
PART 2		
<p>This is us: <i>Who are we, as Jews? Where have we come from?</i></p>	<p>We are the children of Abraham and Sarah... of Moses... Queen Esther... who stood up to...</p>	
<p>This is what we believe: <i>How is our history, our religion and our faith guiding us in this moment?</i></p>	<p>In every generation, they rise up against us to destroy us... Our Jewish state will make sure every single Jew had a safe place to go</p>	
<p>This is what we will fight for: <i>What do we stand for? What is our struggle?</i></p>	<p>We will not be silent; we will not be afraid.... We will not abandon Israel in its hour of need... we will fight for American values, freedom, decency... anyone who loves life and loves humanity</p>	
<p>This is my promise: <i>What are our convictions at this moment? What promise are we making to ourselves and to our future?</i></p>	<p>We will stand up tall, we will stand up loud, we will stand up proud and courageous, and ready to take this on. We will win; we will overcome</p>	



