**Tacos & Tequila**

 Event Conclusion Speech

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*Susan, this is a substantial crowd, and with the event being a success there will be a lot of elevated, happy, conversation. Get everyone’s attention, then wait a few moments until the room settles before you begin.*

*The opening greeting is both English and Spanish because of the event theme. If you prefer not to use the Spanish sentence that is optional. I put it in there to add some variety and fun. Below the Spanish sentence is the phonetic pronunciation for each word for you to practice. A few times and you’ll say them perfectly*.

 **BEGIN:**

***Hello to everyone here today and thank you for being so generous,***

 **PAUSE**

***Hola a todos aqui hoy, y gracias por ser tan generoso.***

 “Oh-lah \* ah \* toe-dose \* ah-key \* oi,

 E \* grah-see-us \* por \* ser \* tan

 Gen-ere-oh-so.”

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My Spanish pronunciation may need some work, but our work in this extremely worthwhile project has been **excellent**.

I know so many of you here today, and for those whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting, I am Susan Love. On behalf of Congregation Beth El, I would like to express a personal message, as we conclude this fourth annual event in support of **Senior’s Subsidized Income** **Housing Buildings, and Nursing Home Senior Residents**. Yes, it is said that the third time is a charm, but today’s participation and results prove beyond a doubt, that the fourth time can be an even bigger and brighter charm, **(applause).**

None of this would have been accomplished without the heartfelt commitment and total involvement of so many caring people. To each **member** of our Congregation and their individual **families**, thankyou from the bottom of my heart. And to our **dear friends** of Beth El, to our **business associates**, and to our **clients**, your generosity has been overwhelming, **(applause).**

And not only for Tacos and Tequila, but everything we do and represent here at Congregation Beth El, we recognize and thank the dynamic leadership of our **executive** director, as well as our **individual** department directors, the office staff, finance department, and facility maintenance, **(applause**).

Every ship has a captain and crew, and this project was made such a success by our **chairman** **Mr. Mark Adler, (applause).** Supporting Mark’s direction every step of the way, were each and every **committee** **member**, who’s tireless dedication and persistent follow-through brought us to new levels of accomplishment, **(applause)**. And for keeping us all going in the same direction, we recognize the **planning** and **organizational skills** of our **Event Coordinator**, Aimee Levin, **(applause).**

Each single dollar, each single donated hour, each check written, are the bricks and mortar that support this worthy project. Everyone we recognize today, and everyone associated with this event, please understand **you** made this happen, **you** made this possible.

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To those recipients of this effort, our **seniors and elders**, there is no segment of our community that is cherished more. These are those dear and generous people who have come before us. These are the generations who have paved the way for each one of us; grandparents, parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, friends, and so many more. They taught us wisdom, taught us patience, taught us decency, and through their sacrifices made the world a better place. We want them to be secure in the knowledge that we will continue to **love them**, we will always recognize their **sense of purpose,** and that we will forever be inspired by their **dignity**, (**huge applause**).

To add icing to the cake today, I would like to honor two individuals. Their focus and determination in front of the scenes, and their quiet humility behind the scenes, have been instrumental in so many of our accomplishments. They have been with us every step of the way, and their personal efforts are one of the reasons this event, and so many of our other projects, have set such high standards. Please, along with me, let us **honor** and **show our appreciation** to **Glenn Sloves** and **Allison Platt-Tarnopol**, **(huge applause).**

As we look at the context of what this event represents, we all need to take just a moment, to reflect on how **our lives** would be different if it were not for **those** who came before us. **We** need to take those lessons and apply them to **our** daily lives, to **insure** for generations to come, that **we** serve our youth, as well as our **previous generations** have served us.

**Please** be careful when you leave today, drive carefully, and **THANK YOU, (applause).**