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THE GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY

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GROUND DEDICATION PROGRAM

AMERICA

My county, 'tis of thee  
Sweet land of Libery,  
Of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From ev'ry mountain side  
Let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God, to Thee  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright  
with freedom's holy light.  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King.

MAH TOVU

RABBI

UNISON READING

How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel.  
O Lord, through Thine abundant kindness I come into Thy house, and reverently I  
worship Thee in Thy holy sarctuary. I live the habitation of Thy house, the  
place where Thy glory dwelleth. Here I bow down and worship Thee, my Lord and  
Maker. Accept my prayer, O Lord, and answer me with Thy great mercy and with  
Thy saving truth. Amen.



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RESPONSIVE READING

THE HOUSE OF GOD

Rabbi: Our God and God of our fathers, do Thou bless us as we gather here with grateful hearts to consecrate ourselves th Thee.

Assembly: Because Thou wast with us in all our endeavors, our efforts were fruitful, our work not in vain.

R: Be with us, we pray Thee, in years still before us, to show us the way and to guide us, O Lord.

A: May this, Thy House, be our fortress of strength, to give us courage for the challenges of life.

R: We thank Thee for the tasks we shared together, and for the hours we communed here with Thee.

A: For the joys we found in the fellowship of worship, for the blessings of courage, comfort and peace.

R: For the will to strive and the wisdom to accomplish, for hope when despondent and faith when in doubt.

A: For comrades who labored, devotedly loyal, with spirit undaunted, with vision undimmed.

R: For all these we thank Thee and praise Thee, our Father; Thy House is our refuge, our buttress, our strength.

A: Our bond with the past, our hope for the future, our bequest and our children's sacred trust.

R: We reverently pause to recall those departed, who loyally served with heart and with hand.

A: They shall live in this Sanctuary they helped to establish, they shall live in our thoughts, in our prayers, in our deeds.



- R: O may we maintain and preserve what they builded, and bring to fruition the seeds they have sown.
- A: We come with our children to pray at Thine altar, that their hearts, like ours, may be lifted to Thee.
- R: To find here the truths that their forefathers cherished, and make this their Holy Place, even as we.
- A: Our old and our young who worship together, renew here the pledge that their forefathers made.
- R: Accept then, O Lord, our hearts' earnest devotion, and keep us united in service to Thee.

SEU SHEORIM

RABBI

UNISON SINGING

Aitz chaim hee, la'macha'zee'keem buh  
v'som'ch eh'huh m'oo'shurr;  
D'ruh'ch eh'huhdar'chay no'am, v'chull  
n'see'vo'seh'huh shulom;  
Ha'sheevai'noo adonoi ai'leh'chuh v'nuh-  
shoo'vuh cha'daish yuh'may'noo k'keh'dem.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RABBI

BENEDICATION

MR. EUGENE LEBOWITZ  
building chairman

HATIKVAH

kol od b'laivov p'neemoh  
Neffesh Yehudi Homeehoh  
Ool'fassai mizarch Kodimah  
A-yeen l'tzion tzofeeyuh

Od lo ovdah seekvosainu  
Ha-tikvah shnos alpaim  
L'hoyos am chafshi  
b'artzainu  
B'eretz tzion v'yrushalaim  
(repeat last three lines)