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Dear Friends,

No doubt there will be many eloquent and deserving tributes as Adath Israel and our community honor Rabbi Irv and Kathy Wise in connection with the 10th anniversary of their unique and awesome service to our community.

Mindful of our tradition's instruction never to recite full praise before the person, nevertheless I would echo so many others in the conviction that we are many times blessed because of them, their presence, their voices, their actions. They make a difference for who we are and for whom we are becoming.

If as the Sages advise there is no greater wisdom than silence, then let the rest of this page serve as devoted testimony that we are enriched, better, we are blessed because they are here, as they challenge, comfort and care for us. Simply put, we are better because of them even as Karen and I feel privileged to count ourselves in that substantial company.

With sincerest best wishes and mazel tov to all, I am

Very sincerely,


Rabbi Michael Zedek
Chief Executive Officer

