

→ Sisterhood

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~~OF OUR SISTERHOOD FOR THE COMING YEAR~~ ALL OUR EFFORTS WILL BE CROWNED
 WITH INNER JOY AND GLADNESS AND OUR HANDS WITH WORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
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 EACH OTHER'S WORTH PERMEATE ALL OUR ^{Sisterhood's activities} ~~DELIBERATIONS~~. MAY EVERYTHING
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 INNER SATISFACTION, INNER AND OUTER GROWTH AND JOY. MAY WE GROW TO
 BETTER UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER ~~AND TO~~ ^{By} FURTHER ^{ing} ~~OUR~~ ^{our} CAUSES, AND MAY WE
 ALL BY WORKING TOGETHER BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND, ^{worthy of being} ~~as well as~~ ^{inscribed in the Book of Life &} ~~TO~~ ^{be feared}
 THREE. AMEN.

a Sanno Tan.
 May we be all
 thus be

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1/2/74

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a Shanna Tah.
 May we ~~be~~
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1/27/68

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a Sanna Tala.
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ONE. AMEN.

at Slommo 76
May we be
thus be

12/1/73

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a Sinner's
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Installation

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE WHO HAS CREATED US IN THY IMAGE AND HAS ENDOWED US WITH THE CAPACITY TO DREAM, PLAN, AND INSPIRE, GRANT THAT TODAY AS WE INSTALL OUR SISTERHOOD'S NEW OFFICERS, WE WILL ALL BE FILLED WITH ENTHUSIASM AND WITH THE DESIRE TO AID OUR NEW OFFICERS IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. GRANT THAT EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE ENERGY AND HEALTH TO RESPOND POSITIVELY WHEN WE ARE CALLED UPON TO HELP AND THAT NONE OF US WILL SHIRK OUR RESPONSIBILITIES BY REFUSING TO LEND A HAND. GRANT OUR SISTERHOOD CONTINUED SUCCESS AND EACH OF ITS MEMBERS THE SENSE OF PERSONAL FULFILLMENT WHICH CAN ONLY COME BY WORKING FOR A WORTHY ORGANIZATION LIKE OUR SISTERHOOD. GRANT, O LORD, THAT EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS REALIZE THAT OUR OWN SELF-FULFILLMENT CAN ONLY COME FROM GIVING AND BINDING OURSELVES TO THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF OTHER LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING TO TRANSMIT OUR HERITAGE. GRANT THAT WE WILL EVER BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT TRUE SATISFACTION COMES FROM DOING THINGS NOT JUST FOR OURSELVES BUT FOR OTHERS ALSO. MAY EACH OF US FIND THIS GREAT SENSE OF SATISFACTION IN OUR SISTERHOOD. BLESS, ALSO, O LORD, OUR OUTGOING OFFICERS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THEY HAVE DONE DURING THE PAST YEAR. OUR SISTERHOOD ^{has} HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR. GRANT, ALSO, O LORD, THAT WE ALL BY HELPING MAKE OUR SHUL A BETTER PLACE, A MORE VIBRANT INSTITUTION OF JEWISH COMMITMENT AND JEWISH JOY, FIND GREAT JOY OURSELVES, AND MAY WE ALL BY WORKING TOGETHER BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND, THUS, TO THEE. AMEN.

INVOCATION SISTERHOOD INSTALLATION

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE WHO HAS CREATED US IN ~~THE~~^{Thy} IMAGE AND HAD ENDOWED US WITH THE CAPACITY TO DREAM, PLAN AND INSPIRE, GRANT THAT TODAY AS WE INSTALL OUR SISTERHOOD'S NEW OFFICERS, WE WILL ALL BE FILLED WITH ENTHUSIASM AND ^{with} THE DESIRE TO AID OUR NEW OFFICERS IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

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GRANT THAT WE EVER BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT ~~THE~~ TRUE SATISFACTION COMES FROM DOING THINGS NOT JUST FOR OURSELVES BUT FOR OTHERS ^{also}.

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AMEN

also Bless O'Lord our outgoing officers. We are grateful for all they have done during the past year. Our Sisterhood had a very successful year.

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O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, AS WE COME TO THE TIME OF PURIM LET US ALL LEARN FROM OUR ANCESTRESS, ESTHER, THE WAY OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO OUR PEOPLE AND TO OUR G-D. MAY WE ALL GAIN FROM THIS PURIM SEASON RENEWED INSPIRATION TO REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN LAFAYETTE, IN THIS COUNTRY, AND THE WORLD. MAY OUR SISTERHOOD IN ITS EFFORTS FOR JEWRY ALWAYS ACT IN THE SELFLESS TRADITION OF ESTHER AND THE COUNTLESS GENERATIONS OF JEWISH WOMEN WHO HAVE PROCEEDED US. MAY WE ALWAYS BE WORTHY OF OUR HERITAGE. AMEN.

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June

At this moment we ponder over what Judah ben Tayma used to say: "Be bold as a leopard, swift as an eagle, swift as a deer and strong as a lion, to do the will of the Almighty." There is no finer thought to occupy our hearts and minds as we close a wonderful year of Sisterhood activity.

Beloved and Almighty Father, as the restful and rewarding summer months approach, we pray Thee that Thou mayest not find us lacking in devotion to Thee and to Thy will. Thou art the strength of our lives and our saving shield. We are committed and dedicated to fulfill Thy Will.

As this year rolls away to merge into other years gone by, we thank Thee and recount Thy praise. We thank Thee for our lives which are in Thy keeping, for our souls which are in Thy care, for Thy miracles which are daily with us and for Thy continued wonders and favors. May the months ahead be a blessing unto us, and may we all return, hale and hearty, healthy of body and of spirit, to continue our labors in Thy vineyard. Amen.

JUNE OPENING PRAYER

Aveenu Sheh Ba Shamayim, Beloved Father in Heaven, we stand for a moment's prayer to Thee, a brief respite in our hectic, world-weary lives. Let Thy Shechina, Thy Presence, touch us in this magic moment with its majesty of peace and of tranquility, soothing our hearts and our spirits, and giving us a glimpse of the great glories which faith in Thee can bring.

This last meeting of our Sisterhood year is another milestone in our lives, another peg in the large pegboard of our existence. WE are grateful to Thee for having brought our year to a safe conclusion, for the memories and achievements, and for the moments of insight and growth that Thou didst afford us. May the summer months ahead give us pause to evaluate our Sisterhood experience and realize with greater awareness how they help us fulfill our role as Thy children, as Jewesses, mothers, and daughters.

Al Tah-ahz-vaynu, Do not desert us, Dear Lord, but grant that in the Fall we may all return in good health to our Sisterhood, together with our friends and our families. Bless us with faith, with courage, with spirit, with enthusiasm, and above all with the will to translate Thy teachings into everyday realities. Amen.

June, 1962

OPENING PRAYER

Avinu Malkenu, our Father our G-D, bless this, our final meeting of the Sisterhood year with the bounty of Thy great love and kindness. We are grateful that Thou hast granted us a year of rewarding fulfillment, a year in which we watched our Sisterhood grow in number and strength. We are grateful, too, that Thou hast granted us good health so that we have been able to concentrate on our Torah goals. (If your June meeting is an Installation meeting, continue as follows: "And now, we pray Thee, bless our new officers with continued success. Grant them peace of mind and of soul that they may continue to lead us with single-minded dedication and devotion. Spread over all of us, officers and members alike, Thy mantle of faith, piety and courage.") We invoke Thy continued Presence in the summer months ahead. May it be Thy will that our vacation from the usual routine become not an emptiness, but an opportunity to get our bearings, to take new sights so that we will all return to Sisterhood inspired and invigorated.

May this be Thy will. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

June, 1961

Almighty Father, we invoke Thy blessings upon this closing meeting (Installation, Luncheon) of theSisterhood. Another wonderful year has gone by — a year of fulfillment and achievement, of great strides forward in the development of our Torah community. For Thou hast spread the glory of Thy divinity over us and infused us with the desire to come closer to Thee through Torah, Avodah and G'milus Chasidim — through faith, worship and deeds of kindness.

We gratefully acknowledge Thy role in all that we do. Even in this afternoon of pleasure and indulgence, we see Thy beneficence and graciousness in bringing us together in warm fellowship.

We pray Thee, bless us, — officers, leaders, workers — with good health, the security of self worth as Jews and the happiness of self-acceptance and contentment as human beings, the works of Thy hand.

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

June, 1960

Elokenu, Vaylokay Avoseynu, Our G-d and G-d of our fathers — on this afternoon of our closing meeting, grant us that we may be aware of Thy presence, conscious of the spiritual tugs and pulls which make our human life divine.

Teach us, G-d, to trust life, to accept the call of its ideals, and to be afraid of no demands, however stern, it may make upon us. Help us fashion our lives, rather, in Thy ways, in dedication and service, in goodness and in kindness.

Keep us, O G-d, from failing Thee, from failing our Sisterhood, from failing the faith of Israel. Make us true to our heritage, to our traditions, to our glorious Torah. Let us all recognize that the Torah is a source of life to those who grasp it, gladdening the heart and warming the soul.

We pray Thee, Our G-d, that this coming summer bring us rest and peace. May none of our lives be touched with sorrow. May none of our souls be dipped in tears. May we all be here once again next year, to resume our work in Thy vineyard. Amen.

Sisterhood

O Lord, Master of the Universe,
Sovereign of the whole world may
it be your will to fill our
days with gladness and our hands
with worthy accomplishments. ^{May we} As
we ^{again} plunge ~~again~~ into the affairs
of this ~~our~~ sisterhood may our
efforts ~~grow greater and brighter as~~
~~our~~ ~~accomplishments grow with~~
~~the long years~~ grow to better understand
each other and thee and may all our
actions be only for the good of all.

Sisterhood

God Master of the Universe
Ruler of the destinies of man
we thank you for the active,
^{well organized} ~~enjoyable~~ beneficial and enjoyable
past year of our Sisterhood, ^{with} for
the wonderful women who served
as its officers and worked on
its projects. May our ^{coming} ~~next~~
year, ~~see us maintain our present high level~~
~~and of even go higher than this year~~
May the devoted women who
have accepted office for next year
and volunteered to work on our

projects be endowed with
renewed ~~and~~ understanding and vision
so that they may not only fulfill
the needs of the community but
also find self-fulfillment as well.

May we all work together
and in love and kindness

for the benefit ~~not only of ourselves~~
~~but for all the community and~~
may ~~we~~ we work together draw
us closer to thee Amen.

Sisterhood

MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, LORD OF ALL MANKIND, WHO LOVES AND CHERISHES EVERY INDIVIDUAL, WHO IS THE FATHER OF ALL ORPHANS, THE SUPPORT OF ALL WIDOWS, THE HEALER OF THE SICK, PLEASE WE PRAY PROTECT, GUARD, AND STRENGTHEN THIS ORGANIZATION WHICH SEEKS TO CLOTHE THE NAKED, TO FEED THE HUNGRY, AND TO HEAL THE SICK. PLEASE, O LORD, LET OUR EFFORTS BRING ONLY HEALTH AND JOY TO ALL MANKIND AND OUR WORKING TOGETHER ONLY HARMONY AND UNDERSTANDING.

Sisterhood (Ladies Aid)

MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, LORD OF ALL MANKIND, WHO HAS PLANTED IN OUR HEARTS THE DESIRE TO SERVE YOU AND TO HELP OUR FELLOWMAN, BLESS, WE PRAY, OUR MEETING PLACE TONIGHT, THE HOME OF A COUPLE WHO HAVE SINCERELY TRIED TO SERVE YOU AND HELP THEIR FELLOWMAN THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES. GRANT, ALSO, O LORD, THAT THE ORGANIZATION WHICH MEETS HERE TONIGHT, THE LADIES AID SOCIETY, WHICH WAS AND IS ORGANIZED TO HELP FURTHER YOUR NAME AND MAKE JUDAISM A LIVING FORCE PRESPER, THAT ONLY KINDNESS AND GOODWILL BE SHOWN IN DELIBERATIONS AND DEEDS, THAT ONLY UNDERSTANDING AND GOODWILL COME FROM ITS LABORS IN THE COMMUNITY, AND THAT BY WORKING IN IT WE BE ALLOWED TO DRAW CLOSER TO THEE. GRANT, ALSO, O LORD, THAT MY COMING INTO THE COMMUNITY WILL BE ONLY FOR GOOD, THAT I WILL ADD TO IT AND NOT SUBTRACT FROM IT. AMEN.

Sisterhood

O Soul Master of the Universe, Guardian
of Israel, Inspurer of all our good
deeds we thank Thee for
giving us the opportunity to serve
others less fortunate than we. We
thank Thee for the devoted
officers and workers you have
granted us during the past year
And we implore you ^{to inspire} ~~to inspire~~
~~and to work~~ of the capable
and devoted women who
will lead us next year. May
(over)

our National Chapter go from
strength to strength ~~and~~
and may we all by working to
help others grow closer to The Anar

Sisterhood

MAY IT BE THY WILL, O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, TO GRANT PEACE, PROSPERITY, AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT TO OUR COUNTRY, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. MAY THE WINNERS OF TODAY'S ELECTION BE GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF THY TORAH. MAY WE ALL, IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR TRUTH, LEAD LIVES OF GOOD WORKS AND CONSIDERATION, AND MAY OUR SISTERHOOD ALWAYS BE A FORCE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY AND NATION AND EACH OTHER'S LIVES.

Sisterhood

O Sad Master of the Universe
who has created all times
and seasons and who has ~~given~~ ^{given}
us His Eternal Torah grant
that today ~~at this point in time~~
~~between~~ ^{as we} ~~the~~ ~~two~~ ~~the~~ ~~Sisterhoods~~
~~Sfajetta~~ ~~of~~ ~~two~~ ~~Congregations~~ ~~who~~ ~~have~~ ~~as~~
~~their~~ ~~aim~~ ~~the~~ ~~furture~~ ~~and~~
continuance of Judaism ~~that~~ ~~we~~ ~~gather~~ ~~together~~
to discuss modern problems ~~we~~
will always ~~be~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~use~~
light of ~~our~~ ~~common~~ ~~tradition~~ ~~to~~ ~~its~~ ~~deep~~
~~and~~ ~~acknowledge~~ ~~its~~ ~~deep~~ ~~insights~~
INSIGHTS will ever illuminate our lives
that are ~~common~~ ~~tradition~~
gives us ~~when~~ ~~gripping~~ ~~work~~

~~our problems today. Grant~~
that in this complex world
^{JUDAISM'S}
~~in light of the fact that~~
~~we will avoid ship fault and~~
grant O'Neil that as we gather
together to grapple with our
modern problems we will be
drawn closer to each other
and to

O God Master of the Universe who
takes an interest in all his creatures
grant that as we gather here tonight
our hearts will be filled with a
desire to redouble our efforts for
our Sisterhood and Congregational Board
that each of us will always realize
that only if everyone participates to
~~the limit of her capacity~~ fully on
we have a strong meaningful program.
Grant that all our programs will
benefit our Community and that through
our work together we will be drawn
closer to Thee.

Sisterhood

COMPASSIONATE LORD, JUDGE OF ALL MANKIND, AS WE APPROACH THE HIGH HOLIDAYS, PLEASE LOOK FAVORABLY ON OUR ASSEMBLED GROUP AND ON OUR WORK. MAKE OUR NEW YEAR A YEAR FILL WITH ACTS OF LOVING KINDESSS AND WORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENT. MAY OUR SISTERHOOD GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH AND CONTINUE TO BE A POSITIVE FORCE IN OUR SYNAGOGUE AND THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY.

Handwritten Hebrew text at the top of the page, including the words "אלהים" (God) and "אבותינו" (our fathers).

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, AUTHOR OF ALL LIFE, SOURCE OF ALL CREATIVITY, AND THE PROVIDER OF ALL THINGS, WHO HAS CREATED MANKIND NOT ONLY WITH THE ^{Necessity} NEED TO FILL ^{for ourselves} ~~MAN~~ ^{from} ~~the~~ ^{pliny of} BASIC NEEDS SUCH AS FOR FOOD, CLOTHING, SHELTER, ^{and} ~~AND~~, BUT ALSO WITH THE ^{Necessity} NEED TO FILL THESE ^{Needs} ~~URGES~~ IN A DIGNIFIED, BEAUTIFUL, AND COMPASSIONATE WAY, GRANT THAT WE ALL ^{AS} ~~are~~ GATHERED ^{we} ~~ED~~ ^{ALL} TOGETHER TODAY AT THIS DONOR LUNCHEON AND STYLE SHOW WILL ALWAYS BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT JUST AS CLOTHES SHOULD NOT ONLY COVER US AND KEEP US WARM, BUT ALSO SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED WITH GOOD TASTE AND STYLE SO ALL OUR DEEDS SHOULD NOT ONLY BE AIMED TO DO GOOD BUT THEY SHOULD ALSO BE DONE IN A GOOD AND PLEASING WAY. MAY ALL OF US HERE TODAY BE FILLED WITH THE DESIRE AND ENTHUSIASM TO SEE TO IT THAT OUR SISTERHOOD FULFILLS ITS IMPORTANT TASKS IN THE SYNAGOGUE, FOR WITHOUT AN ACTIVE, VIBRANT SISTERHOOD A SYNAGOGUE LOSES ITS WARMTH, ITS VITALITY, AND ITS FEELING OF COMMUNITY. MAY WE ALL ALWAYS RESPOND POSITIVELY WHEN CALLED UPON TO HELP AND MAY ALL OUR RESPONSES ALWAYS BE EXPRESSED GRACIOUSLY, COMPASSIONATELY, AND LOVINGLY. MAY THE WAY WE DO GOOD ALWAYS BE FILLED WITH STYLE AND DIGNITY, ^{Grant O Lord} ~~AND MAY~~ ^{we} ~~WE~~ ^{may} ~~BE~~ ^{ALL BY} WORKING TOGETHER HELP BUILD A SYNAGOGUE WHICH WILL TRULY REFLECT THE JEWISH IDEAL OF DOING GOOD IN A GOOD WAY, AND MAY WE BY SO DOING BRING CREDIT TO OURSELVES, OUR RELIGION, AND OUR COMMUNITY, AND ~~MA~~ BY WORKING FOR OUR SYNAGOGUE BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND THUS TO THEE.

Sisterhood

O Lord Master of the Universe
who has created us in his image and
has endowed us with the capacity to
dream, plan & inspire Grant that today
as we install our Sisterhood's new officers
we will all be filled with enthusiasm
& the desire to aid our new officers in
every way possible. Grant that each of
us will always have the health & energy
to respond positively when we are called
upon to help & that none of us will
shrink our responsibilities by refusing
to lend a hand. Grant our

sisterhood continued success & each
of its members the sense of personal
fulfillment which comes only by
working in a worthy organization like
our sisterhood, & may we all by our
work together be drawn closer to Thee.

Sisterhood

O Lord Master of the Universe
who controls the destiny of
all mankind and care about
each individual grant ~~that~~ as
we gather together here tonight
to mark the opening of ~~the~~ ^{the}
~~the~~ ^{of our Sisterhood}
New Year ~~for our Sisterhood~~
~~that~~ ²¹⁰¹ we will ~~all~~ ^{all} realize
that ~~whatever we do~~ we
must all ~~do our share~~ ^{give of ourselves our time} if
our ~~of~~ Sisterhood and Synagogue
are going to be the kind
of institutions that we want

~~do~~ system to be, ~~that~~ ~~not~~ ~~be~~ ~~done~~ ~~unless~~ ~~some~~ ~~one~~ ~~does~~

~~let~~ Grant that all of us
will not only dema^{and rightly so}nd that our
S^{o' Lord}ystem to be multihans

that we ~~will~~ ~~be~~ proud of but
also ~~be~~ ~~willing~~ ~~to~~ ~~work~~
~~and~~ ~~our~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~ensure~~ ~~that~~ ~~it~~ ~~will~~

be so. ~~But~~ Grant also O'Sid

that though our work in the S^{this}ystem
we will grow to care more
for each other to be drawn
Closer to Thee. Amen!

Sisterhood

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, CREATOR OF JOY, HAPPINESS, CHALLENGE,
AND OPPORTUNITY, GRANT THAT AS WE BEGIN ONCE AGAIN PLANNING THE AFFAIRS
OF OUR SISTERHOOD FOR THE COMING YEAR ALL OUR EFFORTS WILL BE CROWNED
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ALL BY WORKING TOGETHER BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND, THUS, TO
THEE. AMEN.

O Lord Master of the Universe who
guides the destinies of all mankind
grant that as we ~~have~~ gathered
together tonight to begin a new
year of sisterhood activities ~~that~~
our hearts will be filled with

a desire to redouble our efforts

^{to help us}

~~Sisterhood Program with~~

and building a meaningful ~~program~~
Grant that we always realize that all our efforts
for ourselves and our Community ~~are~~
are needed if we are to ~~be~~ have a strong ~~organization~~ and

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~~Grant that~~

Grant that each of us will
of our hands will be ~~successful~~ and
do ~~our~~ share and that through

~~that~~ through our service together

we will be drawn closer to Thee

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O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, AUTHOR OF ALL LIFE, BEAUTY, STYLE, AND GRACE, THE PROVIDER OF ALL THINGS, AND THE SOURCE OF ALL CREATIVITY WHO HAS CREATED EACH OF US WITH NOT ONLY THE NEED TO HAVE ~~FILLED~~ ^{physical} OUR BASIC ~~NEEDS~~ ^{Drives For} OF FOOD, CLOTHING, AND SHELTER, BUT ALSO WITH THE SPIRITUAL NEED TO HAVE BEAUTY, GRACE, ~~AND~~ WARMTH AND UNDERSTANDING IN OUR LIVES, GRANT THAT AS WE ALL GATHER TOGETHER TODAY AT THIS DONOR LUNCHEON AND STYLE SHOW WE WILL ^{at} ALWAYS BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT JUST AS WE ^{are not satisfied with} ~~WANT~~ CLOTHES ^{that just offer} ~~FOR~~ CLOTHES ^{we do demand that} ~~WE~~ HAVE STYLE AND GOOD TASTE ^{with good taste, be done} ~~AS WELL AS COVER US~~, SO MAY ALL ^{we do ab} ~~OUR~~ GOOD ^{Deeds} ~~DEEDS~~ BE DONE, WITH COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING AND ~~BE GOOD AND PLEASING.~~

O LORD, BLESS OUR SISTERHOOD AND ALLOW IT TO CONTINUE TO DO ITS MANY GOOD DEEDS WITH UNDERSTANDING, COMPASSION, GRACE, AND ENTHUSIASM. LET US ALL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WE NEED A VIBRANT ^{Sisterhood} ~~SYNAGOGUE~~ FOR WITHOUT A VIBRANT SISTERHOOD A SYNAGOGUE SOON LOSES ITS WARMTH, VITALITY, AND ITS PLEASING WAYS, AND EVEN THOUGH IT MAY STILL DO GOOD ITS GOOD ~~DOES~~ NO LONGER ^{has} ~~IS~~ THE SAME CHARM AND UNDERSTANDING. GRANT, ALSO, O LORD, THAT ALL OF US WILL ALWAYS RESPOND POSITIVELY WHEN CALLED UPON TO HELP AND THAT OUR RESPONSES WILL ALWAYS BE EXPRESSED GRACIOUSLY AND LOVINGLY. MAY WE ALL ALWAYS DO GOOD IN A PLEASING AND DIGNIFIED MANNER, AND MAY WE ALL BY WORKING TOGETHER HELP BUILD A SYNAGOGUE WHICH WILL TRULY REFLECT THE JEWISH IDEAL OF DOING GOOD IN A GOOD WAY AND MAY WE BY SO DOING BRING CREDIT TO OURSELVES, OUR RELIGION, AND OUR COMMUNITY, AND THUS, BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND TO THEE. AMEN.

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O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, CREATOR OF JOY, HAPPINESS, CHALLENGE, AND OPPORTUNITY, GRANT THAT AS WE ALL GATHER TOGETHER HERE TODAY AT THIS BEAUTIFUL LUNCHEON ALL OF US WILL BE INSPIRED TO RENEW OUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF OUR SISTERHOOD, ISRAEL, AND ALL WORTHY JEWISH CAUSES. SOON WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAY OF TU B'SHVAT, THE NEW YEAR OF THE TREES. MAY EACH OF US ALWAYS REALIZE THAT IN ORDER TO HAVE AND ENJOY THE FRUITS OF LIFE WE MUST HAVE DEEP ROOTS AND ASPIRE TO SOAR TO HEAVEN WITH OUR BRANCHES EMBRACING ALL ABOUT US AND OUR LEAVES GRANTING SHADE AND PROTECTION TO EVERYONE. MAY ALL OUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF OUR SISTERHOOD BEAR FRUIT AND MAY THEY BE CROWNED WITH INNER JOY AND GLADNESS AND BE WORTHY OF THE BEST WITHIN OURSELVES. MAY HARMONY, GOOD WILL, PATIENCE, AND UNDERSTANDING AND A SENSE OF EACH OTHER'S WORTH PERMEATE ALL OUR SISTERHOOD'S ACTIVITIES. MAY EVERYTHING WE DO HERE TODAY AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR PRODUCE ONLY GOODNESS, INNER SATISFACTION, INNER AND OUTER GROWTH, AND JOY. MAY OUR SISTERHOOD CONTINUE TO GROW AND FLOURISH AND MAY ITS FRUITS ALWAYS BE SWEET AND MAY WE, BY WORKING TOGETHER, BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND, THUS, TO THEE. AMEN.

Sisterhood

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, CREATOR OF JOY, HAPPINESS, CHALLENGE, AND OPPORTUNITY, GRANT THAT AS WE ALL GATHER TOGETHER HERE TODAY AT THIS BEAUTIFUL LUNCHEON ALL OF US WILL BE INSPIRED TO RENEW OUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF OUR SISTERHOOD, ISRAEL, AND ALL WORTHY JEWISH CAUSES. SOON WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAY OF TU B'SHVAT, THE NEW YEAR OF THE TREES. MAY EACH OF US ALWAYS REALIZE THAT IN ORDER TO HAVE AND ENJOY THE FRUITS OF LIFE WE MUST HAVE DEEP ROOTS AND ASPIRE TO SOAR TO HEAVEN WITH OUR BRANCHES EMBRACING ALL ABOUT US AND OUR LEAVES GRANTING SHADE AND PROTECTION TO EVERYONE. MAY ALL OUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF OUR SISTERHOOD BEAR FRUIT AND MAY THEY BE CROWNED WITH INNER JOY AND GLADNESS AND BE WORTHY OF THE BEST WITHIN OURSELVES. MAY HARMONY, GOOD WILL, PATIENCE, AND UNDERSTANDING AND A SENSE OF EACH OTHER'S WORTH PERMEATE ALL OUR SISTERHOOD'S ACTIVITIES. MAY EVERYTHING WE DO HERE TODAY AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR PRODUCE ONLY GOODNESS, INNER SATISFACTION, INNER AND OUTER GROWTH, AND JOY. MAY OUR SISTERHOOD CONTINUE TO GROW AND FLOURISH AND MAY ITS FRUITS ALWAYS BE SWEET AND MAY WE, BY WORKING TOGETHER, BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND, THUS, TO THEE. AMEN.

Sisterhood

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, THE SOURCE OF ALL BLESSING, HOPE, AND AFFECTION, WHO HAS CREATED US ALL WITH THE DESIRE TO BE PART OF A LARGER FAMILY AND TO RAISE CHILDREN OF WHOM WE CAN BE PROUD AND WHO WILL GIVE US JOY AND WHO HAS ALSO CREATED US WITH THE URGE TO EXCEL AND DEVELOP OURSELVES, GRANT THAT AS WE GATHER HERE TODAY AT OUR SISTERHOOD'S BEAUTIFUL DONOR LUNCHEON AT WHICH WE WILL HAVE A CHILDREN'S FASHION SHOW, GRANT THAT NONE OF US SHOULD EVER FEEL THAT HAVING AND RAISING CHILDREN STOPS US FROM DEVELOPING OURSELVES. O LORD, MAY WE ALWAYS FEEL THAT IT TAKES THE FINEST WITHIN OURSELVES TO RAISE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. GRANT, O LORD, THAT WE WILL ALWAYS APPRECIATE THE GREAT SKILLS, BOTH PRACTICAL AND INTERPERSONAL, WHICH ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO HELP OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN GROW UP TO BE UPSTANDING AND OUTSTANDING PEOPLE. GRANT, O LORD, THAT WE WILL ALWAYS BE PROUD OF OUR CHILDREN AND THAT WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE NACHES AND JOY FROM THEM, AND GRANT, O LORD, THAT WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING THAT IT WAS THROUGH OUR EFFORTS, THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR SKILLS, THROUGH OUR LOVE AND AFFECTION THAT THE NEXT GENERATION GREW UP TO BE THE FINE, WONDERFUL YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO WE HOPE THEM ALL TO BE. MAY OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN GIVE US ONLY JOY AND NACHES, AND MAY WE BY HELPING TO RAISE THEM GROW TO KNOW NOT ONLY OURSELVES BETTER BUT ALSO TO BE DRAWN CLOSER TO THEE. AMEN.

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, THE SOURCE OF ALL JOY, BEAUTY, CHALLENGE, HAPPINESS, AND ENTHUSIASM WHO HAS CREATED EACH OF US WITH THE DESIRE TO REACH UP AND ATTAIN GREAT THINGS AND ALSO WITH THE DESIRE TO BE PART OF A FAMILY AND A PEOPLE, GRANT THAT AS WE GATHER HERE TODAY AT OUR SISTERHOOD'S PAID UP MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON WHICH ~~AT THIS~~ OCCURS CLOSE TO THE HOLIDAY OF TU B'SHVAT, THE NEW YEAR OF THE TREES, THAT EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS REALIZE THAT IN ORDER TO REACH UP AND OUT WE HAVE TO HAVE DEEP ROOTS, THAT IN ORDER TO ENJOY THE FRUITS OF LIFE AND ASPIRE TO SOAR TO HEAVEN WE MUST HAVE BRANCHES WHICH EMBRACE EVERYONE ABOUT US AND LEAVES WHICH GRANT SHADE AND PROTECTION TO EVERYONE. MAY WE ALL, *each* OF US ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT UNLESS OUR ROOTS ARE DEEP AND MANY, UNLESS THE RELATIONSHIPS WE HAVE WITH OUR FAMILY AND OUR FRIENDS ARE DEEP AND MEANINGFUL, EVEN THOUGH THEY CANNOT BE SEEN BY OUTSIDERS, WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO GROW TALL AND STRAIGHT AND PRODUCE WONDERFUL FRUIT. MAY ALL OUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF OUR SISTERHOOD BEAR FRUIT, AND MAY THEY ALWAYS BE CROWNED WITH INNER JOY AND GLADNESS AND BE WORTHY OF THE BEST WITHIN OURSELVES. MAY HARMONY, GOOD WILL, PATIENCE, UNDERSTANDING, AND A SENSE OF EACH OTHER'S WORTH PERMEATE ALL OUR SISTERHOOD'S ACTIVITIES. MAY EVERYTHING WE DO HERE TODAY AND THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE SISTERHOOD YEAR PRODUCE ONLY GOODNESS, INNER SATISFACTION, INNER AND OUTER GROWTH, AND JOY. MAY OUR SISTERHOOD CONTINUE TO GROW AND FLOURISH, AND MAY ITS FRUITS ALWAYS BE SWEET, AND MAY WE, BY WORKING TOGETHER, BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND, THUS, TO THEE. AMEN.

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SEPTEMBER - OPENING MEETING - HIGH HOLIDAYS

Ovenu Shebashomayim. Almighty Father:

We come together this evening, united by common bond, to pay honor to Thy name and to the name of all Israel, for the start of yet another new Sisterhood year will add greater glory to Thy people. As we strive together for the realization of the inspiring dream of Torah Judaism, our hearts are filled with gratitude for all Thy blessings for all the good Thou has seen fit to bestow upon us. We pray for Thy continued guidance and inspiration. In the mechanics of building and developing our Sisterhood, may we ever remember Thee--to give honor to Thy name, to realize Thy teachings and to hallow Thy traditions.

In the spirit of Rosh Hashona and Yom Kippur, in this sacred period of inspection and introspection of our acts of commission and omission, guide our hearts and our souls, to Thee.

May we be found worthy of the pleading prayer "Kosvenu Besefer Chalm--Inscribe us in the Book of Life." May this be a year of the blessings of peace for the House of Israel and all mankind.

Amen

OCTOBER - SUCCOTH - MEMBERSHIP

Almighty Father, we pray Thee in this season of joy and festivity, to keep our hearts ever joyful and ever happy. Succoth, the holiday of the booths, reminds us how temporal, how fragile our lives are, even as the Succoth are temporal and fragile huts. And so we have great need of Thee, merciful Lord. Keep us under Thy watchful care. Protect and sustain us, guard and uphold us that we may be a glory unto Thee forever.

Bless this Sisterhood, and bless our work so that we may compete all that we set ourselves to do, and so that we may be a pride and joy to Thy synagogue, to Thy community, and to Thee.

Amen

INVOCATION FOR INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

O G-d and G-d of our Father:

With humble respect, we stand before Thee, our Maker, to ask for Thy blessings upon these women who have stepped forward to join the ranks of our Sisterhood. Together may we learn to share the endless labors of our Sisterhood for our Synagogue.

As we commence to work for this noble cause, we are ever mindful of the beauty of Thy Sanctuary, the place where glory dwelleth.

May it be Thy will, O Lord, ever to inspire us, to strengthen our bonds, to purify our thoughts, and to enrich our love for Thy Torah.

Amen

FOR MEMBERSHIP TEA

Almighty Father:

We thank Thee for the willing hands, numerous and generous hearts who here do their work in full measure, who work not by the clock or the yardstick, nor by the mere letter of the law, but who work because their ideals elevate them and their love vitalizes them. Unto Thee we lift our voices in prayer and thankfulness, as we welcome into our fold new sisters who will become glorious co-workers in Thy sacred vineyard and will help perpetuate our precious heritage. May their hours and years with us be happy and constructive ones. Grant dear G-d that they and we may utilize the great opportunities that lie before us in the striving for spiritual inspiration and higher ideals. Help us to be a source of inspiration to each other and to our dear ones. Help us to live up to the sacred teachings of this House of G-d in our daily lives. May we ever realize the importance of our Sisterhood work, and continue always to perpetuate and enrich our noble and glorious heritage. We offer our deepest thanks not only for the new helpers and wonderful friends that join with us today in the worthy tasks that stand before us, but also for all the magnificent blessings that are ours generally that we tend all too often to take for granted - family, loved ones, good health and means of livelihood - all of which come to us from Thy Divine goodness. Help us all that the potentialities for good which Thou has planted in us by Thy power, develop and prosper. For the new members and for all of us we pray for peace and security, for good health and inner tranquility, for spiritual and material blessings.

Amen

THANKSGIVING

Almighty G-d, this afternoon (evening), as we meet in fulfillment of Thy teachings, our hearts are filled to overflowing with gratitude for all Thy Blessings. Our Thanksgiving Day is yet another reminder of all the good that Thou has seen fit to give us as our share. So it is with great humility, we stand before Thee today, grateful for all that we have, and imploring Thy continued guidance.

This month, too, is National Jewish Book Month, when Jews everywhere are urged and encouraged to buy, read and study Jewish books. We pray that our Sisterhood will, in its quest for learning, fuse together the spirit of Torah with the traditions of Judaism, learning with practice, knowledge with action. In this way will our people continue to make their contribution to mankind with dignity and with respect. We constantly renew ourselves in Thy books and Thy Holy word. Thus will we continue to be Am-Ha Sefer, a People of the Book.

Amen

DECEMBER - CHANUKAH

Our G-d, our Father, bless us all we pray Thee with insight, inspiration and strength to ever remain loyal to Thy Torah. Endow us, with understanding and devotion to our Synagogue and Sisterhood, so that peace and harmony will ever prevail among us.

As we welcome the Chanukah holiday the festival of dedication to those who sacrificed their lives in order to preserve Judaism and Israel, we plead for a spiritual re-awakening of our souls. May the observance of the lighting of the candles fill our hearts with the light of peace and comfort, with the prayer that we too can be fighters for Israel Survival.

Fortify our hearts that we may remain faithful unto Thee under all of life's circumstances. Guide us, dear G-d, in the importance of religion in human life, its influence on thought and action. And finally, instill within our minds and hearts renewed vigor, to continue in the historic path of the Torah and Israel's faith.

Amen

JANUARY - TU'B' SHVAT

Heavenly Father! Once again our Sisterhood meets to do work on Thy name and in the name of Thy Torah. This month, Jews all over the world rededicate themselves in celebration of Chanisha Oser B'Shavat, the day devoted to beautifying and restoring Thy Land.

Bless us that we may ever know and remember that through the upbuilding of our land, we build our Judaism as well, and through the strengthening of our people, we ourselves are strengthened. In this, Thy Torah's hall, lead us and guide us. For Israel without the Torah-Yimroel B'lee Torah-is like a body without a soul-k'guf b'lee n'shama.

And so we pray Thee, that just as we are ever mindful of Thy presence in Sisterhood, so too in our work for Zion, we will ever glorify Thee and Thy Torah. Thus wilt Thou be with us in all that we do, O Lord, and we will ever be with Thee.

Amen

GENERAL MEETING

Almighty Father:

As we pray to Thee, we are filled with an overwhelming sense of humility. Endow us with wisdom and understanding, so that we may learn to comprehend the eternal values of life, and enable us to face the future with faith and confidence in Thee and in our fellow-men. Inspire us so that we may whole-heartedly rededicate ourselves to our immortal Tower of Strength - the Synagogue. May peace, understanding, and harmony ever be the password and slogan of our association. Help us to live up to the sacred teachings of this House of G-d in our daily lives. Enable us to practice equality, hospitality and conscientious mutual concern in all our endeavors. Bless the work of our hands that our efforts be crowned with success, and that our deliberations be fruitful.

Amen

BROTHERHOOD - LINCOLN AND WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY

Almighty Father:

We invoke Thy blessings upon this gathering of Sisterhood Women, devoted to Thy holy principles, to the principles of Torah and Judaism. Bless us all, we pray, with long life, steadfast vision, sincere and willing hearts, that we may find fruitful and happy experiences, working towards the common goals of strengthening Judaism, and walking side by side with Thee. Endow us with courage and fortitude that we may not be blinded by the minor pitfalls and discouragements of building and growth, but that we ever be inspired and elevated raised and uplifted by the vision and greatness of our task. Grant that we may grow from strength to strength, growing in numbers, in meaning and in spirit.

Amen

MARCH - PURIM

Almighty G-d, Source of our inspiration.

Fountain of our hope and Creator of our Courage.

We have gathered this afternoon to rededicate ourselves to Thy ways of Torah, and to pledge ourselves to the task of service to our people. This is the message which we learn from the Purim holiday which we are about to celebrate--a lesson of service and of sacrifice.

Out of the depth of our hearts and the breadth of our souls we promise to work faithfully for Thy Synagogue--that all petty differences be forgotten in the greater good, which is the welfare of our Jewish community. May we all continue in this labor of love, without concern for credit of glory, giving tirelessly of our time and strength and inspiration.

We pray Thee, O Lord, for good health and happiness, and may we all be blessed with the wherewithal to continue in the great tasks that lay ahead of us.

Amen

APRIL - PASSOVER

Almighty Father:

Once again in the season of the celebration
of our deliverance from bondage into freedom, we,
Thy daughters meet to labor in Thy vineyard and add
glory to Thy name. We are ever mindful of the
miracles Thou hast wrought with us, none greater
than the miracle of our Exodus from Egypt. We who
know true freedom today promise Thee we shall ever
love and cherish it, hold it as Thy precious gift,
and appreciate it as a rare possession of our day.
We will ever see ourselves as if we had just been
freed from Egypt, and with that in mind our freedom
will always be more meaningful and more divine. Our
one prayer is that Thou mayest soon bring freedom
to all oppressed peoples, as thou didst to oppressed
Israel long ago.

Amen

MAY

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY - MOTHER'S DAY - LAG B'OMER

G-d of Israel:

In this month of May, we celebrate the
Independence of the State of Israel, As Jews in
Galut, we are vitally concerned with the progress
of our Jewish Homeland.

We are grateful to have lived in the generation
blessed to see the establishment of our State. May
we ever be cognizant of our responsibilities to
our brethren the world over, and may we instill
within our children a love of Torah, of our people,
and of our Jewish Homeland.

Amen

MOTHER'S DAY

G-d of our history, Elokei Avraham, Yitzchok and Yaakov, our fathers worshipped Thee with one heart and soul, and Thy goodness has been with us to this very day. By our faith in Thee, we have carried the chain of tradition, the chain of Torah from the time of Abraham to our own times as well.

Grant us the grace to see our mission as mothers of future mothers--to raise and to train the little children whom Thou lovest so well.

Help us strive together to lead our families in the path of Torah, in the quest of learning and in the traditions of Judaism.

We implore Thee, our Father, that you grant us loving kindness and patience, understanding and foresight---so that our children will be warmed by Thy love forever.

Amen

LAC B'OMER

Heavenly Father:

Daily we seek Thee. At all times do we put our trust in Thee and Thy Divine purpose. With the Prophet we declare: "Though the fig-tree shall not bloom, and the fields shall yield no food, and there be no herd in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will exult in the G-d of my salvation." For it is better to take refuge in Thee than to put our hope and trust in man. In the tragic days of Rabbi Akiba when those that studied Thy Law were paying with their lives for Torah and Erets Israel, then by Thy word the miracle of life and hope was revived, Israel was regenerated, and our trust in Thee rewarded. So may we see with our own eyes Torah returned to its proper setting, our children flocking to its banner in health, happiness and joy. May we be privileged through the efforts of our hand and the dedication of our hearts, to beautify and glorify Thy Word for all times and all climes.

Amen

JUNE

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - CLOSING MEETING

CLOSING LUNCHEON - SHAVUOS

Almighty Father:

We have gathered today to install the women who will lead our Sisterhood in the year to come. May these women - our new officers, be granted the physical, emotional and spiritual strength necessary to them in the coming months.

We pray that their work will enrich their own lives, as well as our Sisterhood and our community. We invoke your blessings, Oh Lord, upon our officers and members, and pray that we may be worthy of the task we have undertaken.

Amen

CLOSING LUNCHEON

Borei Ha Olam, Creator of the Universe:

We invoke Thy blessing upon all those assembled here today. Of a truth, these are partners with Thee in the act of creation. Through the year, by their dedication, their means and their labors, they have helped in the creation of a better world of faith, of devotion to Thy sacred word, and of spiritual security.

These women have had a vision of the true House of G-d, and have helped establish it by their activities on behalf of their synagogue. They have been inspired by the desire to build Jewish homes in which Thy holy name would be enshrined. Their efforts on behalf of Yiddishkeit have therefore brought greater observance into Jewish homes, and have helped kindle the light of belief and dedication within them.

They have beheld a growing generation of youth, and have thrown themselves into the noble project of enlisting them in the army of the L-d. They have therefore rallied around their religious school, have raised funds, have made possible the joy of holy day programs for the students, and have set living examples for our young Jews to follow.

Today we are gathered to rejoice in the culmination of a year of effort. In a vaster sense, this is not a culmination. This is the rejoicing which comes after the sowing of seeds in anticipation of a prolific crop.

Bless us that, "having sown in tears, we may reap in joy" having been weighted down with the burden of seed we had to bring into the field, we may now be blessed that we may "come home with joy bearing the sheaves" and beholding the fulfillment of our sincerest aspirations.

Amen

CLOSING MEETING

As we gather together at this culmination of a year's activity, we pause briefly, Almighty God, to express our gratitude for Thy divine blessings of health, contentment and prosperity. Looking back, we see another chapter in the life of our Sisterhood completed and we, who have written that chapter with loving toil and unselfish devotion, know that the cause of the Synagogue has grown a little closer to us - and Judaism a little more meaningful, through the work of our hands.

Surely we can go forth in the weeks ahead, richer for the friendships we have made, blessed with a sense of pride and achievement in our work.

May G-d preserve us and our dear ones in good health, and continue to imbue our hearts with a love for our people and our traditions, so that, please G-d, when we meet again under the banner of our Sisterhood, we shall come gladly and willingly, eager to serve our Synagogue in a spirit of dedication.

Amen
