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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 410
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I have lived in Shepherd Park for 65 years and am 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, NW. 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. 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 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,

Ruth E. Wolford

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