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Dear Faith Joy:

To say you are about to begin an exciting new chapter in your life is an understatement. A new coast, a new rabbinical position, and empty-nesterdom. When you start a new chapter...it's really new!

But before the present chapter reaches its conclusion, know that your impact on Temple B'nai Abraham and its members - and your colleagues - has been both meaningful and enduring.

You pushed us to embrace innovative efforts in social action for Jews and non-Jews alike.

You exemplified the mitzvah taught in Leviticus, that we not "stand idly by" while our neighbor bleeds, through your involvement in gun control action, refugee resettlement, caring for the environment, and other causes.

You led us in worship and, as *shaliach tzibur*, your devotion and *kavanah* touched all who prayed with you.

You expanded our educational efforts, broadening the Jewish knowledge, and the horizons and sensibilities, of those who studied with you.

Most important, you connected deeply with many, many of those in our extended family. They will feel your loss, which to me is the most significant and clear sign of the impact you made. To so many, you mattered.

May you, David, and your sons be blessed as the adventure begins. I am confident your future accomplishments will be as consequential as those that have already graced your rabbinate.

In friendship, and with hopes for peace,

Bivracha,

Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin