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Dear Abby, Ellen and Ruth,

Many in the Jewish community, week after week, praise an *eshet hayil* in their life— a woman of valor. They read (and sing) excerpts of *Proverbs 31*, which include the following examples:

- Who can find a valorous woman? Her value, worth her weight in rubies.
- She rises while night yet lingers, she dishes food to her house, feeds those who help her.
- She negotiates a field, and harvests profit from it, her hands plant a vineyard.
- She knows her work's quality, and her lamp illuminates the night.
- She opens her palms to the poor, and reaches out to those in need.
- She is clothed with strength and splendor, she looks to the future cheerfully.
- Give her the fruit of her labor, let her works praise her in the city square!

We are blessed with many women of great strength and fortitude who create, nurture, nourish, and sustain all those who are blessed to know them.

This year, we honor, celebrate, and show our deep gratitude to three *Nashei Hayil*— women of valor—who for years have worked tirelessly for the B'nai Abraham community and beyond. In my years here, Abby Silverman has served as Co-Chair of our Board of Education, offering support and wisdom to our team, ensuring that we fulfill our Jewish mandate to educate the next generation. Ruth Ross has led our Social Action Committee, guiding us in our obligation to support all in need, near and far. Ellen Klein continues to ensure that our Temple family runs smoothly, effectively, with everything and everyone we need, whether through leading Buildings and Grounds or the Nominating Committee, or keeping our ritual items and art in good condition. All three women volunteer whenever called upon (and often before we even ask). They serve on our Board of Trustees, and they are regular friendly faces whenever we gather.

Ruth, Ellen, and Abby, please know how grateful we all are, here at Temple B'nai Abraham, for the countless gifts you continue to bestow upon us. Thank you, *Nashei Hayil*. You have shown us all what it means to be clothed in strength and splendor, to care for community through words and deeds, to serve tirelessly for the betterment of our extended family. *Yesher Koach!*

