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Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

As a long time resident of Washington, D.C., 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 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. I have been a youth advisor for children that have attended this school and can vouch for its exemplary teaching style.

My husband is an active duty military officer and we are currently living overseas. We plan to return to Washington, D.C. and purchase a home in Shepherd Park. One of our primary reasons for relocating to Washington, D.C., and Shepherd Park specifically is because of JPDS. The loss of this school will make us seriously rethink our decision. **I strongly urge you to approve the application.**

Yours very truly,

Nechumah Getz
Washington D.C. Resident

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