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Oh Lord open thou my lips, & my mouth shall declare thy Praises.

Oh thou whose residence is in the highest Heaven, & whose Providence is over all the works of His creation, vouchsafe to look down on this thy Congregation of Shearith Israel, who are this day assembled to offer up with all humiliation, their thanksgivings for the benefits they have received during the course of the last year, that thou didst spare us from the ravages of epidemic disease and for the many manifestations of thy tender mercies, bestowed on us, both as a Congregation & as Individuals, thou hast bountifully supplied us with the necessaries, & conveniences of life; thou hast enabled us to meet again in thy divine presence, to pour forth the effusions of our hearts, in joyfull praises, of thy great & glorious majesty. We humbly pray unto thee, Oh gracious Lord! that thou wouldst be pleased to grant us a continuance of thy Blessing that we may acknowledge by acts of piety, charity & benevolence, the sincerity of our affections, and the promptness of our attendance to thy holy Law; dispose us to love thee “with all our hearts, with all our Souls, & with all our substance;” teach us thy ways, that we may obey thee in all things; grant us a knowledge of thy works; remove far from us every specie of distress; graciously heal the sick, & the oppressed; restore us, oh Lord! unto the Land, which thou didst swear to give unto our fathers Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob, for an inheritance, to them & to their posterity forever; make us worthy of thy heavenly care; impress our minds with a sense of duty; incline our hearts to goodness, that we may be grateful for thy tender mercies, & may the Redeemer come to Zion, according to the Sacred prophesy, to whom shall be the gathering of the Nations, in his day Judah shall be delivered, and Israel shall dwell in safety.