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People are lonely and scared.
What can you do to help?

Dear friend,

First, I pray that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy.

I'm sure you're dealing with the pandemic and the wild-fires the best way you can. We are all trying to cope. But some of us need more support. I'm hoping you are in a position to help those who need it.

People like Sam*. He's an elderly man who loves social interaction. He came regularly to Chabad's social events to find company, connection, and community. Now, he is too frightened to leave the house. He is immune-compromised and has a high risk of catching the virus.

Or Rachel*, a post-graduate student from the East Coast, now living in Novato. Every Jewish holiday, she visits her elderly parents. Except this year. She didn't go home for Passover. And she won't go back for Rosh Hashanah. The last thing she wants is to bring the virus to her parents. Can you imagine!? This virus is tearing her apart.

Then there's Howard*, 87 years old, living in South Novato. He loves spending time with his grandchildren. But he hasn't seen them since March. He has been isolated in his rental home. Our precious grandparents need connection with their families. And we need to connect with them for their love and wisdom.

**Names have been changed to respect privacy*

We all depend on community. It gives us meaning. It gives us strength. It makes us who we are! But how can you and I create a close community when we need to be physically far apart? I'll tell you how we can. Your donation of \$180 -- or any amount -- makes it possible. Here's how:

1. We can provide a meaningful High Holiday Experience – whether that's with a delivered package or an outdoor, socially distanced Service. Standing on doorsteps or outside in our masks, we will reinvent the power of Rosh Hashana to unite and uplift. Can you be part of the Holiday connection?

2. We can inspire them with Torah. When quarantine orders came through and shut down our classes - we took them online. A funny thing happened on Zoom - more people tuned in. More questions were asked. More discussions happened. We found ways to be together when the world told us to be alone. Please keep the classes going strong!

3. We can help each other. We provide personal check-ups on the elderly, grocery deliveries, medication refills, and honestly anything that comes our way.

There are so many who need connection right now.. We have to remind them that they are not alone. Send them Shabbat in a box. Send Judaism to go. Let them know that we, as fellow Jews, will always be there to help.

When you send your gift of \$180, you will light up Marin with love, connection, and friendship.

Please send your gift today so we can get ready for the High Holidays. Because we need to bring the High Holidays to the people. For Howard, for Rachel, for Sam. For so many people in our community who are lonely and frightened and need our help. You can send your gift with the enclosed envelope, or you can give securely online at www.JewishNovato.com/sweet

If \$180 is a lot for you right now, any amount will help. If you can give more, please do so. Whatever you can give, please know that whatever you send will be put to good use. Every penny.

Sincerely and with warm wishes for a sweet new year, *Shana Tova!!*



Rabbi Menachem & Adina Landa

P.S. Please consider a gift of \$180 today to help Sam, Rachel, Howard, and so many Jewish people living alone in Marin County. They need your help to be connected to their Judaism, community, and heritage.