

With

*M*any prepositions indicate relationship in our language
At, by, for, from, to, in
But in Judaism, one preposition stands out
In Hebrew, it is “im”
And from those same two letters is derived the word “am”
Which means “people” and “community.”

With “with” you can overcome challenges
With “with” you are not alone
With “with” you can lift heavy burdens
With “with” you can laugh and sing deep.

Together we celebrate the power and sanctity of “with”
Together with our family, our friends, our people
We can discover joys
Together with our community we can protect the defenseless.

Together we can bind broken dreams
Together we can soothe abrasive agitations
Together we can hope better and deeper.

Together we celebrate “with-ness”
Child and parent, school and home, tradition and change
Divine and human
Today and tomorrow, we are not alone.

We are with the other.

