

Blessing of Appreciation for People of Different Identities within Our Synagogue

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Optional Hebrew opening can be chanted to a typical Mi Sheberach tune or read aloud:

מְקוֹר הַבְּרָכָה לְאִמוּתֵינוּ וְאִבוּתֵינוּ
הִיא תְּבַרַךְ אֶת כָּל הָאֲנָשִׁים מְדַתוֹת
שׁוֹנוֹת
שְׂדָבְקוּ בְּקִהְלָה הַזֹּאת תַּחַת כְּנָפֵי
הַשְּׂכִינָה

Feminine God-language

May the One who blessed our ancestors before us
Bless all those of different faiths and identities
Who contribute to the life of this synagogue;
Who give of their time and their hearts;
Who help bring Judaism to life for all of us
and for the next generation;
Who volunteer and serve this community
in ways seen and unseen;
And who give the gifts of love and support to their
Jewish partners and family members.
We give thanks to them and to You, Source of Life.
Since ancient times people of other religions
and nations have been part of the
Jewish community, helping us face our
challenges and deepen our sense of purpose.

מִי שְׂבִרַךְ אִבוּתֵינוּ וְאִמוּתֵינוּ
הוּא יְבָרַךְ אֶת כָּל הָאֲנָשִׁים מְדַתוֹת
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Masculine God-language

And now today, the Jewish people are blessed with
the loving, patient, and generous participation and
care of people of various traditions and beliefs.
Holy One, please bless them to find acceptance,
appreciation, and joy here in this synagogue.
And during life's sorrows may they
know they can take refuge among us,
under the Wings of your Protection.
May they know that they are immeasurably
valued just as they are.
May the works of their hands be blessed with
much success, and may they walk the paths of
peace along with their sisters and brothers in the
Household of Israel and the wider human family.
And let us say, Amen.