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Dear Gail,

A particular text comes to mind when I think of how essential you've been to Temple B'nai Abraham, and me, over these past few years.

In Pirkei Avot, Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah teaches that where there is no *derekh eretz*—no decent right conduct—there can be no Torah. This is followed by the more popularly known line, *ein kemach, ein Torah*—no dough, no Torah.

To fulfill our sacred obligations as a Temple, we need our team working together, we need communications pouring forth, we need infrastructure in top condition, and of course, we need finances (the dough) in order. Behind Temple B'nai Abraham's success this past quarter-century has been your guiding hand, your wisdom, and your grace. We have a thriving sacred community, even in these unusually challenging times, thanks to you.

I feel so fortunate to have had these past few years with you, working in close partnership, learning from you the mechanics of this institution and the nature of the relationships that bind it together. In our short time, we've experienced tragedy and joy, and it's been a gift and privilege to stand with you.

May this next chapter of your life be nourishing, refreshing, and fulfilling. May you be graced with every blessing that you have bestowed upon this Temple family.

L'shalom,

Dave