



A Message from Francesca

Thresholds are Portals to New Spaces

This past Sunday, I had the pleasure of crafting a blessing along with one of the kids. In this instance, a Blessing was defined as giving good energy, well wishes, and articulating our hopes. In this case, the room that will become the Neighboring Faiths classroom and Youth Space was the beneficiary of the crafted blessing.

One of the many excellent insights our student gave was that she recommended that we place not only this blessing on the door, but with the intention that others would place their own blessings on the same door. Her great idea got me thinking about thresholds...

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The mural room is a "New" Space, but it is a place that has always been a part of this building. Reorganizing the room makes me think of revitalizing old memories and stories. At this time of year, we think of the veil being thin, but we can also conceptualize this as where there was a wall there is now a threshold. We can walk past the door, and what was antique and can be seen through new eyes.

This past week my aunt sent on the family group chat a picture of my great-great-grandmother. My Granny told us the story of how, during the air raids in Budapest during WWII, she was a little girl and very frightened. So her grandmother ran upstairs to get Granny's doll, Gyöngyi. After a lifetime of hearing this story of my ancestors' heroism, this was the first time I got to see a photo of her.

During this time of year, perhaps the veil is not only thin...there is a threshold that opens that we can choose to enter. We can reconnect with the past, our ancestors, old places and make them new. We just have to walk through the door and bring good energy, well wishes, and our hopes articulated.

Wishing you a nourished spirit,

Francesca :)