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The Board of Directors represents one of the most intelligent, dedicated and accomplished assemblages in New England. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with them. I learn a lot, and appreciate the directors' support, encouragement and patience. Thanks to your efforts, we are now in a much stronger position than we were twenty or thirty years ago. I expect to see continuing progress at BEKI during the next year. We must preserve the heritage of this synagogue as we build for the next



120 years. It has been my privilege to serve this congregation and may it please God that I be enabled to do so into the future. I feel truly blessed to enjoy your support and friendship, and to enjoy the love and support of my dear wife Miriam Benson and that of our children. These have been among the most exciting years of my life, so far.

Respectfully submitted,

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