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Dear Friends,

In Exodus, Moses needs to build the ark of the covenant. He asks the Israelites to give “as their heart moves them.” The Israelites eagerly answer Moses’s call. They give abundantly. They ultimately succeed in building the portable ark that guided the Israelites from Egypt to the Promised land.

Why did this program work so well? Because Moses trusted in the people of Israel.

He knew community mattered to them. He knew they trusted in one another. He knew they would sustain the tradition of their ancestors. They would pass on Judaism to their children. They would be there to support and sustain one another.

As we build our community, we invite you to follow in the footsteps of your ancestors. We ask you to give from the heart. Give so that our community overflows.

We know Makom Sole Lakeside matters to you. This is your spiritual home. This is where you come to make the world a better place. This is where you come in difficult times. This is where you come to remember generations past and educate children for our future.

This past year, our synagogue mattered in our lives more than ever. We learned, prayed and cared for each other through extraordinarily difficult times. And we will continue to do so, through highs and lows, through seasons of joy and times of sadness. We would not exist without you.

We are embarking on this Community Commitment model because, as your rabbis and cantor, we trust you. We know you will continue to make Makom Sole Lakeside one of the leading and most respected congregations in the country.

We know that giving from the heart benefits each one of you because the world as it is is not yet the world as it ought to be. Your support brings us a little closer.

In love and gratitude,

Rabbi Moffic, Rabbi Serotta, and Cantor O'Brien