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My Dear Friends,

As we stand on the threshold of the upcoming holiday, the spirit of joy and hope for the coming year surrounds us. While the sentiments of Rosh Hashanah are shared among us, there is also a profoundly personal dimension to this period of reflection and renewal. We bring ourselves to our prayers, each with his or her own aspirations, tears and dreams.

In this particular year, my thoughts are drawn to the blessings of being surrounded by those for whom I deeply care, respect and love - those who are physically near and others who I carry in my heart. Each one fills my life with meaning and joy, as I express in my [Rosh Hashanah message](#) below:

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While my family occupies a central place in my thoughts, I also hold you - my dear students, friends, partners, and colleagues - in the forefront of my mind. Together we share the sacred mission of educating our community and future generations to honor our past, discover their purpose and move history forward.

I am so thankful to all of you for your contributions to my life, the Jewish people and our entire society.

With heartfelt wishes for a year filled with meaning, good health, love and happiness.

Warmest regards,



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