



East Central Synod of Wisconsin

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

January 9, 2020

President of Congregation
Moses Montefiore Congregation
1620 Meade Street
Appleton, Wisconsin 54911

Dear Friends,

I greet you in the name of the Blessed One who is our light in the midst of the darkness of this world.

I write to express to you, our Jewish brothers and sisters, a word of love and care in the midst of the rising tide of anti-Semitism in this country. Following the attack on a Hanukkah party in New York our Presiding Bishop, the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, issued a statement urging us to reach out to Jewish neighbors with care, support, love and protection in the face of bigotry and violence.

And so I write this letter on behalf of the 123 congregations I serve in northeast Wisconsin to express our love and care for you in these days of rising anti-Semitism and violence. We pray for mutual understanding and respect among all peoples, safety in all places of worship, and peace in our neighborhoods and communities as well as in the hearts and homes of all.

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I will send copies of this letter to pastors and lay leaders of our congregations in the community in which you reside and pray this letter may lead to rich relationships of mutual love, care and support for one another.

In peace,

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President of Congregation
Congregation B'nai Israel
1121 Algoma Blvd
P.O. Box 904
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54903

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Mt. Sinai Congregation
910 West Randolph St.
Wausau, Wisconsin 54401

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Temple Beth Israel
149 East Division Street
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935

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Rabbi Moishe Steigmann
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222 South Baird
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301

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