



Greetings!

On behalf of the Jewish Community of Amherst, I want to let you know how glad we are that you're considering joining us. I hope you'll find the JCA to be the warm, inspiring Jewish home you've been looking for.

We offer many ways to get involved. As a progressive spiritual community, we explore the encounter between our heritage and newer forms of creativity in Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services and in daily minyanim, both traditional and meditative. Study at the JCA might take the form of analyzing the Torah portion with some of the great minds of our community, participating as a young student in JCA School, or learning new melodies and insights, both sacred and secular, from visiting scholars. We also strive to repair a broken world through tzedaka projects, volunteer opportunities, or getting our hands dirty in the cause of local agriculture. And, of course, we also like to have fun!

There are indeed many pathways into Jewish life and I would very much appreciate the opportunity to hear about the particular journey that has brought you to the point of considering the JCA. If you haven't already done so, please be sure to contact me and also consider making an appointment to spend some (virtual) time with me.

I hope, more than anything else, that you will find in the JCA a community that grounds you in your own quest for Jewish meaning and also responds to your particular gifts. Much of what we do is made possible by the volunteer commitments of our members. The opportunity to help realize your own vision of vibrant Jewish living is awaiting you!

B'shalom  
Rabbi Benjamin Weiner

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