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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

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

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