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In Honor of Robin Rosenberg – From the GHC Religious School

Dearest Robin,

For the past two years the Religious School and all its students have had the gift of a friend and advocate in you. For two years, every time I've wanted to do something slightly crazy (or even impossible!) you've always said, "We'll figure it out!" For me, and for our students, this was a great gift, because you have seen what our vision is for the school: To be a place where children come with eager excitement, where they see themselves as important, truly essential, to the workings of our synagogue. You have helped to create a place where every student, from the 2's class in the ECC to the teen madrichim and the Hebrew High kids, all feel at home.

Here are all the ways you have come to my aid in the past two years: You have shlepped teachers to subways and you have shlepped bagels to teachers. You picked up art supplies, packed Chanukah bags, ran all over the county to find just the right **something** for a game or a prize or a reward. You have listened with a kind and generous ear to my concerns ("*Ke-vetch, ke-vetch, ke-vetch!*"), and you have helped me solve problems that would have stumped Rashi! You have altered the time-space continuum to make things possible for the religious school, and I am so grateful!

Rachel Elka, thank you for the kindness, creativity, and infinite patience you've shown to me as I found my footing in this position. (And this would be a great place to say thank you to my partner, Shara Sheinberg, for teaching me how to think about all the competing interests that you, Robin, have had to juggle!) I have learned so much from you, and my hope is to continue to dream big, and to think of the big picture for our children and for the shul. As the wisdom literature teaches us:

What a rare find is a strong woman! Clothed in Strength and Splendor ... She never eats the bread of idleness (she is actually the Energizer Bunny!) Her children (all 63 of them) sing her praises!

Robin, as you have strengthened our congregation and our school, may you go from strength to strength! *Hazak, hazak, v'nit-hzeik!* 

With love and thanks,

Marcia Lane