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Dear Friends,

The essence of the thirty-one years of devoted service that Rabbi Barry and Judi Kenter have provided to our community is not to be found in a list of their many accomplishments. They have put all of their heart, soul and might into their work for our congregation and our congregants. For that, as well as for their many successes, every one of us at Greenburgh Hebrew Center will be forever thankful.

Since their arrival, our *kehilla* has been transformed – and immeasurably strengthened and enriched – by the creation of a fully egalitarian community, by the renovation and rebuilding of our building in 1990-91, by our successful merger with Midchester Jewish Center in 2005, by our greening and social justice programs, and by our creation of an active and highly participatory congregation.

When asked what he most enjoyed about his rabbinate, Rabbi Kenter could have mentioned his scholarship, resulting in his Doctorate of Hebrew Letters, or his hundreds of sermons and classes, or the thousands of religious services he has led at GHC, or his work as a GreenFaith Fellow or Jewish Greening Fellow, or the congregational trips that he and Judi led to Israel, Spain and Portugal.

His answer was that he thought it wonderful to be part of people's lives.

Rabbi Kenter has shared with us and made more meaningful the joy of births, the joy of our sons and daughters becoming b'nei mitzvah, the joy of weddings and other simchot, and the joy of our every-day lives. And he has comforted us in mourning, in sickness and in times of tragedy and calamity.

Judi has made her own, distinct contributions to our community – leading Jr. Congregation, holding multiple positions in Sisterhood (both at GHC and at the national level), jumping in to lend a hand at synagogue events, and attending daily minyan five days a week for the last fifteen years.

Finally, no tribute to the Kenters would be complete without mention of Eytan and Doron, the young boys they raised before our eyes to become men steeped in Jewish and secular learning and devoted to the Jewish community. It is wonderful now to see them build their own families, and successful careers.

Thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm and many achievements.

Sherry K. Padva

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