

March 2024 **D'Var Torah**

Dear Friends,

On both the civil and the Jewish calendars we are in leap years. Recently at the end of February we marked an extra day and on the Jewish calendar this year we have an extra month of Adar, the month of the joyous Purim holiday.

I remember years ago in a leap year people were interviewed and asked what they would do with the extra day in February they were being given. It's a good question to ask ourselves not only in this double leap year but on each and every day: How are we making use of the great gift of time with which we are blessed? King David asks God in the Psalms to "teach us how to number our days" not only to count our days but to make each day count. May we make the most of the time we have been granted to make our lives meaningful and to make the world a better place.

Wishing our Christian sisters and brothers a Blessed Lenten Season and with best wishes for a Joyous Purim,

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