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Dear Congregation,

It gives me the greatest pleasure to offer my heartiest words of *mazal tov* to Rabbi Irvin and Kathy Wise as a new *sefer Torah* is dedicated in honor of their ten years of service to Adath Israel. There could be no more fitting tribute to them than this, as they have devoted themselves to a life in which they have transformed the values of Torah into guideposts that have touched and moved people to acts of kindness and godliness.

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is of course particularly proud to claim Rabbi Wise as an alumnus, and HUC-JIR is grateful we were the institution that provided him with his rabbinical education. His integrity, his commitment to learning, his devotion to the State of Israel, and his concern for persons have earned him the respect of all. He and Kathy have strengthened Adath Israel immeasurably, and their leadership has allowed your congregation to establish a model of community and caring for all Jews in Cincinnati.

I salute both Irvin and Kathy on this joyous occasion, and trust Adath Israel will enjoy many more years of their wise and compassionate leadership. May you and they continue to grow from strength to strength!

With all best wishes, I am,

Cordially,

Rabbi David Ellenson

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