

Presenting *Mishkan T'fillah*

A New Prayerbook for the Reform Movement

Leader: As much as Torah or Talmud, the siddur, the Jewish prayerbook, has been the constant companion of our people through the ages. The siddur has given us words to celebrate joyous occasions and to find comfort in times of pain. The siddur has guided us through life-cycle events that give meaning to the experiences of new life, coming of age, weddings and life's end. The siddur has been our guide in the patterns of worship through which we find blessing in the world's miracles and offer praise to the Source of all life and the Author of the universe.

Congregation: We are grateful for the siddur's poetry that our ancestors have given us — words we use to express our inexpressible wonder at the miracles of life, love, nature and community.

Leader: Tonight, we gratefully accept the gift of this new siddur, *Mishkan T'fillah*, as a modern expression of our ageless desire to come together as a community with words of worship, blessing and praise. May *Mishkan T'fillah*, "A Dwelling Place for Prayer," be a shelter that guides us and sustains us with words that give life meaning.

Congregation: May its words inspire us to greater purpose and fulfillment in our lives, greater appreciation for life's most profound moments, and deeper understanding of our relationship to the Divine.

Leader: Our community offers its thanks to the individuals here tonight and those who are not here who have made it possible for us to join other Reform congregations in introducing a new siddur for our movement, *Mishkan T'fillah*.