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UNITED IN GRATITUDE
Millburn-Short Hills Faith Community
Gathered for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Short Hills, NJ. On Sunday afternoon, November 17, 2019, the faith communities of Millburn and Short Hills, New Jersey gathered at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun to share in a celebration of gratitude for all the blessings of this life, including the connections and relationships that transcend the things that make each of us unique and diverse.

The Thanksgiving celebration was a fun and festive service that included music and liturgical dancing, prayer, stories, and some wonderful reflections. One of the speakers, Shashank Mishra, representing the Hindu community and the Millburn-Short Hills Desi Club, said it best:

I feel that there is no 'reaching across'! You only reach across when there is a wall or a boundary. There are no walls or barriers here, just because we choose – by birth or otherwise – to practice our faith in a different manner. The ultimate destination is the same.

The Coalition of Religious Leaders of Millburn & Short Hills hosted the event, which included representation from the Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Hindu communities. Liturgical dancers from all over the greater Newark area participated as well.

The Coalition of Religious Leaders of Millburn and Short Hills is open to all religious and faith communities.

The following communities participated in the event: Chabad at Short Hills, Christ Church in Short Hills, Community Congregational Church, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Millburn-Short Hills Desi Club, Mt. Zion AME Church, Short Hills/Millburn Islamic Families Organization, St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, and Wyoming Presbyterian Church.

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