

## **Grateful**

### **By Dorothy Salkin**

I hope you are all staying well, staying safe and staying in. I am coping by being grateful for many things that I have taken for granted every day. Perhaps this will be helpful to other members of the Village.

My husband Avram and I are fine, as is our family. We are glad to have Zoom so that we can see and talk with family and friends. Last month, we had a wonderful and unique virtual Seder led by our son Ken, daughter-in-law Michal, and twin grandchildren Daniel and Margalit. The morning after the Seder, I woke up and began thinking about how grateful I am and about all of the things I am grateful for at this horrific time.

I am grateful for our daughter Valerie's recovery from cancer, looking so happy and lovely as her hair grows out. I am grateful for Jim, her wonderful fiancé who has been at her side with TLC through her difficult past 8 months. I am grateful for our son Ken and daughter-in-law Michal helping me in many ways and living close to us. I am grateful for our precious, gifted grandchildren Margalit and Daniel, who text or call daily with fun conversation and good cheer. I am grateful for my Cincinnati Schneider, Fidler, and Aberman families and knowing they are OK. I am grateful for my grandniece Leigh in New York, hoping she stays safe and well. I am grateful for my Cincinnati nephew who sends me a daily vintage picture of my Aberman family taken long ago, when I was Dorothy Aberman.

I am grateful for The Rabbi's Daughter (my butcher) for delivering our meat and chicken. I am grateful to Gelson's for delivering our groceries once a week so we do not need to ever go to the store.

I am grateful for warm, sunny days when Avram and I can walk in our neighborhood and up to the UCLA campus. I am grateful for Netflix being able to see many films (thanks to Valerie and Jim). I am grateful for my specially designed kitchen where daily I cook and bake to my hearts delight (Avram is overjoyed). I am grateful that I finally found yeast online so I can make challah and other goodies.

I am grateful for my shul, Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, for the TLC, caring and inspiration of my Rabbi Aaron, Rabbi Bassin, Cantor Lizzie and Rabbi Lutz. I am grateful for JewItAtHome, ChaiVillageLA, and especially Rabbi Laura Geller who has reached out to me with much kindness and sensitivity. I now consider her a good friend.

I am grateful for the rain and the sun enabling the gardens, trees and blooming rose bushes around our home to be green, fruitful and flourishing. I am grateful to be alive and safe in our home with my husband Avram...my best friend, my lover and my soulmate. I am grateful for the morning prayers of Elohai and Nishmat that I love so much. I am grateful to God and I am grateful to be alive.

From the bottom of my heart, these words express my feelings of gratitude.

Love,  
Dorothy Salkin

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