

# AM YISRAEL CHAI

## THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL LIVE

### Letter From the Editor

Ina Bochian

Upon reflecting on the impact of the October 7th Massacre and backlash against the Jewish people, who have not even been properly allowed to grieve, I had an idea of creating a magazine that amplifies American Jewish voices in the diaspora. I would like to give life to otherwise silenced Jewish artists, creators, entrepreneurs, and business owners because we are being marginalized and excluded from other publications.

I decided to call the magazine American Chai because I would like to appeal to a Jewish audience who is living an American Life outside our ancestral land of Judea (modern day Israel). Those of us who see ourselves as Am Yisrael can identify as “the people of Israel” who happen to have ended up in America. We may be American citizens, but our hearts and neshamas belong in our indigenous land. Therefore, we are all unified as a people, living apart and also together.



I would love to collaborate with another editor who wants to contribute stories and welcome any Jewish American creatives to submit their stories for consideration. The world may exclude and marginalize us, but we can come together and uplift one another and rise above like we have done since the birth of Am Yisrael. We can have a dream or many dreams, like Joseph did and work together to manifest those dreams.

