



Dear Friends,

I eat breakfast at a neighborhood diner every day. The food is not fantastic, but the customer service is great. I walk into the restaurant and the owner, standing behind the counter says, "Good morning, Rabbi." The waitresses all know me and whoever's got my table says, "Good morning, Rabbi. Here's your coffee. Having the usual today?" I am not the only person who gets this kind of personal service. It's the culture of the business and it keeps me coming back.

This same experience of familiarity must happen at the synagogue. Whether you are coming to a Shabbat service, dropping off a child at Religious School, or calling the office to ask a question, the response at Temple Judea will be one of "Welcome, how can we help you?" "How can we help you raise your children to be knowledgeable and committed Jews?" "How can we help you learn more about Judaism?" "How can we help you find some comfort and peace in the synagogue?" We're here to help you explore and express your Jewish commitment. Like my breakfast diner, this culture of welcome begins with a smiling face that says, "We're glad you are here."

We are glad you are looking at Temple Judea. The staff, membership and I will do all we can to help you feel that our congregation is a place where you can feel at home and have many opportunities to participate in a vibrant Jewish community.

Kol tuv (All the best),

Rabbi Marc Sack