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Dear friends and fellow Beth Adam members,

The retirement of a Founding Rabbi is a natural change in the life of any congregation, and we at Beth Adam have always taken pride in being a congregation that adapts to change. We have had the great fortune to have Rabbi Barr here with us for over 4 decades. I am sure you will agree with me that after these many years of dedication to our success, he has earned a relaxing and enjoyable retirement.

While this announcement may come as a surprise, I would like to reassure you that Beth Adam's leadership has been working for some time in preparation. A Search Committee is being formed and a plan is being put in motion. As Rabbi Barr shared, his retirement is not happening immediately. He will still be here with us through June 2025 doing the work of the congregation and offering his feedback as we navigate through this process.

No doubt, you have questions about what happens now. I encourage you to join me at Beth Adam on Sunday, October 16 at 9:45 a.m. for a congregational informational session about Rabbi Barr's retirement and the search for a new Rabbi Chief Executive. Here we will begin to show you the timeline for this transition, introduce you to those in charge of the process and let you know how each of you will have the opportunity to be involved. You may also participate via Zoom and a link will be sent out before the 16th.

Rabbi Barr has been our leader, our teacher and our inspiration for over 40 years. We will never find another like him, but we are committed to finding a Rabbi Chief Executive who will help our congregation continue to be the vibrant, intellectual community it has always been.

"This is the beginning of a new day, and the closing of another." This is an important, exciting time in the history of Congregation Beth Adam. I hope you, like me, look forward to celebrating Robert Barr's amazing career and working to shape the next phase of our congregational life together.

Sincerely,

Marcie Rosenston  
President