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Rabbi David Z. Vaisberg, M.A.R.E., M.A.H.L.

Dear Rabbi Faith Joy Dantowitz,

More than a year ago now, anticipating my start at Temple B'nai Abraham, I was so very excited for this opportunity to work with you, even if for but a year. I've had the privilege of knowing you for a very long time—I learned from you during your time at Hebrew Union College about what it could mean to serve as a rabbi, and I learned from you as a colleague when I was down in Edison about how a person can dedicate every cell of their being to working for a better world. Now, I learn from your wisdom and experience as a clergy partner who is supportive, honest, and completely dedicated to her craft of bringing healing, learning, meaning, and love to this community.

What a year it has been. Though technically we have had fewer than twelve months together, it feels like we have been through a whole lot, and I know that I will value what I have experienced with and learned from you for years to come. You are the embodiment of the halakhic principle *lifnim m'shurat hadin*, the idea that while a person can simply fulfill his or her obligation, it is better to go above and beyond. This is what you do. You hold on tight to the needs of those you care about, and you do everything in your power and more to make sure that they have everything they need, be it through a meaningful teaching, a loving phone call, a frank conversation, or a delicious meal delivered. And you care about this entire temple family. We have been the beneficiaries of your boundless care, and for that, we have been so very blessed.

It has been a privilege and honor working with you, and Congregation Emeth is so very fortunate to be having you join them as their spiritual leader. Know that you will always have a home back here at Temple B'nai Abraham, and we wish you only the best for this next step in your journey. May you, David, Ezra, Benjamin, Samuel, and Daniel be blessed with success, joy, meaning, and happiness during this next exciting chapter in your lives.

In blessing and friendship,

Dave