

February 1, 2017

Dear Friend,

*"The most urgent, the most disgraceful, the most shameful and the most tragic problem is silence. ...America must not become a nation of onlookers. America must not remain silent. Not merely black America, but all of America".*

Stunning words. Stunning, because they were spoken 50 years ago by Rabbi Joachim Prinz at the March on Washington when the rabbi stood in solidarity with Martin Luther King. And they resonate with us today in the difficult political and social climate we are now experiencing. Rabbinic Fellow Simon Stratford reminded us of how critical our Jewish leaders were in standing with the African American community for the right to vote and all civil rights.



A screening of the movie *Selma* after the discussion gave us tears and cheers. All enjoyed the luncheon prepared by Connie and Rini with baked potatoes, vegetarian chili, salad and warm baked apples with vanilla ice cream.

Sherry and Hannah of the marketing department made lovely note cards featuring Barbash Family Vital Support Center participants' artwork. When Michelle and Sharon saw the art on the cards made by each of them and other friends at the center they shared their thoughts.



Michelle exclaimed, "There's a piece of my friends in the shared experience of making art together. I am sooooo happy. It's so neat!"

Sharon told us, "That's so beautiful. I'm so happy I could be a part of it."

Thank you to Kathy, Elissa, Carol, Michelle, and Sharon for your gifts of art.

Sincerely,

Fran

Sandra

Christy

Connie

Sharon

Debbie

