

Prayer for Building an Aron Kodesh

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Adonai, Infinite One, guide our hands.

Our hearts and minds are full of *Yira*, wonder, and *Ahavah*, love, as we commit to building this *Aron Kodesh* to house our sacred center, the *Torah*.

We have infused it with our imaginations, with history, with dreaming – and we pray that all who seek You find an aspect of this Holy Vessel with which to connect.

As we build, we build not just for ourselves, but we build for our children and for countless generations. As we place materials together, we mirror the builders of the Mishkan, Your temporary desert home from so long ago. We are mindful of the *Beit HaMikdash*, the Jerusalem Temple. We remember all the homes our community has known, and pledge to incorporate our community's essence of this new container of *Zikaron*, Eternal Memory.

We build out of *Ahavah*, love, and *Mesorah*, the commitment to share and continue Jewish tradition. What we commit to building now is *leDorot*, forever.

Let it be such glorious work that all who enjoy its culmination may give thanks and feel loved.

May our shul be a sacred place reflecting our dreams, our love, our labor, our sacrifices, and our very souls.

We offer our prayer of *Bracha*, Blessing, to the inspiration of *Nishmat Chayim*, the Divine Living Spirit within each of us.

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Amen.