On Sukkot we celebrate the harvest that was gathered by farmers in the Land of Israel many centuries ago. Still today, Jews farm the Land of Israel, and the earth returns their love with food for the body.

But our Torah reminds us that it is not good enough to have food for ourselves alone. It is a mitzvah to feed the hungry, and we know that many around us, and in the world, are very poor and hungry. Let part of our Sukkot celebration be to bring a harvest offering of food for those who are in need.
Simchat Torah

Torah is a closed book until it is read with an open heart.

House of Israel, great and small, open your heart to the words of Torah.

Torah sanctifies life; it teaches us how to be human and holy.

House of Israel, near and far, cherish the eternal sign of God’s love.

This is our Torah.

Its words are the same ones
that our parents and grandparents read.

In all times and places,
its words never change.

May our children and grandchildren,
and their children and grandchildren,
read its words as well.

In this scroll is everything
that has made the Jewish people special,
from Mount Sinai until today.

Torah teaches us love and justice,
goodness and hope and freedom.