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RABBI LAMM'S INVOCATION AT U.J.A. TESTIMONIAL

DINNER TO MR. JAKOB MICHAEL, JUNE 3, 1959

Almighty G-d:

We pray for Thy blessing upon this assembly, gathered to do honor to one of our number by the practice of righteousness, charity and "Ahava v' Yisrael".

Do Thou bestow the blessings of long life happiness and continued creativity upon our esteemed guest of honor, Mr. Jakob Michael, and his beloved wife and family. His long record of brilliant achievements in commerce is matched by his many distinguished accomplishments as a Philanthropist, builder of religious and educational institutions, a patron of culture and the arts and, above all, a child of G-d who has remained loyal to Torah, Israel, and the Holy Land.

To us who are here assembled to pledge our continued assistance to our brethren through the U.J.A., do Thou give Bigness, Greatness, and Depth: The Bigness to give without resentment; the Greatness to be grateful that we are those who give, not those who must wait to receive; and the Depth of mind and spirit to know how and why to give.

Teach us to give because G-d commanded a "Mitzvah", not because man declared an emergency; to give in order to avoid a crisis of the soul, rather than to alleviate a crisis in the community; to respond to the genuine inspiration of virtue, rather than to the artificial stimulus of a campaign.

Grant, O Lord, that we be the agents of Thy redemption; that there no longer be in Thy land an outstretched hand, a pleading look, a broken heart; that love and plenty and happiness replace hunger and suffering and want in the world.

"Oseh Shalom B'meromav - Hu Yaaseh Shalom Aleinu V'al Kol Yisrael
v'Y'ineru Amen", May He who creates peace in the heavens create peace ^{on earth} for
us and all Israel and all the world, Amen.

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