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Dear Shir Tikvah:

Rosh HaShanah was a spirited, powerful, soulful beginning to our New Year. As I spoke about on Sunday evening, we are looking to engage in the conversation about Israel-Palestine this year. Here is a link to the drash.

I'd like to highlight three ways to engage in this important conversation:

1: Come with Michael and I and our daughters next June to Israel and the Palestinian Authority; meet the people, walk the history, fall in love with the complexity and the agony; listen as peace activists share their stories; make art together following Yad V'Shem, the Holocaust Memorial Museum; eat hummus, drink coffee with Bedouins, visit Rawabi, a new Palestinian city, and expand the reaches of your heart and invite the tears to water arid souls and arid soil. You can register here.

2: Come study in I-Engage on Sunday mornings starting November 13. I-Engage is a curriculum developed by the Shalom Hartman Institute that addresses the core issues of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The curriculum is framed around Jewish values and questions, hearing each other's voices, honoring the moral complexity of the situation, and learning with text, video, and respectful dialogue with those we agree with and those we don't. You can register here.

3: For those who are hungry to keep building a progressive, egalitarian in Israel, join me in supporting Zion: An Eretz Yisraeli Community. Rabba Tamar Elad-Appelbaum is a visionary-and she's creating a congregation and a Jerusalem where Arabs and Israelis study, learn, do justice work, and pray together. To learn more about Zion and to support their courageous work, click here.

I look forward to continuing our conversation in the days ahead.

Shabbat Shalom & G'mar Tov~A meaningful & inspiring fast,

Rabbi Michael Adam Latz