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Rabbi Yaakov Gibber and Dr. Charles Trauring  
Boca Jewish Center - Shaaray Tefilla  
21065 Powerline Road  
Boca Raton, FL 33433

Dear Rabbi Gibber and Dr. Trauring,

It is my pleasure to write these words of tribute to your honorees, Lesli and Jordon Ross.

The Ross' are truly an exemplary couple, whose dedication to your synagogue is but one small example of their dedication and commitment to the Jewish people and Jewish life.

But even more, Mr. Ross is a distinguished alum of our school, a man who remains committed to our core values and who has a family who follows in his traditions. He is the eternal "booster" for Jewish education in general and Ida Crown Jewish Academy in particular, and we are very proud to count him as a member of "our family."

On a personal level, I have known Mr. Ross since I was a student in elementary school alongside his children, and remember even then his quest for excellence and opportunity for all Jewish children.

My one regret is that Chicago winters are not as warm as those in Boca - for if they were, we would be able to enjoy his direct participation in our Chicago community on a more regular basis.

Mazal tov to your synagogue and mazal tov to Mr. and Mrs. Ross!

With Torah blessings, I remain,

Rabbi Leonard A. Matanky  
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