



Prayer for Beautifying the Synagogue

[This is a reading for congregation that contains ritual articles, such as Torah covers, Torah whimpels, etc created by members of Sisterhood .]

Synagogues in Italy were magnificently adorned with works of embroidery for Torah covers, belts, and coverings for the Torah while the blessings were recited. The women of the Italian Jewish communities were responsible for creating these ritual objects. Their works often contained fascinating biographical details, including the name of the embroiderer, the name of the woman donating it as a gift to the congregation, and the date of the work.

This prayer is from the Prayer book of the Jewish community of Rome.

He Who blessed Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah – may He bless every daughter of Israel who fashions a coat or covering with which to adorn the Torah or who prepares a candle in honor of the Torah. My the Holy One, blessed be He, pay her reward and grant her the good that she deserves, and let us say: Amen.