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A season is set for everything, a time for every experience under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

January 9, 2019

Dear Temple Habonim,

With more mixed emotions than you can possibly imagine, the time has come for me to announce my retirement. I am in my twelfth year serving as Temple Habonim's rabbi; my tenure here continues to enrich my life in profound and meaningful ways. I came to THB with an open heart and abounding energy and found a loving community that fully embraced Adam and me. We have built our lives here for over a decade; Temple Habonim, Barrington, and you, our community, have become our home. As I prepare for retirement, I'm reminded of a prayer in our *siddur*, that says, "We don't like leaving, but God loves becoming." And now it is time for us to become new yet again.

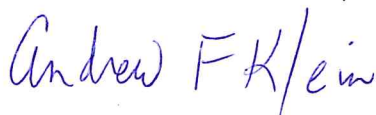
For the last several years I have worked closely with our lay leaders to ensure that a transition plan would be securely in place when the time came for me to retire. You can rest assured that everything is well in position, and our President, Alane Torf, will keep you informed as we follow the Union for Reform Judaism's thoughtful and diligent rabbinic search process.

As your rabbi, I assure you that I remain fully present and completely committed to the security, growth and well-being of both the Temple Habonim community and each of you as individuals. My retirement will begin on June 30, 2020, which means we all have one and a half more years to learn, study, worship and grow together.

Transitions can sometimes be challenging, but I earnestly know that the moment is right and that this change will bring exciting new possibilities for our community. One of the purposes of making this announcement so far in advance is to create spaciousness around this process, offering all of us plenty of time to share our feelings and to integrate these changes.

I am extremely grateful for each and every member of this warm and loving community. You have inspired me, challenged me, argued with me, agreed with me, taught me, and graciously allowed me to lead you. I am humbled and honored to be part of your Jewish journeys and for the continuing opportunities we still have to learn and grow side by side. May we continue to be a blessing to our Jewish community, and may we, The Builders, continue to thrive.

With Love and Gratitude,



Rabbi Andrew F. Klein