

Rabbi Leifer, on behalf of the BIC Sist.

it is my pleasure to welcome the honored Rabbis and Cantor, and the many friends and members who have come to join us.

This occasion is a double SIMCHAH for the Sist. because while we are participating in this MITZVAH of dedicating the new Torah, we are at the same time observing Sist. own 10th anniversary of existence.

Today however is a special day in more ways than one: on the Jewish calendar, today is the 7th day of Adar, commemorating both the

~~birthdays and the Yhrzeit~~

Yhrzeit of Moses and his birthdate. Just as Moses received the Torah on Mt. Sinai, so is BIC, and on the occasion of his birthday.

During the daily morning prayers, in every Synagogue, there is a particular prayer I would like to mention and that is Maimonides 13 Principles of Faith. There are 2 principles ~~in particular~~ which pertain ~~more~~ vividly to this Torah dedication: the 8th and the 9th and I would like to read them to you:

8) I BELIEVE WITH PERFECT FAITH THAT THE
WHOLE TORAH, NOW IN OUR POSSESSION, IS THE
SAME ONE THAT WAS GIVEN TO MOSES, OUR TEACHER.
PEACH BE UNTO HIM.

AND 9) I BELIEVE WITH PERFECT FAITH THAT ~~THAT~~
THIS TORAH WILL NOT BE CHANGED, AND THAT THERE
WILL NEVER BE ANY OTHER LAW FROM THE CREATOR.
BLESSEd be his name.

TODAY we recite these principles of faith
with feeling and emotion: for today we have
been able to feel them in our hearts. We have
felt the meaning and understood.; and we are
obeying the principles which up to now have
been recited.

A TORAH DEDICATION SUCH AS THIS IS, IS AN
EXPERIENCE WHICH DOES NOT ENTER INTO EVERYONE'S
LIFE. JUST AS BUILDING A SYSNAGOGUE, LIKE
THIS ONE, IS NOT AN ORDINARY ACCOMPLISHMENT.
THESE ARE ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENTS. WE ARE
the fortunate ones. and we are PERPETUATING
JUDAISM IN A MOST REALISTIC WAY.

RABBI LEIFER, WE ARE INDEBTED TO YOU FOR YOUR
EFFORTS IN OBTAINING A NEW TORAH.

THERE IS A SAYING, "BEHIND EVERY MAN STANDS
A WOMEN", BUT YOU ARE NOT MARRIED, YET, RABBI.

THE TORAH IS ~~THEXME~~ STANDING BEHIND YOU--
SHE IS YOUR PARTNER.

WE APPRECIATE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE, AND WE
ARE PLEASED THAT YOUR HAVE ACCOMPLISHED
YOUR GOALS--the NEW TORAH AND THE BIMAH.
BUT MOST OF ALL WE APPRECIATE AND ACKNOWLEDGE
YOUR EFFORTS IN INSTILLING EDUCATION WHERE
it is MOST PRECIOUS TO US -- IN OUR CHILDREN.

WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IN BEHALF OF THIS SMALL
JEWISH COMMUNITY REPRESENTS LIVING JUDAISM.
AND WE HOPE AND PRAY
THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO TRANSMIT TO US
AND TO OUR CHILDREN
THE TEACHINGS FROM THE TORAH
"THAT IS IN OUR POSSESSION NOW, JUST AS
IT WAS GIVEN TO MOSES."

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