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Rabbi Susan Grossman
Beth Shalom Congregation
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Dear Rabbi Grossman:

On behalf of USCJ, we want to wish you a hearty Mazal Tov on your 33 years of dedicated pulpit service and 25 years as rabbi of Beth Shalom Congregation in Potomac, Maryland. As you transition to your role as rabbi emerita in coming months, we also applaud you for your continuous dedication to USCJ, the Rabbinical Assembly, and the Conservative Movement through your scholarship, rabbinic presence, and many leadership roles.

You were among the first women to enter JTS rabbinical school and be ordained as a Conservative rabbi.

Your vision and foresight played a key role in Beth Shalom Congregation's growth and the strengthening of Jewish life in the Potomac area and beyond.

As chair of the CJLS subcommittee on Family, Gender, and Women and then as co-chair of the subcommittee on Personal Status, you shepherded landmark *teshuvot* on gay marriage, gay rabbis, and women's status in prayer and marriage. You also personally authored several important *teshuvot* that transformed Jewish law on gender and women's health issues, to name a few.

We know that your efforts will continue to impact both Beth Shalom Congregation and the greater community in years to come.

We applaud your efforts to embrace Torah and your responsibility to serve and support the greater Jewish community, the community at large, the United States of America, and the State of Israel in a manner consistent with the principles of an authentic and dynamic Judaism.

May you, your family, and Beth Shalom Congregation continue to go from strength to strength.

Warm regards,



Ned Gladstein
President



Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal
Chief Executive Officer