



Federation for Jewish Philanthropy OF UPPER FAIRFIELD COUNTY

A Message as We Approach Thanksgiving from the Federation for Jewish Philanthropy and Congregational Leaders of Upper Fairfield County

As the Federation for Jewish Philanthropy and Jewish congregations of upper Fairfield County, we are thankful to live in a nation built by people of many countries, colors, beliefs, and languages. We hold sacred being part of a community and country founded on values of freedom, justice, and equality.

As with many in our community who are seen as different because of their religious beliefs, skin color, country of origin, gender identity, sexual identity, physical ability, socio-economic background, or age, our Jewish community understands only too greatly the often tragic consequences of unfettered hate, division, and discrimination.

We stand side-by-side and hand-in-hand with all those who value the American ideals of freedom, justice, diversity, and peace and reject all acts of hate and intimidation, whether through words or actions.

We call on our community and country to come together in appreciation of the strength and beauty of our diversity, we implore our leaders at every level to join with us in making clear that hate of any kind is not acceptable or tolerable and we thank those leaders who have and continue to do so, and we aspire with each day to build a nation where, in the words of our sacred text, "justice rolls down like a river and righteousness like a mighty stream."

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