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February 28, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I write to you today to urge you to favorable consider the Jewish Primary Day School's application for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W., which is before the Board of Zoning Judgement. As a nine year resident of Ward 4 (the site of the school) I am convinced that this application is a worthy one which will result in a healthier Shepherd Park neighborhood, a healthier District of Columbia and a healthier D.C. Jewish Community.

I would not write this letter if I was alone in my judgement. The majority of the population of the Jewish Primary Day School is drawn from residents of the District of Columbia. Moreover, many Shepherd Park neighbors, the members of the Oheve Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel synagogues and the Reverend Aldridge are all supporting this well conceived application.

I truly believe that the future growth and well being of the District Columbia is directly related to the health and welfare of the D.C. Jewish Community. If we could somehow see into the future ten years and knew that there was a thriving, growing and prosperous Jewish Community in D.C., we could also be reasonably assured that the District itself, its other strong communities, its economy and its city government would also be prospering.

The Jewish Primary Day School is a just the type of asset that will ensure a vibrant D.C. It attracts highly-educated, community-minded families to the District of Columbia. The school itself has been recognized for the quality of its curriculum and its students' performance.

Moreover, I am convinced that this temporary (three year) proposal will have immediate advantages for Ward 4 and the Shepherd Park neighborhood. Timely snow removal, after school programs, joint programs with Shepherd Park Elementary and increased public safety with traffic policing are among the many benefits the school will bring to the neighborhood.

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
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This proposal is a positive development for everyone involved. I feel confident of the wisdom of this action because the school has gone, and will go, the extra mile to solicit community advice, respond to community concerns and plan accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ira N. Forman

cc:
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-Large
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Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

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March 1, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Reid:

I write to you regarding Application #16556. This application concerns the Jewish Primary Day Schools (JPDS) proposal for a temporary occupancy at7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street., N.W.

The JPDS is a quality educational institution. It is just the type of institution that citizens of the District can be proud of. This independent co-educational Jewish day school has been noted for its educational excellence. Moreover, its primary constituency is the Jewish residents of the District of Columbia. In the years ahead this school will attract many hard-working, tax-paying families to the District.

I am a long-time resident of the Crestwood neighborhood to the south of Shepherd Park. I would not ask you to favorably consider this proposal if I did not believe it would benefit the city and if I did not know that it has strong local support. I know for example that besides the members of the two synagogues in which the school would be housed, there are a number of Shepherd Park neighbors who support the plan, as well as the Reverend Aldridge.

Part of the reason for this support is the work the school has done to ask for feedback from the neighbors and its willingness to adjust its plans to reflect their concerns. In addition, the school is dedicated to being the type of neighbor that will offer programs and services that give something back to the Shepherd Park neighborhood.

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The three-year occupancy will mean so much to the children of this school. But it also means a great deal to the District of Columbia. I urge you to give favorable consideration to this application.

Very truly yours,

Caryn G. Pass

Caryn G. Pass

3530 Quesada, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20015

March 3, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
414 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20012

Re. Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

As a D.C. resident, I join many Shepherd Park neighbors, members of Ohev Shalom Talmud Torah, and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia, the Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is committed to remaining in the District. Its application is only for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W.

Securing appropriate space for JPDS' temporary location in the District benefits the entire community, including Shepherd Park. For example, JPDS contributes to the quality of life of its neighbors through snow removal, after school programs, joint programs with Shepherd Park Elementary School, increased public safety with traffic policing, cultural exchange programs involving seniors, and a community relations oversight board. Founded in 1987, JPDS is, of course, an independent school opened to everyone. The school has been recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and student's performance. Most importantly, more than fifty percent of the students are District residents.

In addition, JPDS has retained a local traffic-engineering firm to examine existing traffic conditions in the area. Relying on input from the community, JPDS is committed to determining the most appropriate plans for handling drop-off and pick-up of its students, including a possible adjustment in its school day hours to accommodate present traffic patterns.

This temporary three-year occupancy will mean so much to the 178 children, and their many D.C.-based families, who are eager for their beloved school to have a home. Thank you for approving this application and for allowing JPDS to remain in the District.

Sincerely,

Ben Friedman

cc:
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair, ANC 4A

1001 20th Street, N.W.
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Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
414 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20012

Re: Application #16556

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Sincerely,

Kristina Ament

cc:
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair, ANC 4A

2727 29th Street, N W.
#414
Washington, D.C. 20008

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
414 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20012

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

As a D.C. resident, I join many Shepherd Park neighbors, members of Ohev Shalom Talmud Torah, and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia, the Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is committed to remaining in the District. Its application is only for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W.

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Sincerely,

Jonathan N. Rosen

cc:
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair, ANC 4A

1338 Geranium Street, NW
Washington, DC 20012
February 29, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application 16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

I strongly support the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol to locate temporarily at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. I am a resident of Shepherd Park, a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation and the father of a student at the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS).

The school has made a tremendous contribution to Jewish life in the District of Columbia for 13 years, and has helped to stem the movement of the Jewish community out of the city. As the only Jewish Day School in the District of Columbia, it has provided an excellent education for hundreds of students, and serves as a focal point for many families who hope to be able to remain residents of the District. (Over half the students are DC citizens.)

Unfortunately, JPDS must move from its current location at the end of June, 2000. A search committee has been unable to find an alternative location for the school for the coming September. There is a very strong likelihood that if JPDS cannot relocate temporarily into Tifereth Israel Congregation and Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah, the school will have to close permanently. We would lose a wonderful and valuable community institution.

What better temporary home could there be for a Jewish school, than two synagogues? Both Tifereth Israel Congregation and Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah have been in our neighborhood for forty years. Because both have large buildings that already include classrooms, they could easily accommodate the school with minimal impact to our neighbors. To ensure that there will be minimal impact, JPDS has put much effort into developing a traffic plan that includes the input of Shepherd Park residents.

I hope you and the BZA will approve this application.

Sincerely,

John S. Young

CC: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
ANC 4A03, Joseph Hairston

1618 Myrtle St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We are residents of Shepherd Park, who join with our neighbors in supporting the application of the Jewish Primary Day School for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth St., N.W. Those two addresses are existing synagogues on Sixteenth Street. The temporary (3-year) use of the existing space in those synagogues is an appropriate use. The few additional cars of parents and staff will add very little to the existing traffic. We are sure the school will do everything in its power to minimize the impact on the neighborhood.

The JPDS is well known for its excellent staff and curriculum. It is the only Jewish day school left in the District. It is our understanding that the school has lost its lease at Connecticut and Porter and must have permission to use the Sixteenth Street synagogues if it is to continue to exist. It is important that the school, which is planning a permanent building in the District, be permitted this temporary use of the existing synagogue space. We urge you to approve the application.

Joseph Penny

(Mrs.) Rachel Penny

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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BARBARA LOCK GOODMAN
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February 12, 2000

Sheila Reid, Chair, BZA
414th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

In re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

On November 30, 1999 I visited The Jewish Primary Day School with other members of of Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah Synagogue. I taught in schools in the District and Montgomery County for over 26 years and have visited a wide variety of classrooms, sometimes as part of an evaluation committee. I found JPDS one of the most well-organized schools I have ever seen. The most important impression I had was of the orderly way each classroom was conducted, the on-task behavior of all of the students and the smooth overall operation of the school. The classes are small and taught by imaginative, experienced teachers. Abundant displays of children's work reflected a wide variety of studies including some not usually associated with elementary school students, like a consideration of the techniques of Rembrandt and James Whistler.

JPDS involves itself in community affairs. Its children visit the sick and elderly; they participate in programs that help the homeless; they would hold joint programs with children from public schools. This school would be an asset to and would enhance the reputation of any neighborhood.

I have long been active in the affairs of the Shepherd Park neighborhood where I have lived for 36 years, especially with the 60-household Floral-Alaska Triangle Neighborhood Watch. I have been particularly vigilant throughout my long association with my neighbors about the improper use of neighborhood properties. To allow the temporary use of the two large synagogues to house a relatively small school is fully in keeping with an appropriate use of those properties I strongly urge the BZA to approve the application for an exception.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) Barbara L. Goodman

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

1442 Roxanna Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012
February 21, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid.

As a long time resident of Shepherd Park, I wish to join with my neighbors in supporting the application of the Jewish Primary Day School for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W. Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel, the two large synagogues located at those addresses, have been in Shepherd Park for forty years. The temporary use of the existing space in those synagogues is an eminently appropriate use of the buildings. The few additional cars of parents and staff will add very little to the existing traffic and the school will make every effort to minimize the impact on the neighborhood.

The Jewish Primary Day School is an excellent school, well known for its thorough, creative and demanding curriculum in all grades. Because the school has lost its lease at Connecticut and Porter and must have permission to use the two synagogues on Sixteenth Street if it is to continue to exist, it is very important that it be permitted this temporary use of the existing synagogue space. It is planning a permanent building in the District and will be ready to occupy that space at the end of the three year period. I strongly urge you to approve the application.

Yours very truly,

Sidney Berger

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
ANC 4A03, Joseph Hairston

7827 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

February 17, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D,C. 20001

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We join with many of our Shepherd Park neighbors in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment for temporary 3-year occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W.. The Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and the school is committed to remaining in the District to serve its many students who reside in D.C.

The Jewish Primary Day School has established itself as a model school renowned for its creative, thorough and intelligent instruction. Founded in 1987, JPDS is an independent school open to everyone. More than half of those students now enrolled at JPDS are District residents. It is very important that the school, which plans to build a permanent school in D.C., remain in the District during its temporary three-year occupancy of the two synagogues. We strongly urge you to approve JPDS's application.

Yours very truly,

Melvin Lewis

Melvin Lewis

Beatrice Lewis

Beatrice Lewis

cc:
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
ANC member, Joseph Hairston

Patrizia Bailey
1421 Locust St., NW
Washington, DC 20012
25 February 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth St. NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

I join many of my Shepherd Park neighbors, members of Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah, and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and the school is committed to remaining in the District. The JPDS application is for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW.

The Jewish Primary Day School is a true treasure for the District's entire community. Founded in 1987, JPDS is an independent school open to everyone The school has been recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and students' performance. Most importantly, half of the JPDS families are District residents The Jewish Primary Day School's temporary and permanent location certainly should be in the District of Columbia.

This temporary three-year occupancy will mean so much to the 180 children who are eager for their beloved school to have a home. Thank you for approving this application and for allowing JPDS to remain in the District.

Sincerely,

Patrizia Bailey

Cc. Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

1440 Hemlock Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012
February 22, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We have lived in Shepherd Park for many years and are happy to join with our neighbors in supporting the application of the Jewish Primary Day School for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W. Those two addresses are those of existing synagogues on Sixteenth Street. The temporary (3-year) use of the existing space in those synagogues is an appropriate use. The few additional cars of parents and staff will add very little to the existing traffic. We are sure that JPDS will do everything possible to minimize the impact on the neighborhood.

The JPDS is well known for its demanding curriculum, its imaginative staff and its proven record in producing graduates who excel in the schools they attend after finishing elementary school. We understand that the school has lost its lease at Adas Israel at Connecticut and Porter and must have permission to use the Sixteenth Street synagogues if it is to continue to exist. We strongly feel that it is important that the school, which is planning a permanent building in the District, be permitted this temporary use of the existing synagogue space. We urge you to approve the application.

Yours very truly,

Benjamin Mintz

Harriet Mintz

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
ANC 4A03, Joseph Hairston

Brenda Krieger & John Carhart
1519 Newton St. NW
Washington, DC 20010

February 21, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth St. NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

We have been residents and business owners in the District of Columbi for close to 30 years. Our children have attended schools in the District for the last 15 years. We love this city and would like to continue to live here and help it thrive.

We join the neighbors and members of Tifereth Israel and Ohev Sholom in writing this letter to show our support and urge you to approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. This temporary occupancy, at these two existing synagogues, will insure that the Jewish Primary Day School continues to thrive as it plans and builds it permanent location in the District. The school is doing everything it can to minimize the impact of the school, and traffic in particular, on the surrounding neighborhood.

For the last twelve years, the Jewish Primary Day School has become a magnet for District families looking for an excellent school and an more intensive Jewish education. This is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and its tremendous growth over the last decade is a clear indication that we need to keep it here. We thank you for helping this to happen.

Sincerely,

Brenda Krieger and John Carhart

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

1355 Jonquil St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I have been a long time resident of Shepherd Park, and wish to join with my neighbors in supporting the application of the Jewish Primary Day School for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth St., N.W. Those two addresses are existing synagogues on Sixteenth Street. The temporary (3-year) use of the existing space in those synagogues is an appropriate use. The few additional cars of parents and staff will add very little to the existing traffic; and I believe the school will do everything possible to minimize the impact on the neighborhood.

The JPDS is well known for its excellent staff and curriculum. It is the only Jewish day school left in the District. I understand that the school has lost its lease at Connecticut and Porter and must have permission to use the Sixteenth Street synagogues if it is to continue to exist. It is important that the school, which is planning a permanent building in the District, be permitted this temporary use of the existing synagogue space. I urge you to approve the application.

Yetta F. Appel

(Mrs.) Yetta Appel

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers -at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
ANC 4A03, Joseph Hairston

Lois GRAY
1325 Jonquil St NW

Washington, DC 20012
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Ms. Sheila Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth St. NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

Though I do not live in the Shepherd Park area, I am a DC resident, and I attend services at All Peoples Congregation. I would like to go on record with Reverend Aldridge in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and the school is committed to remaining in the District. The JPDS application is for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW.

The Jewish Primary Day School is a true treasure for the District's entire community. Founded in 1987, JPDS is an independent school open to everyone. The school has been recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and students' performance. Most importantly, half of the JPDS families are District residents. The Jewish Primary Day School's temporary and permanent location certainly should be in the District of Columbia.

This temporary three-year occupancy will mean so much to the 180 children who are eager for their beloved school to have a home. Thank you for approving this application and for allowing JPDS to remain in the District.

Sincerely,

Lois Gray

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

1306 Geranium St, NW
Washington, DC 20012
February 24, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth St, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing to inform you that, as an almost 20 year resident of Shepherd Park, I support the application of the Jewish Primary Day School for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth St, NW. The temporary use of the two Jewish Synagogues by the Jewish Primary Day School is completely appropriate and should be welcomed by the community. We support the school and its activities and believe that the children add to the diversity of the neighborhood. We are certain that the two organizations will do whatever is necessary to minimize traffic on Sixteenth Street.

It is very important that the JPDS be permitted to continue without interruption and allow it time to prepare for its permanent home in the District. It is also important that we learn to tolerate and in fact promote differences within our neighborhoods, so that all citizens, especially children, feel at home no matter where they are.

We strongly urge you to approve this application.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wulkan, Edward Wulkan

Elizabeth Wulkan
Edward Wulkan

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
ANC 4A03, Joseph Hairston

7936 Orchid St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We are long time residents of Shepherd Park. We support the application of the Jewish Primary Day School for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth St., N.W. Those two addresses are for existing, large synagogues on Sixteenth Street. The temporary (3-year) use of the existing space in those synagogues is an appropriate use, and the few additional cars of parents and staff will add very little to the existing traffic.

It is also important to note that the school is well known for its excellent staff and curriculum. It is the only Jewish day school left in the District. It is important that the school, which is planning a permanent building in the District, be permitted this temporary use of the existing synagogue space. We urge you to approve the application.

Meyer Kleinerman

Dena Kleinerman

(Mrs.) Dena Kleinerman

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers -at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
ANC 4A03, Joseph Hairston

1412 Floral Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012
February 21, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms Reid:

I have lived in Shepherd Park for four decades. I join with my neighbors in supporting the application of the Jewish Primary Day School for temporary occupancy at Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah (7712 Sixteenth St., N.W.) and Tifereth Israel (7701 Sixteenth St., N.W.) Both of those synagogues have also been in Shepherd Park for forty years. The temporary use of the existing space in those synagogues is an appropriate use of the buildings. The additional cars of the parents and staff will add very little to the existing traffic. The school will make every effort to minimize the impact on the neighborhood.

The Jewish Primary Day School is a school well known for its excellent, imaginative, and effective curriculum for students in all grades it offers. Because the school has lost its lease at Connecticut and Porter and must have permission to use the two synagogues on Sixteenth Street if it is to continue to exist, it is extremely important that it be permitted this temporary use of the existing synagogue space. It is planning to stay in the District in a permanent building that will be ready for occupancy at the end of the three year period. I strongly urge you to approve the application.

Yours very truly,

Howard Plaut

Howard Plaut

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
ANC 4A03, Joseph Hairston

1520 Kalmia Rd., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I have been a long time resident of Shepherd Park and a practicing attorney in the District of Columbia. I wish to join with my neighbors in supporting the application of the Jewish Primary Day School for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth St., N.W. Those two addresses designate existing, large synagogues on Sixteenth Street. The temporary (3-year) use of the existing space in those synagogues is an appropriate use. The few additional cars of parents and staff will add very little to the existing traffic; and I believe the school will do everything possible to minimize the impact on the neighborhood.

The JPDS is well known for its excellent staff and curriculum. It is the only Jewish day school left in the District. I understand that the school has lost its lease at Connecticut and Porter and must have permission to use the Sixteenth Street synagogues if it is to continue to exist. It is, therefore, very important that the school, which is planning a permanent building in the District, be permitted this temporary use of the existing synagogue space. I strongly urge you to approve the application.

Ernest M. Shalowitz

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cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
ANC 4A03, Joseph Hairston

8009 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

February 17, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D,C. 20001

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We have lived in Shepherd Park for over forty years and are writing in strong support of the Jewish Primary Day School's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment for temporary 3-year occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W.. At one time there were several Jewish day schools in D.C., but now The Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is the only one now operating here. The school is committed to remaining in the District to serve its many students who reside in D.C..

The Jewish Primary Day School is well known as an exemplary school celebrated for its imaginative staff, demanding curriculum and devotion to serving the needs of every one of its students. The school was founded in 1987 as an independent school open to everyone. More than half of the students now enrolled at JPDS are residents of the District of Columbia. It is very important that the school, which plans to build a permanent school in D.C., remain in the District during its temporary three-year occupancy of the two synagogues. We add our strong support to that of our neighbors in urging you to approve JPDS's application.

Yours very truly,
Paul Sperling
Paul Sperling

Helen Sperling
Helen Sperling

cc:
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
ANC 4A03, Joseph Hairston

1338 Geranium Street, NW
Washington, DC 20012
February 26, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application 16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

I support the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol to locate temporarily at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. I am a resident of Shepherd Park, member of Tifereth Israel Congregation and mother of a kindergarten student at the Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS).

The school was founded 13 years ago. It has provided an excellent education for our daughter, Eve. She has asked me a number of times if she can attend JPDS through sixth grade. She loves her school. It is the only Jewish Day School in the District of Columbia. Over half the students are citizens of the District of Columbia. Unfortunately, JPDS must move from its current location at the end of June, 2000. A search committee has been unable to find an alternative location for the school. I fear that if JPDS cannot move into Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel Congregation, the school may have to close permanently. We would lose a wonderful and valuable community institution.

What better home can there be for a Jewish school, than a synagogue, (or two)? Both Tifereth Israel Congregation and Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah have been in our neighborhood for forty years. Because both synagogues are large buildings with classrooms, they could easily accommodate the school with minimal impact to our neighbors. To ensure that there will be little impact, JPDS has put much effort into developing a traffic plan that includes the input of Shepherd Park residents. I hope you will approve this application.

Sincerely,

Judy White

CC: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
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PAULA S. GOLDMAN
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February 24, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
414 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

Re:Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid;

I am writing to ask the Board of Zoning Adjustments to approve the Jewish Primary Day School's application for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 16th street that is scheduled to be presented to you on March 15th.

I am a lifetime resident of the District and am supportive of all measures that will enhance the quality of life in Washington. I believe that the JPDS has been and will continue to be an asset to our city.

I have been assured that the school is anxious to work with the Shepherd Park community to resolve questions that the ANC has about traffic congestion. To achieve that goal they have hired an engineering firm to provide professional advice to address the concerns of the ANC.

The continued success of the JPDS demonstrates a desire on the part of the parent body , 50% of whom are District residents, and its supporters to remain in the city and become active participants in the community.

Sincerely,
Paula S Goldman

Gail Whitley
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Washington, D.C 20017
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Washington, DC
2/23/00

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This temporary three-year occupancy will mean so much to the 180 children who are eager for their beloved school to have a home. Thank you for approving this application and for allowing JPDS to remain in the District.

Sincerely,

Gail Whitley

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

Lucy Summers
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Washington, DC 20018

Washington, DC
2/22/00

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Carol Collins
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Sincerely,

Carol Collins

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Gertie L. Coleman
6524-8th St. NW
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Washington, DC
2/27/2000

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Sincerely,

Gertie L. Coleman

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Lisa Robinson
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2/27/00

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Sincerely,

Lisa Robinson

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

John O. Coleman, Sr
6524 8th St., N.W.
DC 20012

Washington, DC
2/27/00

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Sincerely,

John O. Coleman, Sr.

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

Reverend Daniel Webster Aldridge, Jr.
5201 First Place, NE
Washington, DC 20011
27 February 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth St. NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

Though I currently reside in Maryland, I work in the District of Columbia, as Minister for the All Peoples Congregation, which meets in Tifereth Israel Congregation. I join many in Shepherd Park, members of Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah, and Tifereth Israel synagogues in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and the school is committed to remaining in the District. The JPDS application is for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW.

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This temporary three-year occupancy will mean so much to the 180 children who are eager for their beloved school to have a home. Tifereth Israel Congregation has been a good neighbor in taking in my congregation when we needed a home. Thank you for approving this application and for allowing JPDS to remain in the District.

Sincerely,

Daniel Aldridge

Reverend Daniel Aldridge, Jr.

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

JUDITH

Judith Axler Turner
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Washington, D.C. 20008
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February 29, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St. NW
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

Though I do not live in Shepherd Park, I am a DC resident. I would like to go on record as a supporter of the application by the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital's before the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

I join many in Shepherd Park, as well as Reverend Aldridge and members of Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel synagogues. The Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia, and serves many District families who otherwise would have to take children to the far suburbs. JPDS is evidence of a thriving Jewish population here. Because the school is open to all, it is committed to providing an outstanding education, one that parents will choose whether or not they are Jewish.

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The JPDS application is for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW, as the split facilities are not ideal. JPDS is seeking a permanent, larger home elsewhere in the District. If this application is not approved, JPDS will have to move to the suburbs, abandoning both the District and the families who live here. A temporary move out there will change the nature of the school, and almost guarantee that it will not move back to DC. This temporary three-year occupancy will mean so much not only to the 180 children and their families, but to those of us in DC who believe that another excellent educational facility in the District is in the best interests of the future of our city.

I urge you to approve this application and allow JPDS to remain in the District.

Sincerely,

Judith Turner

Judith Turner

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

Lynne A. Mersfelder
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Washington, DC 20016
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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W. Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Ms. Reid,

I write you regarding the Jewish Primary Day School application for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W. I go on record as supporting the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. I am a 12 year resident of Washington, D.C., a former ANC Commissioner in Adams Morgan and work in Silver Spring at the DC border, not far from the proposed school. As an active citizen and resident, I am fully committed to the successful development of our city not only as the nation's capital but also as my own adopted home town.

Supporting this application and encouraging a permanent school in the District confirms the diversity of schooling experiences the District should embrace. I understand that in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School, I am joining many of those in Shepherd Park, members of Ohev Shalom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge.

The Jewish Primary Day School is the only Jewish Day School in the District of Columbia and the school is committed to remaining in the District. More than half of the JPDS families are District residents.

The school has been recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and student performance.

Thus, JPDS is an important component of the education services offered within the District. For all of these reasons, the JPDS should have both this temporary home as well as a permanent home within the District.

The temporary three-year occupancy which the BZA is considering will mean so much to the 180 children who attend JPDS, as well as their families, and to the larger DC community. We should fight to keep this culturally diverse school in the District instead of letting it flea to the suburbs like so many businesses and residents. Thank you for considering approval of this application which will allow the JPDS to remain in the District.

Sincerely,

Lynne Mersfelder

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7417 14th St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20012-1501

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth St. NW
Washington D.C. 20001

Dear Ms. Reid,

We write in support of Application # 16556 of the Jewish Primary Day School for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth St., N.W.

As long time residents of Shepherd Park we welcome the prospect of having the JPDS among us. The school is well known for its well-behaved students, superb curriculum and responsible staff.

It is highly appropriate that our community lend a hand to a fine Washington D.C. institution suddenly forced to find temporary lodging. Adequate facilities exist here for parking, and the slight additional traffic would not represent a problem. We are confident the school staff will see to it that there is no untoward impact on its neighbors.

We understand the school is planning a permanent building in the District. It would be an act of generosity and responsibility to come to the aid of the nearly 200 children affected.

We urge you to approve this application.

Very truly yours,

Robert S, Leiken

Katherine R. Leiken

cc. Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A03
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

Rachel Breslow Seidel
7604 Morningside Dr., NW
Washington, DC 20012

Ms. Sheila Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth St. NW
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Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

I join many of my Shepherd Park neighbors, members of Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah, and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. I live just three blocks from the proposed school, and will be sending two of my children there, should you approve the application. The Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and the school is committed to remaining in the District. The JPDS application is for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW.

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Rachel B Seidel

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1 March 2000

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Sincerely,

Martin Kessel, Ph.D.

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Dorothy Bledsoe
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Dorothy Bledsoe

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Sincerely,

Inga. Ervin

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

Gladys B. Baxley
1329 Emerald St., NE
Washington, DC 20002-5431

Washington, DC
2/27/00

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Evon Ervin

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Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

PAUL [redacted] DISHEIM
3507 RODMAN ST. NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20008

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Paul Disheim

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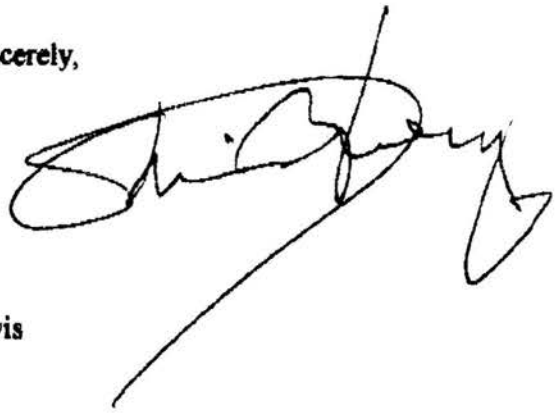
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Rabbi A. Nathan Abramowitz
7832 16th Street N.W.
Washington D.C. 20012

February 24, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application # 16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

I write to you as one who has been a very long time resident of our neighborhood in Shepherd Park. I have lived at my above address and worked at our Synagogue at 7701 16th Street, NW since the fall of 1960, a period of over forty years.

Since coming to Washington, I have served not only as Rabbi of my Congregation but I have, in addition, immediately upon my arrival, immersed myself in the affairs of our city and neighborhood. For a time I served on the Board of Directors of Neighbors Inc. and was active in our local clergy group known as the Upper Northwest Group Ministry. We have always tried to keep our doors open to all the good causes that are so important to our community and society.

At this time, I want you to know that I join many of my Shepherd Park neighbors, members of the two Synagogues in our area, and Rev. Aldridge as well, in supporting the application of the Jewish Primary Day School that is before the Board of Zoning Adjustments. The Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is the only Jewish Day School in the District of Columbia and is committed to remaining in the District. Because they must vacate their current site and because they have not yet been able to acquire their permanent home, the JPDS has made an application for temporary occupancy at 7701 16th Street and 7712 16th Street, NW.

The Jewish Primary Day School is a treasure for the entire Washington community. Founded in 1987, JPDS is an independent school open to everyone. The school has been recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and the performance of its students. Importantly, more than half of its students are District residents and it is in the city's interest that the school's temporary and permanent residence be kept in the District of Columbia.

"Thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children" is a Biblical quotation that we take very seriously. We feel that the opportunity to have our Synagogues used for educational purposes is entirely within our mission both historically and in the present.

This temporary three year occupancy that is being requested will mean so much not only to the 178 children who attend JPDS and who are so anxious for the school to have a home for the coming few years, but will indeed be of benefit to all of us. Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration. It is my hope and prayer that you and the Board will approve the JPDS application so that the school may remain in Washington.

Sincerely,



Rabbi A. Nathan Abramowitz

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Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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1618 Myrtle St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We are residents of Shepherd Park, who join with our neighbors in supporting the application of the Jewish Primary Day School for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth St., N.W. Those two addresses are existing synagogues on Sixteenth Street. The temporary (3-year) use of the existing space in those synagogues is an appropriate use. The few additional cars of parents and staff will add very little to the existing traffic. We are sure the school will do everything in its power to minimize the impact on the neighborhood.

The JPDS is well known for its excellent staff and curriculum. It is the only Jewish day school left in the District. It is our understanding that the school has lost its lease at Connecticut and Porter and must have permission to use the Sixteenth Street synagogues if it is to continue to exist. It is important that the school, which is planning a permanent building in the District, be permitted this temporary use of the existing synagogue space. We urge you to approve the application.

Joseph Penny

(Mrs.) Rachel Penny

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

On behalf of Adas Israel Congregation, we are pleased to support the Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital's (JPDS-NC) application for Temporary Occupancy of 7701 and 7712 16th Street, N.W., as well as JPDS-NC's efforts to secure a permanent home in the District of Columbia.

Adas Israel and JPDS-NC have enjoyed a long and well-established relationship of mutual respect, support, and development since 1987. Adas Israel is proud and pleased to have played an essential role in the founding of the only Jewish Day School in Washington, D.C. Rabbi Wohlberg, Senior Rabbi of Adas Israel, is a founding board member of JPDS-NC. A number of members of the Board of Managers of Adas Israel are also members of the Board of Directors of JPDS-NC.

JDPS-NC grew from a small school serving kindergarten through the third grade to a much larger school serving kindergarten through sixth grade. By 1997, JPDS-NC was outgrowing the limited space available at Adas Israel, and had a long-term strategy of continued development. Adas Israel also was developing plans for its own religious school, nursery school, and youth group programs. At that time, JPDS-NC and Adas Israel agreed that the missions of the school and the synagogue could best be served if JPDS-NC became independent and moved to a separate location. The date agreed to for that move was the end of the 1999-2000 academic year. Since that time, JPDS-NC has honored fully the terms of our agreement with respect to occupancy of our building. Adas Israel has pursued its program development plans and a number of new or expanded programs are set to begin at the synagogue in the fall of 2000.

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Throughout the process, Adas Israel has expressed our support for both the mission and the continued success of the school. We therefore endorse JPDS-NC's efforts to secure interim and permanent space in the District of Columbia.

We hope this letter makes clear the good relationship between JPDS-NC and Adas Israel, and our positive feelings toward the school, its students, families and staff as they go forward.

Sincerely,

Jordan Baruch
President

Jeffrey Wohlberg
Senior Rabbi

Rabbi Ethan Seidel
7604 Morningside Dr., NW
Washington, DC 20012

Ms. Sheila Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth St. NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

I join many of my Shepherd Park neighbors, members of Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah, and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. I live just three blocks from the proposed school, and will be sending two of my children there, should you approve the application. The Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and the school is committed to remaining in the District. The JPDS application is for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW.

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Sincerely,

Rabbi Ethan Seidel

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February 29, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
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441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We add our voice of support to application #16556 by the Jewish Primary Day School of the National Capital. As residents of Shepherd Park and members of Tifereth Israel Congregation, both for over thirty years, we do appreciate the respective concerns of the community and of the School. We believe that it is possible for the School to operate within Shepherd Park during the next three school years, to the benefit of everyone.

Thank you for consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

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cc:
DC Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis

3222 Broad Branch Terrace, N.W.
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March 1, 2000

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Suite 210
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Washington, D.C. 20001

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Re: Jewish Primary Day School application for
temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W.

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The temporary three-year occupancy which the BZA is considering will mean so much to the 180 children who attend JPDS, as well as their families, and to the larger DC community.

Thank you for approving this application which will allow the JPDS to remain in the District.

Sincerely,

Michael Lav

Eileen Alexander
1212 Holly St., NW
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25 February 2000

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