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SENIOR ADVISOR Rabbi Mitchell Cohen March 2022 / Adar II 5782

Dear Mitch,

It is a pleasure and an honor to have the opportunity to write a tribute to you. As the incoming president of the National Ramah Commission, I will miss working day to day with you as past presidents have been able to do for so many years. One of your many attributes has been your mentorship of so many people over the years, including your successor, Amy Skopp Cooper. While I look forward to working day to day with Amy, I know that her capability to take on the national director role is due in part to your years of leadership and mentorship. You have set the bar high for Amy, but she and we are thrilled that you will continue to play an important role with NRC moving forward.

You and I met about 20 years ago on the kikar at Ramah Wisconsin. I had recently joined the Wisconsin board, and your kindness and willingness to help me understand the importance of Ramah remains with me today. Years later, as the president of the board of Ramah Wisconsin, your support, expertise, time, and knowledge was greatly needed and so sincerely appreciated. Mitch, you are indeed one of a kind. You are a person with a vast network of friends and colleagues who value you both as an individual and as a leader of the Jewish people. You have impacted so many lives in such positive ways.

We all owe you a debt of gratitude and a huge Todah Rabbah for all that you have done and will continue to do.

Yashar Koach, Mitch!

Arnie Harris Senior Vice President