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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
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Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16556
EXHIBIT NO.241A3

2411 ½ 20th Street, N.W
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March 3, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
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Re: Application #16556

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Sincerely,

Addy Schmitt

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cc:
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Sincerely,

Dan Friedman

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SHOSHANA RIEMER

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March 3, 2000

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

Re: Application # 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

As a committed Jewish woman residing in the District of Columbia, serving in a leadership role on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, I wish to affirm my strong support for the interim location of the Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) using the facilities of Tifereth Israel Congregation and other Sholom Talmud Torah Congregation. It is my understanding that the officials of JPDS have drawn up a safe, reliable parking and traffic proposal that

meet the concerns of the residents of the 4 A, upper 16th Street corridor of Shepherd Park.

I know personally of the fine, educational standards of performance the JPDS offers its students and of the professional quality its teaching staff maintains. As a former Hebrew and public school teacher knowledgable in this area, I was privileged to view the progress of my little grandson when he was enrolled at JPDS. The educational environment was indeed quite extraordinary and the progress my grandson achieved was noteworthy. My son and daughter-in-law were genuinely pleased to have a fine educational institution in the District of Columbia that provided their son a dual curriculum of general and Judaic studies, without the hassle and distance of commuting

P.3. Re. Application # 16556, S. Rimer

to Montgomery County. Furthermore, as attorneys practicing in the District of Columbia, whenever there was a day time class event that they were invited to attend, the proximity of JPDS to downtown, afforded them the opportunity to attend and enjoy their son's participation in the classes programs.

It is my sincere hope that after the Board of Zoning Adjustments hears and reviews the compelling statements of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, the Local congregations of Tifereth Israel and Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah, and the Consensual voices of the District of Columbia citizens, that the Board of Zoning Adjustments in its wisdom and on the merit of the facts presented, will approve the application of the interim location for the JPDS at the two designated synagogues in Shepherd Park.

Thank you for your courtesy in reading my communication.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shoshana Rimer

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March 7, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning and Adjustment
District of Columbia
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Re: Application # 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing in strong support of the application of the Jewish Primary Day School to have temporary quarters for three years at the two neighboring synagogues on 16th Street N.W.--Tifereth Israel at 7701 16th Street and Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah at 7712 16th Street.

Although my wife and I do not live in Shepherd Park, we are members of one of the synagogues, Tifereth Israel, where we have belonged since 1978. We have been residents of the District since 1966. Our three children all went to D.C. public schools and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School. Our home is at 3141 Aberfoyle Place N.W.

As you may know, our synagogue took a stand in the 1960s that we would not relocate into the Maryland suburbs at a time when some other synagogues in the 16th Street area were doing so. In 1998, when our synagogue had decided it had to make major renovations or else move, we once again committed ourselves to remain in our building and improve it rather than leave the District. Therefore, we feel especially close to the Jewish Primary Day School. This school, which is serving 180 students, half of whom are from the District, has likewise decided to make its permanent home in our city. It is the only school of its kind in the District.

Aside from the important role this school plays in the life of its students, their families and the wider Jewish community, this school is a good thing for the future wellbeing of the District. A top-quality Jewish day school in the District will ensure that the families currently using the school will stay in the city. When newcomers arrive in this area and want to put their children in Jewish day schools, they will be able to choose the District instead of automatically heading for the suburbs. As for families already living in the suburbs who are educating their children in Jewish day schools, this gives them a choice as well and could attract more of these families to move into the District.

We hope the Board of Zoning and Adjustment will find that this temporary arrangement will be compatible with the neighborhood and that the continued presence of this school in the District will be a great asset for the entire city.

Sincerely yours,

Richard D. Siegel

Richard D. Siegel

cc: Honorable Charlene Drew Jarvis, Council Member, Ward 4
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Sheila B. Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Appeals
414 Fourth Street, N.W.
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Re: Application #16556, Jewish Primary Day School

Dear Ms. Reid:

I urge the Board to approve the Jewish Primary Day School's zoning application.

I am a life-long D.C. resident, and attended neighboring Shepherd Elementary School on Kalmia Road at one time. Even though I do not have children attending JPDS, I feel strongly that the school's temporary relocation to the Tiffereth Israel/Ohev Shalom location is extremely important to the District of Columbia, and is an appropriate use of the properties.

Schools - both public and private – play a central role in the District's ability to attract and retain families as D.C. residents. JPDS provides a high-quality education, and it is the *only* school in the District of Columbia that provides a combined program of general education and Judaic studies. Although JPDS is a small institution, with an enrollment under 200 students, the school's continued presence within the city makes it possible for families who want this type of educational program for their children to live and stay in the District. This is extraordinarily important from a community development standpoint, helping to maintain a diverse and stable community of middle-class residents. Without schools like JPDS in the District, our city will continue to lose families, who make such an important contribution to the life of the city.

While I sympathize with the concerns of the Shepherd Park neighbors near 16th and Jonquil Streets who feel that they will inconvenienced by the temporary relocation of JPDS, the use of the two synagogues as an interim site for JPDS is reasonable and in the best interest of the community as a whole. I attended one of the community presentations sponsored by the school, and was impressed with the serious effort that has been made to address the neighbors' concerns with parking and traffic control. These and other mitigating measures that have been proposed by JPDS are sufficient to merit approval of the application by BZA. Frankly, the nature of urban living requires all of us to make compromises. After all, churches and synagogues are property owners, too, and it is neither fair nor realistic for the community to expect that these facilities should be restricted from hosting compatible occupancies like the JPDS. Tiffereth Israel and Ohev Shalom have been well-established institutions at this location for decades, and the current neighbors in Shepherd Park bought their homes with full knowledge that these large buildings on 16th Street would be devoted to institutional use.

A city that does not support schools is a city that does not support families. I urge the approval of the JPDS zoning application.

Paul Greenberg

cc: Council Members Drew Jarvis, Mendelsohn, Catania, Schwartz, Brazil, Evans; Chairman Linda Cropp; Andrew Altman; Joseph Hairston



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Ms. Sheila B. Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20012

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We support the Jewish Primary Day School's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is the only Jewish day school in the District. The JPDS application is for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW.

Our own institution has been open as a public museum and historic site in the District for the past 25 years. To maintain the rich cultural and educational diversity in the city, we believe it important to strive to retain vital institutions within our city. The Jewish Primary Day School is recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty and student body. Most importantly, more that fifty percent of the students are District residents.

This temporary, three-year occupancy will mean so much to the 178 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,

Laura Apelbaum
Executive Director

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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March 4, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustments
414 fourth Street, N.W.
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Dear Ms. Reid:

This letter pertains to the pending application before the BZA with respect to the Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS).

As a long term resident of Shepherd Park, I take pride in our neighborhood and the values it represents for the District of Columbia, our chosen city. I also recognize the bona fide concerns of those who have studied this matter, and the possible adverse traffic impacts that have been noted.

From a personal and professional standpoint, having practiced city planning over many years both here and elsewhere in the country and abroad, it seems that some judicious, balanced solution can be achieved to mitigate the movement of cars on arrival and pick up at JPDS while granting the school permission to operate at Ohav Shalom and Tifereth Israel for the coming year.

I see your agency's role as one which can fashion a "win-win" in this case. Surely you will seek to obviate potential problems, but just as certain you will seek accommodating District of Columbia families, a cohort we wish to encourage as our city regains the wholesome and vibrant character it held for most of the past century.

Just as certain, you will recognize that our institutions can and do contribute significantly to the "quality of life" that attracts and retains families with young children. In addition, these very same institutions serve members of our community from all walks of life and age groups, which —of course—complements the inviting and positive urban life style fostered by the Mayor and Council through the energetic efforts now underway at the municipal level.

Your active role in fashioning a thoughtful outcome in allowing JPDS to proceed will be most welcome. I am confident that you share the broader context of this immediate issue, and will resourcefully ensure a "win-win" outcome.

cc. Honorable Charlene Drew Jarvis

Sincerely,

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

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

As a long-time resident of Shepherd Park, I am writing to you in support of the Jewish Primary Day School's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The school is seeking to locate at Tifereth Israel Congregation and Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah for three years. Since its founding in 1987, the school has served everyone in the Jewish community. It is the only Jewish day school located in the District of Columbia and over half of the students are District residents.

The school must move from its current location at the end of the school year in June. The new, permanent location will not be ready for a few years. By approving this application, you will provide the school a temporary home, and prevent a traumatic disruption to the 180 students, and to the Jewish community in the District of Columbia.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Odle

Marjorie P. Odle
1301 Geranium St. NW
Washington, DC 20012

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Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
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Re: Application # 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I would like to register to testify on behalf of the Jewish Primary Day School before the Board of Zoning Adjustments on Wednesday, March 15, 10 a.m.

I thank you for the opportunity provided.

Sincerely,

Murray Tenenbaum
Executive Director

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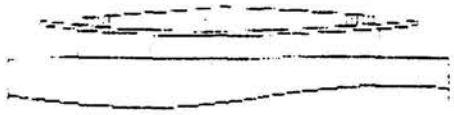
Throughout the process, Adas Israel has expressed our support for both the mission and the continued success of the school. We therefore endorse JPDS-NC's efforts to secure interim and permanent space in the District of Columbia.

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
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Senior Rabbi



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March 1, 2000

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Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing to express my strong support for the zoning application submitted by the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol, and to urge its approval by the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

As Director of the Temple Sinai Nursery School, I can attest to the importance of having a Jewish day school in the District of Columbia. A number of children who have attended our nursery school, along with children from other families who belong to Temple Sinai, have attended JPDS-NC. In fact, several of our TSNS children have applied to JPDS-NC for kindergarten next year. Without the school, these families would have had no alternative to sending their children outside Washington if they wanted their children to attend a Jewish day school. For some families, this may have meant leaving the city to move to the suburbs.

JPDS-NC provides an excellent Jewish/secular education. The school teaches children the importance of community service and being a good member of any community. It is essential that the school be provided a temporary site until a permanent site is secured. I hope the BZA will give this due weight as it considers the JPDS-NC zoning application.

Sincerely,

Perri Iger-Silversmith
Director

CC:
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmember Kathy Patterson
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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St. N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms. Reid.

I was born and raised in the District of Columbia and my wife and I have continued to live in the District. We feel fortunate to be able to live in this city and raise our children in it. While our children do not attend District public schools, we send them to private schools located in this city.

I feel compelled to write this letter to you to show support for and urge your approval of the Jewish Primary day School's application for temporary occupancy at Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom Congregations, 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W. It is imperative that the Jewish Primary Day School and it's 180 students have a home and continue to thrive as it plans a more permanent location in the District. The school is striving to work with the surrounding neighbors to minimize the impact the school may have on their neighborhood.

Please feel free to come visit the school and see first-hand what a wonderful school it is. These past twelve years have seen tremendous growth for the school. Please help us to continue to grow and provide our children with an excellent, nurturing education. By being the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia, many families such as mine who want their children to attend a Jewish day school do not feel the need to move to the suburbs. Thank you for helping us.

Sincerely,

Sidney Moskowitz

CC Councilmember Kathy Patterson
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March 5, 2000

Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We are residents of the Shepherd Park neighborhood in the District of Columbia who are writing to support the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nations Capital (JPDS) before the Board of Zoning. JPDS has asked for a Special Exception to allow it to occupy temporary space in two synagogues, Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom Talmud Torah, located at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW, respectively, for a period not to exceed three years. When we moved to the Washington area from the Midwest in the fall of 1995, we chose to send our two children to JPDS in Cleveland Park. Not long thereafter, we chose, against all advice, to purchase our present home in the District primarily due to the presence in Shepherd Park of the two synagogues, and the relatively easy access from there to Cleveland Park. We have never regretted our decision to live in the District. The reasons for this are JPDS, Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom Talmud Torah.

Our older child graduated from JPDS last June, and our younger child now attends 5th grade there. Until this past year, JPDS was a part of Adas Israel Congregation, however, the School became independent last summer, and this coming summer Adas Israel will be reclaiming the space presently occupied by the School for other uses. JPDS has not yet secured property for or sufficient funds to construct a permanent facility at a new location and, therefore, is seeking approval from the BZA pursuant to Application No. 16556 to relocate for a three-year period to Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel. We urge the BZA to quickly approve JPDS' application.

Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel, the two large synagogues located at those addresses, have been fixtures on upper 16th Street NW for over forty years. The temporary use of the existing space in those synagogues for a religious-based school is consistent with the use of these buildings as houses of worship and religious instruction. Both buildings are underused as measured by their large size and the decrease in membership from their historic highs. The few additional cars of school parents and staff will add very little to the existing traffic in the neighborhood. Furthermore, the School and the two synagogues are committed to make every effort to minimize the impact of the School on the neighborhood.

JPDS is an extraordinary institution. The students know it, the parents know it, and the faculty knows it. We want our younger child to complete her elementary education there, and we would be very disappointed were the D.C. government to take actions that force it to shut down or to relocate outside of the City. As a former headmistress yourself, you appreciate the importance of schools to their communities. While we are aware that some members of our neighborhood do not welcome what they perceive as the intrusion of another school into the neighborhood, we do not imagine that the BZA has ever received a zoning application for a school that did not engender some degree of local anxiety and opposition. Furthermore, we have been grateful for the expressions of support that we, and other JPDS parents in Shepherd Park, have received from a great number of our neighbors. We understand that D.C. law contemplates the location of schools in residential neighborhoods. Having a presumption in favor of location of schools in residential neighborhoods is surely sound public policy. Without good schools for its children, the District cannot thrive.

JPDS is an asset to the District, and we believe that it will also prove to be an asset to our neighborhood during the time that it operates here. Susan Koss, the head of JPDS, has said that she expects that, when the time comes for the School to leave its temporary 16th Street home, there will be sadness, because the School will have had some very good times there. We fully expect that, when that time comes, many neighbors of Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel will also regret the departure of an institution that they had come to appreciate and admire.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Francesca Kranzberg

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Joshua Kranzberg

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March 7, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: **Jewish Primary Day School Application for Temporary Occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W.**

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing to go on record as supporting the Jewish Primary Day School's (JPDS) application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W.

In considering JPDS's application, I hope that you will consider that many of those in Shepherd Park, members of Ohev Shalom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge also support JPDS's application.

I further hope that you will recognize that JPDS - a school that has been recognized for the quality of the education it provides and its superior faculty - is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and is committed to remaining in the District. JPDS thus serves as an important component of the educational services available within the District. For all of these reasons, JPDSyshould have both the temporary home it currently seeks as well as a permanent home within the District.

Thank you for approving JPDS' application.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: Application #16856

Dear Ms. Reid,

Although I do not live in Shepherd Park, I am a DC resident, and I would like to go on record as supporting the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. I understand that in doing so, I join many residents of Shepherd Park, members of Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah, and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge. 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 is recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and students' performance. Most importantly, at least half of all JPDS families are District residents. The Jewish Primary Day School's temporary and permanent location certainly should remain in the District of Columbia.

This temporary three-year occupancy will mean a great deal 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,

Nancy Henderson Peterson

P.S. I DO NOT SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SCHOOL ON CHESAPEAKE STREET, NW

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

Re: Application number 16556

1338 Holly Street, N.W.
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Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W. Suite 220
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Ms. Reid:

We support the application (number 16556) by the Obev Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel synagogues to temporarily house the Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS).

As long time and active members of the Shepherd Park community (some examples are: Paul as president of the Friends of the Juanita Thornton Shepherd Park DC Public Library; Trish as board member of the Shepherd Park Citizens' Association; and Alexander Shepherd Public Elementary School parents) we understand the concerns of our neighbors and close friends, especially those immediately adjacent to the synagogues. We have attended the community meetings and heard both sides. The traffic impact on the neighborhood does not appear to be overwhelming, given the small size of the school, its dual locations, and the conscientious and detailed traffic plan. The effort the synagogues are putting forth to hear the neighbors' views is commendable, and we believe an indication of how they will be responsive to any neighborhood issues that may arise regarding the school.

Although we are not of the Jewish faith, we (and many other neighborhood families) did take advantage of the excellent (but soon to leave) pre-school at Tifereth Israel (TI). Our son benefitted tremendously from his two years at the school, and we came to know and appreciate the TI community - which is a vital part of OUR community, here in Shepherd Park. As responsible and sensitive tax-paying and voting members of the community, we recognize the importance of supporting our neighbors in their time of dire need.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and best wishes as you make your decision.

Sincerely,

Paul and Trish McKenzie

Paul and Trish McKenzie

Elizabeth C. McNichol
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March 1, 2000

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

RE: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing to express my support for the Jewish Primary Day School's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street. My husband, daughter and I are residents of Shepherd Park and would be neighbors of the school.

I recently attended a community meeting with representatives of the school where their plans were presented. I was impressed with their commitment to minimizing any potential disruptions in traffic and parking and with their commitment to making a positive contribution to the neighborhood while the school is housed at the synagogues.

I appreciate the school's dedication to staying in the District. I sincerely hope that you approve this application so that the students of the Jewish Primary Day School will be assured of a home for their school while they finalize a permanent location in the District.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth C. McNichol

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Mr. Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Mr. Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A
Ms. Jourdinia S. Brown, ANC 4A02

Rabbi A. Nathan Abramowitz
7832 16th Street N.W.
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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

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

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March 2, 2000

Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia
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441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We are attorneys who have lived, owned a house, and paid taxes in the District since 1983, and have been parents since 1987. In early 1995, we were strongly considering moving out of the District because of our dissatisfaction with the D.C. public school system, to which our older daughter, then in second grade, had been entrusted since kindergarten But we have not moved, and have no plans to move. The reason for this is the Jewish Primary Day School. Our older daughter graduated from JPDS last June, our middle child now attends 4th grade there, and we hope to enroll our youngest in kindergarten there this fall.

Until this past year, JPDS was a part of Adas Israel Congregation. However, the School became independent this past summer, and this coming summer Adas Israel will be reclaiming the space presently occupied by the School for other uses. The School has not yet secured property for or sufficient funds to construct a permanent facility at a new location, and therefore is seeking approval from the BZA pursuant to Application No. 16556 to relocate for a three-year period in two synagogues on 16th Street, Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah Congregation at 7712 16th Street, NW and Tifereth Israel Congregation at 7701 16th Street, NW. We urge the BZA to give expeditious and favorable consideration to the School's application.

JPDS is an extraordinary institution. The students know it, the parents know it, the faculty knows it. We want our younger children educated there. We would be very disappointed were the D.C. government to take actions that force it to shut down or to relocate outside of the City. As a former headmistress yourself, you appreciate the importance of schools to their communities. While we are aware that some members of the Shepherd Park and Colonial Village communities do not welcome what they seem to perceive as the intrusion of another school into their neighborhood, we do not imagine that the BZA has ever received a zoning application for a school that did not engender some degree of local anxiety and opposition. We understand that D.C. law contemplates the location of schools in residential neighborhoods. Having a

presumption in favor of location of schools in residential neighborhoods is surely sound public policy. Without good schools for its children, the District cannot thrive.

JPDS, and Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel Congregations, are committed to work with the community to mitigate and to offset any inconveniences that the School might bring with it. If there is a need for flexibility, we are sure that that flexibility is there. For example, the application before you provides for 205 students, 14% greater than current enrollment at JPDS, and 32 staffers. Because of the need to file an application in time to secure a hearing date in March, these figures were arrived at prior to conducting traffic studies or commencing neighborhood consultations. We sincerely hope that the School's application is not denied outright in circumstances where minor adjustments could overcome any well-founded objections. However, we emphasize that time is of the essence, so an iterative, "back to the drawing board" process is not an option for the School.

JPDS is an asset to the District. We believe that it will also prove to be an asset to Shepherd Park and Colonial Village during the time that it operates there. Susan Koss, the head of JPDS, has said that she expects that, when the time comes for the School to leave its temporary 16th Street home, there will be sadness, because the School will have had some very good times there. We fully expect that, when that time comes, many neighbors of Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel will also regret the departure of an institution that they had come to appreciate and admire.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ben Finkelstein

Anita J. Finkelstein

cc: Council Chair Linda W. Cropp
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Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid.

I am an owner of Banner & Witcoff, a District of Columbia law firm, where I have worked for over 15 years. My children have attended school in the District of Columbia for the past seven years. I believe that good schools, whether public or private, enhance the livability and viability of Washington.

I support and urge you to support and approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. The temporary occupancy is necessary for the survival of the school as it prepares for occupancy of its planned permanent site in the District of Columbia.

The Jewish Primary Day School is committed to staying in the District of Columbia. I hope that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will recognize that it is in the interest of the city as a whole to support the survival of the school by granting the zoning adjustment requested. Inhospitableness of residential neighborhoods to schools is short sighted. Schools are magnets which draw people to buy homes in a community. The community would do well to utilize any magnets it has at its disposal.

Please approve the application of The Jewish Primary Day School for a zoning adjustment.

Yours truly,

Sarah A Kagan

Sarah A. Kagan

cc: Council Member Charlene Drew Jarvis
Council Members at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

Jonathan D. Moreno

26 February 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 of the District of Columbia for nearly twenty years. Our children have attended schools in the District for the last ten years. We love the city and want to continue to live here and help to make it even better.

Along with the neighbors and members of Tifereth Israel and Ohev Sholom, we are writing this letter in support the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy of 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. The temporary occupancy at the two existing synagogues would ensure that the school continues to thrive while it plans a permanent District location. We are aware that the impacts on the neighborhood, including traffic, will be minimized.

It is in the interests of the District for the Jewish Primary Day School to remain in the city and to continue to attract families and encourage them to stay here. The school has been and will be a credit to the entire community, and we will grateful for the Board's support in our efforts.

Sincerely,

Leslye S. Fenton and Jonathan D. Moreno

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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March 3, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
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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,

Allison Rosen

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

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
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Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

7827 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
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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:
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Councilmembers-at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
ANC member, Joseph Hairston

Orit Frenkel
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Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Washington, D.C

February 28, 2000

RE. Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid.

As long-time resident of Washington, and the parent of a child attending the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol, I am writing to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the school's zoning application for a temporary site. The approval is critical to the continued success of this excellent school.

There is no question that JPDS-NC attracts and keeps families in Washington. Without the school, many families who want their children to attend a Jewish day school would move to the suburbs where such schools exist. JPDS-NC should be viewed as critical to the vitality of the city itself.

For eleven years, JPDS-NC has provided families in Washington an opportunity to send their children to a Jewish community day school where they receive a very strong education in both Judaics and secular studies. In fact, JPDS-NC is the *only* such school in the city. More than 60 families who reside in Washington rely on this school for their children's education.

As JPDS-NC has indicated, the school and the parent body are fully committed to working with the Shepherd Elementary neighborhood to address it concerns regarding traffic, etc. We appreciate the importance being good neighbors, and providing community service to the areas that accommodate schools.

We hope the BZA will consider and approve this application in an expedited fashion to ensure sufficient time for the school to move and reestablish itself so it's ready for the 2000/2001 school year. Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

Orit Frenkel
3054 Davenport St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

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

3714 Windom Place, NW
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1 March 2000

Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW - Suite 220
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

We have been homeowners in the District of Columbia for over 20 years. Our children are both native Washingtonians. We love this city and take pride in its growth and progress.

We join the neighbors and members of Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom 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 (JPDS) for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. This temporary occupancy, at these two existing synagogues, will insure that JPDS continues to thrive as it plans and builds a permanent location in the District. The school is doing everything that it can to be good neighbor and benefit the surrounding community, including after school programs, joint programs with Shepherd Elementary School, increased public safety with traffic policing, cultural exchange programs, immediate snow removal and a community relations oversight board.

For the past twelve years, JPDS has become a magnet for District families looking for an excellent school and an intensive Jewish education. This is the only Jewish day school in the District and its growth and success over the last decade are a clear indication that we need to keep it here. We thank you for helping to make this so.

Sincerely,

Joanna Rom and Steve Goldberg

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1 March 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 supporting the Jewish Primary Day School of Washington, D.C. application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. I understand that in doing so, I join many of those in Shepherd Park, members of Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah, and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge. 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 student 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,

Martin Kessel, Ph.D.

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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February 12, 2000

Sheila Reid, Chair, BZA
414th Street, N.W.
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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

Lisa and Mitchell Eisen
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February 28, 2000

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

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid.

As long time residents of the District of Columbia, we are committed to maintaining excellent educational opportunities for all residents of the city. Therefore, we are writing on behalf of the Jewish Primary Day School's application for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW.

As you know, this school -- the only Jewish day school in the nation's capital -- is seeking a permanent home in the district. However, until the permanent site is completed, the school requires a temporary location. which Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom synagogues have graciously agreed to provide. The approval of the JPDS-NC zoning application is critical to ensure the continuation and smooth transition of our school to a temporary site, and it is important that the decision be taken as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for the school to be ready for the coming academic year.

Please be assured the JPDS-NC is committed to working with the Shepherd Park neighborhood to minimize the traffic impact and to offer programs and facilities that will benefit the community.

Our school helps keep families who want to provide their children with a quality Jewish education in Washington, DC rather than having to move to the suburbs. For families like us, JPDS is the only option in the District of Columbia.

We sincerely hope you will help ensure that the 180 children who attend JPDS will have a school in the city next year and well into the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Eisen

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

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1440 Hemlock Street, N.W.
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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
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ANC 4A03, Joseph Hairston

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Ms. Sheila B. Reid
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414 Fourth St., N.W.
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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.

(Mrs.) Yetta Appel

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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Dorothy Bledsoe
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Paul Didisheim

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Washington, DC
Dennis CROW
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Mina Veazie
1330 Irving St, NW
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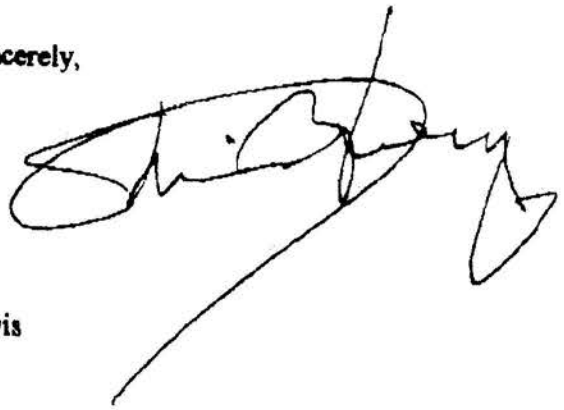
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Eileen Alexander
1212 Holly St., NW
Washington, DC 20012
25 February 2000

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

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3222 Broad Branch Terrace, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

March 1, 2000

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

Dear Ms. Reid,

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

I am writing to go on record as supporting the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. I am (and have been for the last 30 years) a resident of Washington, D.C., and, as a long-time resident, 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.

I understand that in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School, I am joining many of those in Shepherd Park, and members of Ohev Shalom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge.

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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

Lynne A. Mersfelder
3724 Yuma Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016
W 301-713-3078

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

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Sincerely,

Lynne Mersfelder

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

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
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441 Fourth St. NW
Washington, DC 20001

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Sincerely,

Daniel Aldridge

Reverend Daniel Aldridge, Jr.

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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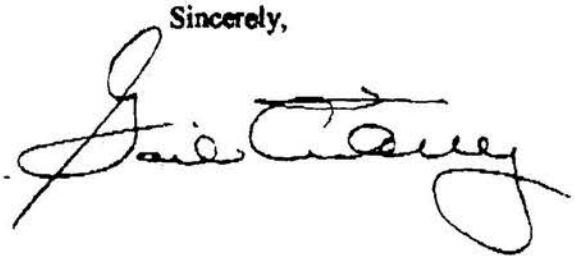
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Carol Collins

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Gertie L. Coleman
6524-8th St, NW
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Gertie L. Coleman

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Lisa Robinson
5158 Rhode Island Ave
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Lisa Robinson

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JUDITH

Judith Axler Turner
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202/483-1616

February 29, 2000

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Dear Ms. Reid:

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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.

JPDS is a true treasure for the District's entire community. Founded in 1987, it has been recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and students' performance. Most important, half of the JPDS families are District residents.

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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

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Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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February 29, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
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Board of Zoning Adjustments
District of Columbia Government
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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,

Marcia F. Goldberg

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Washington, D.C. 20012

Re Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid

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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,

Kristina Ament

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Sincerely,

Jonathan N. Rosen

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

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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 Wulk

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Edward Wulkan

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Ms. Sheila B. Reid
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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.

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(Mrs.) Dena Kleinerman

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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Washington, D.C. 20012

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
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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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