Had our ancestors only made the voyage to America,
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Had they only endured hardships and made a new life for themselves and their descendants,
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Had our country only offered us, a storm-tossed people, a respite and haven,
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Had the United States only been the first country in history to give Jews citizenship,
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Had America only given us Freedom of Speech and Assembly,
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Had we only been guaranteed Freedom of Religion and the separation of church and state,
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Had the United States only struggled mightily for the abolition of slavery,
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Had the United States only enfranchised women to vote and hold public office.
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Had the United States only fought to destroy Nazism and its fascist supporters,
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Had the United States only been the first country in the world to recognize the State of Israel,
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Had the United States only remained a stalwart friend of the Jewish State,
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Had the United States only struggled to remove the blight of Jim Crow laws and listen to the voice of freedom in our own time.
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Had the youth of America only continued to believe in the promise of America
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Had American Jews only worked to plant our traditions on these shores and build institutions of Jewish life and learning.
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Had American Jews only taken on the responsibility of helping Jews around the world.
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Would that American Jews reaffirm their devotion to Judaism in this land of freedom and opportunity and strive to sustain our ancient faith in this place from generation to generation.
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