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Dear Friends,

November can be considered a Month of Gratitude as we observe three special days in which to express our appreciation and gratitude for the many gifts which we have been given. On Tuesday, November 3, **Election Day**, we have the opportunity to engage in the sacred, civic duty of voting for our Federal, state, and local officials. The actor Danny Kaye often told the story of how his father, Morris Kaminsky, an immigrant Jewish tailor, used to dress up in a suit and a tie every Election Day as if it were a Yom Tov, a Jewish Holy Day, to express his gratitude as he went to vote, a right that he did not have in Europe. So many have given their lives for the sacred right to vote as did those of our veterans who made great s acrifices for liberty and democracy and whom we honor, both the living and the deceased, and to whom we express our gratefulness on **Veterans Day**, Wednesday, November 11. And all of us can express our gratitude to the Almighty on **Thanksgiving**, Thursday, November 26, a holiday for Americans of all religious and ethnic backgrounds, and a day greatly inspired by the biblical Festival of Sukkot, the fall harvest festival in ancient Israel that is still observed today.

May these days inspire us all with an attitude of gratitude to carry within us each and every day. I wish you a meaningful Election Day, Veterans' Day, and Thanksgiving, and I thank you for your support and participation in our sacred work here at Mozaic Senior Life!

Shalom,

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