

Community, A group of people who through a unique attribution or lifestyle chooses to work together, play together, learn together or here in our shul pray together.

Life time friendships, minyans, Shabbas dinners, Thanksgiving gatherings, Birthday parties, sewing circles yoga classes . . these are all ways of being together sharing a passion or a meal, a religion or a quest . . . creating strong bonds and lifelong memories

Do we stop and think about what makes a community work..or what makes a particular group strong while another fails?

Do we stop and take stock of all the ways we share in communities throughout our lives?

Do we look at our part in creating community or being a committed member within one.

And most importantly do we appreciate what we have and express our gratitude to those who share our many paths?

As winter approaches may we look inward and see the good in our lives and the strengths within each of our communities. May we receive love and friendship in return for all that we have given and recognize all that community brings to us and be grateful for the challenges as well as the rewards and the opportunity to be a part of something more than ourselves alone. In this recognition is the holiness of being part of community.

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