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Partners needs your help to launch and fund new ideas and programs!

Dear Friend,

*As the days pass
So do the nights
And this is where we find the peace
That we all look for*

Harold Shapiro z"l – January,

2017



Harold died shortly after writing that poem; in fact yesterday marked the 2nd anniversary. Throughout the day I kept thinking about my dad, wondering what he would say to the news of the day. No matter what was going on, he always saw the sliver of hope. Almost 30 years ago upon returning from an eye-opening trip to Israel, dad founded what is now Partners for Progressive Israel and with that the signature program he would lead every year, the [Israel Symposium](#). He wanted all of those committed to a just Israel to experience meeting key Israeli and Palestinian political figures as well as leaders of NGOs dedicated to peace and human rights. Most of all, he wanted participants to come away from the experience with hope in their hearts for the future.

As dad's rabbi, Steven Carr Reuben wrote after experiencing this small-group trip,

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see Israel as I had never seen it before, to meet the best that Israeli society has to offer, and to wrestle with how each and every one of us might make our own contribution to the legacy of peace, justice and human rights which we all believe is Israel's ultimate destiny."

With dad's vision in mind, Partners has created [The Harold M. Shapiro Memorial Fund](#), which sponsors Rabbis and young people to participate in this eye-opening experience. In addition to offering them an understanding of both perspectives – the Israeli and the Palestinian, first-hand -- this trip helps build a seamless connection between the progressive forces of Israel and American Jews.

In honor and memory of dad, I ask you to contribute now so Partners can provide this great opportunity to those who otherwise would not be able to go.

If I am not for myself, who will be for me?

If I am only for myself, what am I?

If not now, when?

As dad's favorite quote from Hillel proclaims, now is the time. Please contribute today.

Thank you,



Karen Shapiro
Vice President

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