The Rabbis of the Mishnah posed a challenge: "Know where you came from and where you are going." We at Bet Am Shalom are about to go through a period of looking back and looking forward. We will need to ask ourselves about the policies and practices we've developed together over the ages.

We can certainly be proud of the "arguing for the sake of Heaven" we've done to create those policies, but we might find some in need of tweaking, revising, or replacing. And once we welcome candidates to interview for our positions of leadership, we will want to be able to say that our serious conversations about these matters are fresh, exhaustive, and informative. That is the goal of BAS's Discovery Committee.

As we move through the next months, let's take every opportunity to continue to create and recreate the vibrant Jewish center we cherish.

Blessings, Rabbi Lester Bronstein