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July 17, 1956

Mr. Martin Shanks, President  
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Temple Beth Israel  
840 Highland Rd.  
Sharon, Pa.

Dear Friends:

An invitation has been extended to me to become the Rabbi of Temple Judea in Reseda, California, which I have accepted. I do, therefore, hereby submit my resignation as Rabbi of Temple Beth Israel.

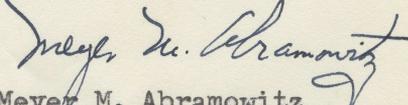
My new congregation has urged me to make every effort to arrive in California prior to the High Holy Days. However, I have prevailed upon them to permit me to return to Sharon in order to discuss the matter with you. It would, of course, be to the advantage of all of us if arrangements could be made for me to assume my new duties in California as soon as is feasible.

We have enjoyed eight wonderful and fruitful years together. These years have been a period of growth and enrichment for my family and myself. It has been truly a privilege for me to have served our congregation. Yet the call to California, where I shall face the stern challenge devolving from a broader field of service to my people, is one which I could not decline in good conscience.

Whatever time and events may transpire, my heart will remain with you in loving affection. Doris and I feel we are leaving here many tried and good friends. If we can make the same kind of friendships in Reseda as we have in Sharon, we shall regard ourselves doubly blessed.

As I take leave to occupy my new pulpit, I ask God's benedictions upon you. May He bring abundant blessings to you in the years to come.

Faithfully,

  
Meyer M. Abramowitz  
Rabbi

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July 24, 1956

Rabbi Meyer Abramowitz  
Highland Road  
Sharon, Pa.

Dear Rabbi Abramowitz:

At a meeting of the Board of Directors on July 17, 1956 your letter of resignation as Rabbi of Temple Beth Israel was read and accepted with regret.

We are very sorry from a selfish point of view to see you leave our community. In all of our dealings with you, you have always shown patience and tolerance--qualities which you are going to need as spiritual leader of your new Congregation.

In the course of your duties, you have earned the respect of all your Congregants as well as the neighbors in the community for your integrity and sincerity. There is no doubt that a man of your abilities is destined for even greater accomplishments and higher service.

Under your inspired leadership our Congregation has been built up to a high standard, and you have given us the benefit of your many attributes with untiring devotion and fidelity.

Mindful of all of this our Board passed a Resolution-- a copy of which is enclosed. This Resolution expresses formally the reactions of our Board.

May you find satisfaction and fulfillment in your new position and may you and your family enjoy happiness and good health for many years to come.

Respectfully yours,

Martin Shanks, President

Mrs. Sam Gerson, Secretary