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Rabbi **Arnold Resnicoff**, retired U.S. Navy chaplain, offered the opening prayer February 6 before the U.S. House of Representatives.

A week after the government shutdown ended, Resnicoff prayed for a “more perfect union, less divided.” Standing before House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Resnicoff said: “Let our nation never slumber. No closings, fits, and starts. No honest pay denied for honest work. No time out from efforts to improve our lives, achieve our dreams.” Resnicoff had also delivered the opening prayer on the floor of the House shortly after an anti-Semitic shooter killed 11 people in the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

Our next class mini reunion is set for Saturday, May 25, in Hanover, and all classmates are invited. Besides an 11 a.m. class meeting in the Zimmerman Lounge at Blunt Alumni Center, we are touring the newly renovated Hood Museum, which has lots to offer, including a provocative collection of contemporary African art. And then, at 8 p.m., a cello concerto inspired by Dartmouth’s Orozco murals will premiere in Spaulding Auditorium.

The *Orozco Concerto*, which was composed by Noah Luna and will be performed by Gabriel Cabezos, was commissioned by **Roger Anderson** to honor the murals and the 250th anniversary of Dartmouth. NPR will broadcast this premiere on its program, *From the Top*. So if you can’t make it to Hanover, tune in.

Shiraz Kotadia, in Connecticut to visit his son and two 10-year-old grandchildren, and **Dolph Highmark**, who lives near Granby, Connecticut, where our class meeting convened, joined the meeting.

Now retired from a career in information technology, Shiraz serves as president of the Almaden Valley Community Association in San Jose, California, and as vice president of a family charitable foundation.

Dolph, an attorney, is doing a lot of satisfying pro bono work helping elderly clients manage their finances and lives. He enjoys time with three grandchildren, ages 5, 4, and 1, teaching them to call in owls. Fishing is one of Dolph’s passions. He once hauled in a sting ray after a two-hour battle. And he’d love to see a mini reunion that chartered a boat off New England. Any other anglers?

Bob Havens, who now lives in Oakland, California, is off visiting Bulgaria and Romania, two countries he’d never seen before though he has been to nearby Turkey 12 times. He managed to re-establish contact with a Turkish friend who had been an exchange student with his family in high school. In 2013 Bob visited Syria for a week. His travel plans were interrupted when his passport and visa were stolen, and he spent three days getting his visa renewed. But he lived to tell the story.

Class president **Dave Peck** wants to encourage classmates from around the country to join our class meetings, so he’s moving some of them out of Hanover. We’re thinking about San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and other cities.

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