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March 5, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW
Washington DC 20001

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RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

My wife and I are writing to support the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at two existing synagogues, Tifereth Israel and Ohev Sholom, at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW.

We have been residents of the District of Columbia for over ten years and are also the parents of a toddler. The survival of the only Jewish day school in the District is critical to the future of the Jewish community here. Temporary occupancy at the 16th Street site will give the school time to plan and build its permanent location in the District.

The school is committed to working with the Sheperd Park neighborhood to address concerns about traffic, safety, and the like. We strongly urge you to approve the school's application in an expedited fashion so that the school and its families can prepare for the upcoming school year. The loss of this outstanding school would force us and many other Jewish families to leave the District, and would rend this great city's multicultural fabric.

Sincerely yours,

Yoel Tobin

cc: the Honorable Kathy Patterson

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