

Tradition

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS CREATED ALL TIMES AND SEASONS, AND WHO HAS GIVEN US HIS ETERNAL TORAH, GRANT THAT TODAY AS WE, THE MEMBERS OF TWO SISTERHOODS DEDICATED TO THE FURTHERANCE AND CONTINUANCE OF JUDAISM, GATHER TOGETHER TO DETERMINE HOW OUR COMMON TRADITION CAN BE APPLIED TO MODERN PROBLEMS, WE WILL EACH OF US BECOME MORE AND MORE COMMITTED TO THE NOBLENES AND DEEP HUMANITY OF OUR COMMON TRADITION. GRANT, O LORD, THAT EACH OF US WILL BECOME MORE AND MORE AWARE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF TODAY'S PROBLEMS AND THE LIGHT WHICH THY TORAH CAN SHED ON THEM. GRANT, O LORD, THAT AS WE HONESTLY COME TO GRIPS WITH OUR PROBLEMS, WE WILL COME TO GAIN A DEEP RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER AND, THUS, BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND TO THEE.

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O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, AUTHOR OF ALL HISTORY, CREATOR OF ALL LIFE, INSPIRER OF ALL GENERATIONS WHO HAS CHOSEN MAN TO BE HIS INSTRUMENT IN FULFILLING CREATION AND WHO HAS SINGLED OUT THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO BE THE SPECIAL BEARERS OF HIS MESSAGE, GRANT THAT AS WE ALL GATHER TOGETHER HERE TONIGHT AT THIS MIZRACHI WOMEN'S YOUTH ALIYAH DINNER, WE WILL ALL ALWAYS REALIZE THAT WE ~~OWE A DEBT~~ ^{have a} OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY ^{to} NOT ONLY ~~TO~~ ^{develop} OURSELVES AND ~~TO~~ ^{to be well-prepared to enhance and spread} OUR TALENTS, BUT ALSO, ~~TO~~ ^{for} OUR JEWISH VALUES ~~AND TO ALL THE WORLD'S~~ ^{substantive} ~~FUTURE~~ GENERATIONS BY SEEING TO IT THAT OUR RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS ARE MAINTAINED AND TRANSMITTED TO OUR YOUNG, NOT JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL AND ENJOYABLE OR BECAUSE THEY RADIATE LIGHT AND WARMTH, BUT BECAUSE THE WORLD NEEDS THE KIND OF PEOPLE OUR TRADITIONS PRODUCE IF THERE EVER IS TO BE PEACE, JUSTICE AND COMPASSION. GRANT, O LORD, CONTINUED STRENGTH TO MIZRACHI WOMEN WHO, IN THEIR WONDERFUL YOUTH VILLAGES, ARE CREATING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE NOT ONLY PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY STRONG BUT WHO ARE ALSO IMBUED WITH THE TRADITIONS OF OUR FATHERS AND WHO ARE THUS ABLE TO PROVIDE THE MORAL AND INSPIRED LEADERSHIP WHICH OUR GENERATION AND THE WHOLE WORLD SO BADLY NEED. GRANT, O LORD, THAT EACH OF US HERE MAY NEVER SHIRK OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THAT EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS GIVE ALL THE FINANCIAL, MORAL AND PHYSICAL SUPPORT WHICH WE CAN IN ORDER THAT THIS GREAT ^{Organization} ~~ENTERPRISE~~ WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AND ~~TO~~ GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH. BLESS, O LORD, THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WE ARE HONORING TONIGHT, IDA WHITE AND JEANNE AND JOE SAMUEL, WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH IN OUR COMMUNITY TO INSURE THAT THE JEWS OF OUR COMMUNITY ARE INFORMED ABOUT ALL THINGS JEWISH AND WHO HAVE URGED US ALL TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN ALL JEWISH CAUSES BY RAISING OUR JEWISH BANNERS ~~HIGH~~ ^{High} AND BY SUPPORTING ^{ALL} WORTHY JEWISH INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS. GRANT THEM MANY, MANY MORE YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND THE STRENGTH, COURAGE AND INSPIRATION TO CONTINUE TO MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY'S WELFARE. GRANT, O LORD, THAT NONE OF US WILL EVER FLAG IN THY SERVICE AND THAT EACH OF US, BY WORKING FOR ^{woman} MIZRACHI AND ALL JEWISH CAUSES, WILL BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND, THUS, TO THEE. AMEN.