Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut in the Time of Corona

We remember the fallen The brave who died too soon Before they

We celebrate the country
So filled with life
Bustling with new ideas
New generations of Israelis
Who call this ancient land home
With modern values
And Jewish.
Finding their way again and again
For 2 millennia
And 72 years

Socially distanced from the world
Because of antisemitism
Misinformation, and war
The virus that divides this small nation from
The world
Has no vaccine, no treatment no cure.

But this small nation's people continues to fight
To live
In our land
Always with Hope
That tomorrow we all will
Be closer
And return to a new normal.

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