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Dublin Jewish Progressive Congregation, 1953.

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DUBLIN JEWISH PROGRESSIVE CONGREGATION



29 TAMMUZ 5713

Consecration of the New Synagogue,
Leicester Avenue, Rathgar

12th JULY 1953

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From **THE HON. LILY H. MONTAGU, O.B.E.**

President of the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues

As President I should like to convey to you and your colleagues on behalf of the Union our very warm congratulations and best wishes on the important occasion when your Synagogue is consecrated.

We should like to express to you our admiration for the courageous way in which you have carried on your Congregational life, and refused, even for a moment, to allow the religious interest to become weaker.

May God bless all the activities which will be carried on in your new Synagogue.

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From **RABBI DR. MAURICE N. EISENDRATH**

President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations

I want to extend to the Dublin Jewish Progressive Congregation the hearty felicitations of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the congratulations of your 450 sister Liberal congregations on the North American continent on this happy occasion of dedication and long-awaited realisation.

It is an awesome and stirring moment upon which you pause, a time for personal rededication and deep introspection. The Biblical Book of Leviticus enjoins the builders of the new sanctuary that "fire shall be kept burning upon the altar continually, it shall never be extinguished." The rabbis, in commenting upon this passage tell us that it was the wont of the entire household of Israel to set aside, on a designated day, the mundane routine of their lives and to gather wood so that the altar fire would never be dimmed.

So it must be for the entire household of the Dublin Jewish Progressive Congregation. This is the day to be set aside. This is the moment for all of you to place your vows of personal consecration upon your new and hallowed altar. Then the flame of your faith will never flicker, but will ignite the souls of your children and your children's children, kindling within them an "everlasting light," that light which is the glorious heritage of our people. For such is the meaning and intent of your dedication celebration. God grant that such be your deed on this day.

From **RABBI DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER**

President of the American Zionist Organisation

May I extend to the Dublin Jewish Progressive Congregation my warmest felicitations on the occasion of the dedication of its new building for its fellowship. I wish you great spiritual progress and prosperity in your new home. Wherever a House of God is dedicated in these days mankind's hopes for a better future are strengthened. Our ancient faith has always carried the true message of salvation to the world, and especially in these days of dangerous class strife and international tensions, the ethical mission of Judaism, in terms of justice, brotherhood and world peace, is particularly vital and pertinent.

In order that the Jewish people may best serve their own spiritual needs and those of the world, they must rally round the synagogue which has, through the ages, been the impregnable fortress of all that is best and noblest in our life. May God prosper you in all your undertakings.