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Dear Baron Hirsch Synagogue Family,

I would like to congratulate David Fleischhacker, a native Memphian, for serving the Baron Hirsch community for the past twenty years. Roberta and I know he will continue to there his gifts and strong leadership with the dynamic Jewish community in Israel.

Baron Hirsch plays a vital role in our Jewish community as well as within the larger Memphis community. David, his wife, Chany, and their children, have shown great dedication by coordinating, leading, and overseeing numerous charitable projects through the synagogue. Those projects and programs include The Peanut Butter Jelly Project, which helped stock the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, as well as the Chesed Passover Boxes, which go to home-bound individuals and seniors. David also worked with the children of Le Bonheur Children's Hospital and helped provide women at the Battered Women's Shelter with much needed essentials.

David was instrumental in the rededication and refurbishment of the synagogue, which continues to be a warm and welcoming spiritual home to all its congregants. Additionally, Baron Hirsch recently opened its elaborate and beautiful Memphis Mikvah, which David proudly oversaw. Ultimately, due to David's tireless efforts, Baron Hirsch has flourished beyond its walls and continues to touch the lives of many Memphians.

As David and his family embark on this new journey, I would like to recite part of the Tefilat Haderech, the Traveler's Prayer: "May it be Your will, Lord our God and the God of our forefathers, that you will lead us toward peace, emplace our footsteps toward peace, guide us toward peace, and make us reach our desired destination for life, gladness, and peace."

On behalf of my family and Tennessee's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, I want to again thank the Fleischhacker family for strengthening and growing this congregation as well as the entire Memphis Jewish community. We all wish you the best of luck in your new adventure. Mazel Toy!

David Kustoff Member of Congress