

1. A. INTRODUCE SELF.

B. As we gather here to memorialize dear departed relatives and reverence their memories, we do so in a spirit of joy and thanksgiving.

1. As Americans - first messages of Peace wafted towards us on the gentle breezes of oncoming Spring. We thank G-d for that.
2. As Jews - reversal of Russian anti-semitism, first ray of light in what threatened to be horrible nightmare. We thank G-d for that.
3. As Individuals - lived to enjoy another holiday. We thank G-d for that.
4. As Sons and Daughters - come here to pay our respects and devotions to the Sanctuary of Faith and Devotion in which our parents ministered, we do so also in spirit of thanksgiving. If there be a tear, it is not the tear of misery; rather the tear of mellow happiness and exalted sentiment. For Yizkor is not a Death-Service. Is affirmation that Life continues beyond the Grave, that as long as the children live and as long as they worship the same G-d so long do the parents partake of Life Eternal. When we say UTEHAY NISHMASAM TSERURAH BI'TSROR HA'CHAYIM, May their souls be bound up in the bond of Life, it is our expression of Faith ~~that~~ in joy and happiness, that the heart can rob the grave of its victory, and the soul can rob Death of its sting. As long as we live and remember, they live. We thank G-d for that.

C. How are we going to express these thanks? Are mere words sufficient? King David asked that question in Hallel: MAH ASHIV LASHEM KOL TAGMULOHI ALAI, How can I repay the the Lord for all his benefits towards me? Three answers.

1. KOS YESHUOS ESSA. I will lift the cup of salvation. Celebrate. Kiddush. L'CHAYIM. Express happiness in usual way. Alright, we do so frequently in this synagogue too. But there must be more than that.
2. UVESHEIM HASHEM EKRA, I will call upon the Name of the Lord. Prayer, Study, Education. WSJC invites you to do so - all year, for 3-time-year far from enough. Shul open every day. Hebrew School. Senior League (gym, lecture hall) & others contemplated, Tuesday Evening Forum Series. Adult Education Institute. We invite you to thank G-d by "calling upon the Name of the Lord" in our Center & with us. But to do this, a a Center must have wherewithal to exist - & that's 3rd, most important:
3. NDARAI LA'SHEM ASHALEM NEGDAR NA LECHAL AMMO, I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all his people. Now, in this assembly of the People of G-d, let us, each in the sacred silence of his own heart, decide upon a substantial vow, one which will go far enough in supporting this great structure wherein thousands thank the Lord and study His word. In the memory of those dear ones whose company G-d gave us to enjoy, to benefit from their experience, and to share in their loves and joys and sorrows, let us say NDARAI LASHEM ASHALEM, will pay my vows.

My dear friends, for YOUR sake, come and be with us all year. But at least, for G-D'S sake, help us maintain this edifice.

(if time - story of 3 year-old boy. What lives cost money)

D. This synagogue has come a long way from time collected money in Synag. on Yom Tov. We shall go a step further this year - not ask announce pledges. (This Rabbi has sufficient confidence in the sympathetic understanding of his fellow-Jews to know that they will respond with open hearts without being forced against the wall. This Rabbi maintains that this Synag. is not a religious speak-easy, and therefore has great trust in those here assembled that their self-respect and innate honesty and decency will guide them and lead them to do what is right by them, by us, and by G-d.

This Rabbi no want subsidies there will carry off for.

other texts for appeals used Passover 1953

II. "I am making 2 appeals. one for you .... and for your contributions"

III. for P"l read (S"l) ...   
and Midresh: ...

were not so proud of our physical structure as of services...

IV. On this last day Passover, think of how it started -  
with P"l - wine. Why grapes? Midrash:  
comes in clusters - i.e. community responsibility.  
[used this only in last Y. 1/1/53]

V. I know you'll say "should always asking for money". But is sign of life. Story Father told me: my boy always nagging "money", sold it. But killed 2 weeks ago. Wish I could hear him ask for it again .... can't spend money now.

VI - Story of Old Man + Bird. (Open-lure; close-dis).

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