



DEAR MEMBERS OF THE URBAN ADAMAH COMMUNITY,

Like so many others, we watched in horror and dismay as events in the nation's Capitol unfolded on Wednesday. We write to you now because...

- **Silence is not an option** in the face of threats to democratic and human values.
- **Silence is not an option** in the face of racism, white supremacy, and anti-Semitism,
- **Silence is not an option** in the face of a president who incites violence and insurrection.

We know that speaking up and speaking out against abuse of power is an essential step in preventing it in the future. We have an obligation to raise our voices even when they tremble.

Two core Jewish teachings adorn Urban Adamah's walls and animate our work: *tzedek tzedek tirdof*, justice, justice, shall you pursue, and *v'ahavta l're-echa kamocha*, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Today we are called upon to pursue justice and love for our neighbors by working to ensure democracy flourishes within our borders and throughout the world. Today we are called upon to pursue justice and love for our neighbors by demanding equity for all people through an end to white supremacy in all its forms.

In the days ahead we must all take action that reckons with and rights what happened on Wednesday. That means supporting and voting for representatives who defend democracy. It means peaceful protest in word and in body.

Given that words are not enough, here are a few ways we encourage you to consider taking action now:

- Sign Bend the Arc's [petition](#) to impeach, expel, and investigate
- Join a mass online organizing [meeting](#) on January 16 in preparation for the fight to come in 2021
- Support local campaigns here in the Bay Area. Join [AFTP](#) on Monday, January 18 (MLK day) at 12:00 PM for their annual demonstration to reclaim MLK's legacy. If you ride a bicycle and would like to volunteer to support the caravan - fill out this [form](#), or contact jesse@urbanadamah.org

The road is long and the work is great. Let us walk the road and do the work together. And may all our actions be loving and just.

WITH LOVE & GRATITUDE

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