



Dear Friends,

Last month I visited, along with Residents and other staff from Mozaic Senior Life, the Anne Frank exhibit at the Center for Jewish History in New York City. Remembering the life of Anne, her family, and the four other people who hid in the secret annex in Amsterdam for two years between 1942 and 1944 amidst the tragic fate of the German and Dutch Jewish communities and so much of European Jewry during the Holocaust, was a most powerful and moving experience. The diary that Anne wrote during those years has been translated into over 70 languages and has been read by millions of individuals across the globe. Her memory has inspired many to deeds of kindness and *tikkun olam*, repairing the world.

Rosh HaShanah, the New Year, is known as *Yom HaZikaron*, a Day of Remembrance in which we ask the Almighty to remember all of God's creatures on this birthday of the universe. Memory and remembrance are gifts that we also have and can use as God's partners in the ongoing work of creation. If we can remember Anne Frank and be inspired by her belief that despite everything, most people are good at heart, then we can have hope that life can be better despite the many difficult situations in which the world finds itself at present.

May the gift of remembrance move us all to make this Earth a better place worthy of God's sovereignty.

I wish you and your loved ones a *Shanah Tovah u'Metukah*.
A Good, Sweet New Year.

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