



## January 2025 D'Var Torah

Dear Friends,

In January we mark two relatively recent sacred days in history, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January, 20, and International Holocaust Memorial Day on January 27.

The first of these days recalls a modern day prophet, a man about whom his dear friend and colleague in religious social action (and himself also a prophetic figure), Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel said was a sign that “God had not forsaken the United States of America.” It is a day on which we rededicate ourselves to one another in the service of the Almighty. Here at Mozaic Senior Life, Residents and staff mark this day each year with a symbolic walk outside of our building’s front entrance and a special program and service.

International Holocaust Day is the anniversary 80 years ago when the death camp Auschwitz was liberated toward the end of World War II and it recalls man’s inhumanity to man. I remember being in Israel exactly a decade ago and seeing the live broadcast of the service on television.

May these two upcoming sacred occasions remind us of our responsibility to one another in our holy work here at Mozaic Senior Life.

Shalom,

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