OUR PLACE THIS IS OUR DREAM A group poem, February 2021

I Dream A World.....

I dream a world torn asunder A world reborn by thunder Where tragedy is overcome By the power of triumph The gift of love We store secretly In our sacred place

I dream a world united together A world where all hearts beat at one This is our story Always unfolding With each and every day This is our life Always worth living For each new day A promise to you No matter what It will always be okay

Forever until eternity This is the world I dream The world I dream SEAN WATERBURY

I dream a world where race relations are no longer just areas of once a year discussions but reflections of historic measures for the future.

I dream a world where happiness conquers evilness and deceit within our nation.

I dream a world where inclusion brings hope and inspiration to a new generation.

I dream a world where treating people with dignity and respect will truly be a reality and not just a dream deferred.

STERLING HUMPHREY – staff leader of the group poem

I would like everyone to be able to stay fit and work out with friends. I want the world to be able to go back to normal. I want to live in a world where everyone can have an education. MATT WESTOVER

I dream of a world that is full of peace and harmony. Everybody should be treated equally no matter the color of their skin. I think it is important to love one another and honor those that serve, especially those who received a purple heart. VAL YANNIAS

I have a dream that everyone will be able to exercise. I want everyone to be able to have a place like Our Place. I want everyone to have the joy of family in their lives. BELLA MIQUELON

I want everyone to be able to have breakfast and be able to brush their teeth because it sets everyone up for a good day. Everyone deserves that. TIM JOLLS

I dream a world where I can spend time with family and find joy in entertainment. KATIE BAECKELANDT

I dream a world where hearts No entrance allow hate, Where love doth freely flow And peace the extant state. MICHELLE PATZKE - staff

I dream a world where people listen first and act second; where trying is just as important as succeeding; where intelligence and creativity are worth as much as physical ability; where inner beauty is the only beauty; where judgment is reserved for courtrooms and playing fields. I dream a world where hate, cruelty, and intolerance are no longer, and only love, kindness, and acceptance exist. EMILY KERZNER - staff

I wish I could dream of a world where it is free of sicknesses, like not getting ill from the flu that's been going around us and also people are treated equally to each other, giving them their rights to do whatever they'd like by respecting themselves differently because it's important to treat everybody in the same way as other individuals. JASON KAPLAN

My dream is to have no war, only peace and love and freedom and happiness. No being mean to anyone. No more covid. No more sickness. No darkness, only light. No more poor. Everyone has money. No more sadness. MARY SCHUTT

I dream a world where...

We do not have to wear masks when we go out so we can see people smile That life is back to normal and we can be with our friends and not worry about getting sick

That we still wash hands, wear masks, social distance if we feel we are sick and can hurt others

Everyone can get a vaccine for Covid and not worry that they will be sick and die Everyone can attend sports games at high schools and arenas and cheer on their favorite teams. I miss that so much.

People are nice to each other, help each other and care about each other Everyone is treated the same no matter their issues

That everyone sees how much fun we have at Our Place and how happy it makes me feel every day to be with my friends

MATT CARR

I dream of a world where all are considered equal regardless of ability, race, religion, gender, and sexual orientation DAN COHEN

The dream of life and once upon a dream. I feel brave and intelligent and being able to take care of each other and being able to take care of each other. ALEX HAUSER

I dream of a world with less destruction and no guns that harm people. I dream of a world without all viruses and sickness. I dream of a world where all races can get along in peace and harmony FRANK CRAVEN

I dream that people would be kind. And that I would be there to help out my friends. And that everyone can always be together KEENAN PAPPANO

I dream a world where no one is our enemy. There would be no more wars. I would have an easier time getting along with everyone. DANIELLE BECKETT I dream a world where I was at Disneyland all by myself to hang out, to talk about stuff. Get rid of this virus. DEREK SCHRAM

I really, really want a temple for the world. It could be a synagogue that would make a better place for people. I dream a world that I could bless on drinking some grape juice after I wear my tallit and my kippah and read the Torah JOSH STERN

I dream a world of plants and animals and food and friends. I wish for my parents and my cat and my brother and my friends. LISA KRUPINSKI

I dream for themselves and for all the people who are there for us, especially for some of them in heaven and I will keep the faith and the faith goes with us every day, especially for all of us on this earth. MATT RUBIN

I dream a world of seeing people I haven't seen since the pandemic. BECCA MILLER

I dream a world, a happy world. ARSHEEL LALANI