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**ISSUE TWO**

Welcome to the Second Issue of **THE PEOPLE'S PULPIT**. We've created this journal to give each of us the opportunity to tell our own deeply felt spiritual story.

In our first story: Where is the Outcry? Why is it so Hard to Condemn Open Hatred of Jews? Why Don't Jews Count?, Nina Gilbert writes of the shocking lack of public reaction following the events of October 7th. Her story is a personal cry of outrage against the silence. Her entire world has been degraded from that which she once held to be self-evident.

As I write my story, 'The Jewish Personnel,' the surviving hostages of the Nir Oz kibbutz, sit shivering in a tunnel below Gaza City. We now know that the words: '*Please, don't take me, I'm too young,*' are not enough. We must rely on the troopers of the IDF to crush Hamas and to free the hostages.

May Israel prevail in this war and may the hostages be returned safely. Ultimately, we pray for a mutually acceptable resolution to the conflict in which Israel and her neighbors may live together in security, peace and prosperity.

The third story, by Ron Lang is How I Learned About Antisemitism. It is a poignant reminiscence of a childhood dilemma. We feel Ron's pain and confusion, yet we applaud his courage.

Finally, Rabbi Israel de la Piedra, our dear Temple member and sometime *Shabbat Gabbai* writes 'My Jewish Journey,' a story that you will find inspiring.

We are seeking submissions for the Third Issue of **THE PEOPLE'S PULPIT**. We welcome your participation. Tell us your story!

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