

July 5, 2019/2 Tamuz 5779

Dear chevreh,

James Baldwin said, "I love America more than any country in the world, and, exactly for this reason, I insist on the right to criticize her perpetually."

Just last week I had written about the phrase #NeverAgain being used in reference to the immigrant detention centers. This past week, hundreds of activists, primarily young Jews organized protests all over the country. They call the actions to shut down ICE "Never Again Actions" (<http://www.neveragainaction.com>) with the hashtag #NeverAgain *means never again for anyone*. It is inspiring on this July 4th weekend that the next generation of young Jews have taken the lead in bringing teachings they have learned in their synagogues and homes out to the street to protest injustice in our country.

May we continue to hold up the ideals of America and of our Jewish values to help direct our actions in this country and in our lives toward justice.

In the meantime, I wish everybody a Shabbat shalom and an enjoyable holiday weekend.

As a reminder, there will NOT be services this weekend. I will be away starting Sunday until July 17th. In case of an emergency, for rabbinic back-up information, please call my cell phone at 215-804-6626 and listen to the outgoing message for instructions.

Next Shabbat, July 12th on Friday evening at 7:30 pm there will be services led by Jennifer Fritch and Andy Kaufman with Anne Pettit giving a d'var Torah.

I look forward to seeing you when I return at Torah Study on July 18th or at Shabbat services on July 19th.

Gut Shabbes, Shabbat shalom,

Rabbi Diana