November 2026 Reflection

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November invites us into a quieter rhythm. The days shorten. Beautiful colorful leaves fall. Nature reminds us that change asks not only for movement, but also for release. Even as we feel the pressure to finish, hurry, or look ahead, this season calls us to pause: to recognize what the year has given us and what we are ready to lay down.

Some hopes have come to fruition; others remain unfinished or uncertain. We can hold both with gratitude and honesty, without forcing a neat conclusion. Elections in Israel and in our own country may deepen our anxiety. In unsettled times, we need more than reassurance. We need the steadiness that comes from knowing what we stand for—and whom we stand with.

In our times of prayer, meditation, or stillness, we may hear again what the noise has obscured: our lives are connected by more than chance. The crushing weight of the world's troubles can make God's providence difficult to discern, but uncertainty need not diminish our sense of calling. Perhaps we have been brought together not merely to share activities, but to answer a higher purpose—to repair our relationship and the world with clarity, conviction, and courage.

The work of Black-Jewish alliance gives that calling practical form. Amid relentless news cycles and podcasts, may we make time to come together, weigh what we hear, and seek the clearest understanding of truth and reality we can. This work asks us to listen deeply, speak truthfully, and make room for one another with both passion and kindness. We do not have to carry every concern about the US or Israel, Palestine, and the Middle East alone. Sometimes clarity begins when we listen without rushing to fix, judge, or correct. From that attention, trust can deepen—and become shared action.

May this November give us patience to remain present, courage to release what is complete, and faith in what is still unfolding among us. May we meet uncertainty not by turning away from one another, but by deeply renewing our commitment to one another—and to the work of repairing the world.

If not now, when?

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