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Dear Member,

I led my first High Holiday service at Beth Adam in 1980 and have continued to do so ever since. Serving as Beth Adam's rabbi for more than four decades has been a privilege and an honor. We can be proud of what we have achieved together.

Having served as Beth Adam's Rabbi Chief Executive (RCE) for 43 years, it probably comes as no surprise that it is time for me to retire. I have informed the Board of Beth Adam that I will officially be stepping down on June 30, 2025, just shy of my 70th birthday. I am informing the entire congregation now because I want to ensure that there is sufficient time for our community to engage in the necessary process of engaging a new rabbi to take on the role of RCE.

It truly has been an incredible journey. When we began the congregation there were many who doubted Beth Adam had a future. But as a community we persevered. But more than simply surviving we challenged convention and achieved great things. We have met the challenges and opportunities with creativity, integrity, and a commitment to our vision, mission and values. We have made history together.

My rabbinic life and the life of my family has been intertwined with the life of the congregation. Now after more than four decades it is time for this part of my career to draw to a close. I am looking forward to a new chapter in my life, though I am not exactly sure how I will spend my time. And while I will no longer be RCE, I will always be committed to Beth Adam and its continued success.

While the board and committees will be working to find a new RCE, the regular activities of the congregation continue. I look forward to a productive two plus years between now and this important transition in the history of Beth Adam. And know that I will continue to serve the congregation with the same commitment and energy I have these past 40+ years. My goal has been and continues to be the success of this remarkable community. Together we will continue to achieve great things.

Robert B. Barr
Rabbi