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Dear Lou,

Firstly I would like to thank you personally, and the members of the congregation for your invitation to be with you again on the High Holidays.

As I advised you when I returned your contract agreement I am enclosing below, your requested information and message to the congregation.

The following is my background information. I first suspected that someday I might become the rabbi of your congregation when at the age of seven, I modestly admit, I delivered my first sermon to my father's congregation. I reached your temple via the following route. Upon being graduated from college, and after being ordained for the rabbinate by the Mesiftha Tifereth Jerousalem, I proceded into a maze of tetal confusion, so much so that I became a teacher of economics at City College. In order to make a living however, I became a national lecturer for Hebrew & Cultural Organizations. But the spiritual gratification I derived from the rabbinate has periodically brought me back to the pulpita of many congregations. I advise you however, that had I received an invitation from all the congregations in which I have officiated, I would still choose the pulpit of the Beth Israel Congregation of Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

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MESSAGE OF GREETING TO THE CONGREGATION

My dear Members of the Congregation:

I want to say first what is uppermost in my mind; and that is that my heart goes out to you, to each of you personally. I want to extend to you my very best wishes for a Happy and Presperous New Year.

Being with you last year was for me a moving religious experience. Your devotion to the spirit of the moment, your inspired interest in the understanding of our religious philosophy, and your great zeal exemplified by your magnificent temple, in the building of a united religious comunity, has brought you favor in the eyes of the Lord, and He will continue to grant you, in the same spirit, your richly deserved Happy New Year.

Your devoted rabbi,

Jack G. Maza