



July 2026 D'Var Torah

Dear Friends,

I hope that you had a Happy and Meaningful July 4th. America's 250th birthday, its Independence Day signifying the signing of our Declaration of Independence, is a time for reflecting where we have been and where we are going as a nation. In recent months and weeks as we have approached the Semiquincentennial I have been struck by the fact that many of our Residents living here at Mozaic Jewish Home (as well as our own family members, friends, and neighbors) who are centenarians or approaching that age have been alive for 40% of the time that the United States has existed as a country. This illustrates what a young country America is although at the same time it is the longest continuously existing democracy. The ideals of the Declaration – of life, liberty, and the pursuit happiness – are well aligned with the Mission and Values of Mozaic Senior Life.

This month also marks the tenth anniversary of the move to our home here on Park Avenue. In addition to marveling at how quickly this past decade has progressed we can also take stock of where we have been and to where we are going as a community, dedicated to the care of our seniors.

May America rededicate itself to its highest values and ideals in its next 250 years and may we here at Mozaic Senior Life recommit in the next ten-and fifty-three-years and beyond to continuing our sacred work.

L'chayim, America and Mozaic Senior Life – To Life! And Mazal Tov, best wishes on these special anniversaries!

Shalom/Peace,

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