

# Congregation Agudas Israel

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Ten years ago Rabbi Hanan and Barbara Balk came to Cincinnati with a pledge and an enthusiastic desire to serve the Golf Manor Synagogue. Little did we realize the impact and the success that this young couple would have on our congregation and in our community. Overnight, the Balks provided us with leadership and wisdom for the Golf Manor Synagogue and numerous institutions such as the Jewish Federation, the Vaad Hoier, the Rabbinical Council, Cincinnati Hebrew Day School, Cedar Village, the Jewish Community Center, RITSS High School and the Melton School. During these ten years, in addition to the Rabbi providing the spiritual leadership, wisdom and vision for the Shul and community, the Balks have also been our friends. As a Rabbi of a synagogue there are constant challenges and requirements but the Balks have always been there for our members and the community and for this we are eternally grateful.

In addition to helping our synagogue prosper, the Balks have been blessed with five beautiful children who we have had the pleasure of watching grow and flourish. No one could foretell the future nor could we predict the impact the Balk family would have on our community. We were searching for spiritual leadership and we found it but we also attained much more. We found a family that cares and that provides daily examples of how to live a Jewish life. Teachers, educators and friends who give of themselves everyday and in so many ways.

We thank the Balks for all that they have contributed during the past ten years and look forward to many more years of continued growth and success.

Todah Rabbah!

Sincerely,



Norman Frankel  
Chairman of the Board  
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