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Dear friends,

“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.” – Arthur Ashe

Ashe’s observation exemplifies a concept that first appears in the Torah at the beginning of parashat Terumah asking for volunteers to assist in the building of the portable wilderness sanctuary, the mishkan: “From every man/person whose heart so moves him” asher yidvenu leebo יִדְבְּנוּ לְבָוֹ (Exodus 25:2-8).

Commenting on this verse, Naomi Graetz, a remarkable Israeli Masorti educator, has taught “Everyone is capable of volunteering, even those who think they have nothing to offer. It comes down to attitude, what’s in our heart that makes us want to make the world a better place.”

Our GHC community could not function without volunteers. From its inception more than 75 years ago, volunteers have been our lifeblood. How blessed we have been to have folk step up to the plate and take their turn at bat. How appropriate then that this year’s gala celebrates and honors Shara Sheinberg, Sheila Greenwald, and Adam Bass & Miriam Tepper.

May each of you continue to go from strength to strength, teaching us by example how to make a difference.

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