



JEWISH CONGREGATION OF NEW PALTZ

Congregation Ahavath Achim

בקש שלום ורדפו - "Seek peace and pursue it."

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Dear friend,

I'm writing to you on a chilly and rainy Monday afternoon in June, and hope that you're enjoying a beautiful and seasonable day whenever you happen to be reading this letter. I'm grateful to once again have this opportunity to write and ask you to renew your membership with the Jewish Congregation of New Paltz, or to join us for the first time.

Vibrant, diverse, and supportive Jewish community is indispensable in fractious and uncertain times such as these. It is where we celebrate our communal joys, and where we mourn our collective sorrows. It is where we connect with our ancestors, where we honor them and find strength and resilience in their stories. It is where we take pride in the unique and profound gifts of the Jewish people, and where we recognize the core humanity that unites all people. It is where we wrestle with our tradition, with G!d, with Torah, and with the difficult topics of our day. It is where we imagine a more peaceful world, and where we build slowly but surely towards a better future for generations yet to come.

Your membership and support are primary and much-needed expressions of the indispensability of community. We survive and thrive only by our members' contributions of their time, energy, passion, and money. Your generous contribution allows us to continue offering weekly, monthly, and yearly programs, as well as ongoing pastoral and lifecycle support. Just as importantly, your generosity allows those in our community with fewer financial resources to participate fully in our vibrant Jewish community.

As your Rabbi and as a fellow member of the community, I thank you for your continued support of the JCNP, our Jewish home, and look excitedly forward to another year of building it together.

B'todah (with thanks),

Rabbi Adam