1618 Myrtle St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We are residents of Shepherd Park, who join with our 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. We are sure the school will do everything in its power 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. It is our understanding 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. We urge you to approve the application.

Joseph Penny

(Mrs.) Rachel Penny

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