

To the Bikur Cholim of Greater Washington:

It has been our great honor to be a friend and neighbor of Rabbi David Balto for 14 years. We're writing to commend the extraordinary work he has done as a chaplain, and to tell you about the positive impact he has had on our family and community.

David consistently demonstrates a deep commitment to his chaplaincy work, and his exceptional qualities extend far beyond his official duties. He recognizes each individual's potential and talents, and finds a way to harness them for good. For example, David knows that our 16-year-old son, Elijah, who has special needs, loves listening to and blowing the shofar. On a number of memorable occasions, David took the initiative to bring Elijah to nursing homes around Rosh Hashana to blow shofar for the residents. This double act of kindness not only brought joy to the patients, but also gave Elijah a unique and empowering experience. Perhaps most importantly, David recognized Elijah's potential, and made sure that he had the opportunity to contribute to the community, teaching us all that people with special needs can give back in significant ways.

Beyond these particular instances, David consistently demonstrates a compassionate and inclusive approach to his work. He is able to connect with people from all walks of life and instills a sense of belonging and purpose in all those he interacts with.

We are delighted that David is being honored by Bikur Cholim of Greater Washington. He is a shining example of the impact that one dedicated and caring individual can have on a community. Mazal tov on this well-deserved honor, David!

Sincerely,
Becky and Matthew Price