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Rabbi Max Edwards

Dear Julie,

Temple B'nai Abraham, as an institution, community, and family, is enormously grateful for your leadership these past few years. Amid the challenges of a global pandemic, coupled with the day-to-day management of a non-profit, you have been a steady, firm hand through it all. We all value your commitment to the legacy of Temple B'nai Abraham and your ability to notice, analyze, and act, ensuring that TBA is left in a position of spiritual and financial strength.

Our Teacher Moses was not afraid to start anew. When things got messy for our ancestors, he stepped up to the top of the mountain, threw the tablets to the ground, shattered what came before, and then worked to build up a new, brighter future. You have the gift, and have shared the gift, of fearlessness in the face of change. It takes foresight and years of built-up trust to find the balance between fidelity to time-honored values and innovation. TBA has trusted in you, and you have trusted in the institution; for that shared and mutual respect, our organization, and I as one of the clergy, am extremely grateful.

I wish you in your *real* retirement only endless *naches* to be shared amongst your family and friends. You have earned some well-deserved time to yourself and with *your* Max. May you always go from strength to strength and may you continue to walk in the ways of justice and peace.

Sincerely,



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