KENESETH ISRAEL
CONGREGATION
ק"ק כנסת ישראל דלואיסויל

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Dear Friends,

In May of 2012 I was a fifth year rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary when Keneseth Israel offered me the best opportunity I have ever been given. I am so incredibly grateful to Keneseth Israel and to all of you for helping me develop from a rabbinical student into an actual rabbi. While I learned theory in school, it was the congregants of KI who taught me how to put that learning into action.

We have lived Jewish lives together, learned together, celebrated together, and grieved together. So it is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you that I have chosen to leave my position as rabbi of Keneseth Israel Congregation as of June 30, 2020.

I will continue to treasure the many relationships I have formed since arriving in Louisville and I truly hope that we will continue to be part of each other's lives. Little did I know when I moved to Louisville that I would meet my wife Heidi in the KI Sukkah during my first High Holiday season. We have celebrated life's biggest moments including our marriage and the births of Klara Rose and Julia with many of you. KIP's incredible group of teachers have given Klara Rose the most nurturing and loving environment imaginable in which to explore the world.

We have made the choice to leave Louisville at this time because Klara Rose is approaching elementary school and we believe it is important that she attends a full-time Jewish day school, something which is sadly not available in Louisville.

I will continue in my duties as rabbi until the completion of my contract. Please do not hesitate to call on me as needed. I know that the next few months will be a very bittersweet goodbye.

Sincerely,

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