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Dear chevreh,

More and more I understand how much we need each other. We need our family, our chosen family, our friends, our community, our caretakers and teachers of the body, mind, and spirit. We need each other for support, for laughs, for sharing ideas. We need professionals who help us with our teeth, our illnesses, our mental health issues. We need farmers, drivers, scientists. We need artists, poets, liturgists and performers.

Sometimes, as groups of people, we also need each other. This past Sunday I saw or heard from many of you who attended the Zubaida Mosque in Yardley, along with hundreds of other Jews, Christians, Sikhs and others in support of our Muslim brothers and sisters. We know how supported we felt as a Jewish community when our co-religionists supported us after Pittsburgh and at other events in our shul's history. Sometimes we support an individual; sometimes we support a people, or a group.

You can read here in the Forward about how one of the largest synagogues in the country is opening up their halls to Muslims whose mosque suffered a fire:

https://forward.com/fast-forward/421375/new-york-synagogue-mosque-new-zealand/?utm_content=buffer32075&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer&fbclid=IwAR1hbMdVIUgh2F-Q_d9ci3XdUepE8HTKctU4aBTie1SeNwd605gvGkGsZbY

Even as we focus on security – which we will do this evening at 7:00 pm – let us strengthen our bonds with each other, show up for each other and have each others' backs within our Shul, our neighborhood, our country. These actions and relationships will help us to create true security, creating a world vision of interconnectedness and interdependence.

Shabbat shalom,

Rabbi Diana