

CONGREGATION KODIMOH

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Almighty G-d:

We are assembled here to instal the new officers of the J.W.V. And we do so not only with joy, but also with the awareness of responsibility; not only with confidence but also with prayer.

We invoke Thy blessings over this assembly - its distinguished guests, its membership, the old administration and the new officers - they and their families, ~~all-America-and-all-humanity~~. For their purpose is worthy, their cause noble and their goals lofty.

These are men who have tasted of the bitterness of war and who have learned to detest it; who have seen the suffering of strife and are therefore pledged to pursue peace.

As loyal Americans and devoted Jews, they respond to a call common to both their nation and their faith, their country and their culture. They know that with the pursuit of peace must come the love of fellowmen and the ideal of liberty for all people; rest for the weary, food for the hungry, safety for the persecuted, and a haven for the homeless. Their goal is the preservation of rights for sll men, granted by Thee, O g-d, and secured by our Constitution.

Do Thou therefore bless them in all their endeavors, and give of Thy Divine guidance to these new officers. Help them help us to bring about the dawn of a new day when peace will be both universal and eternal, so that in the future there will never be veterans of wars, for "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Amen.