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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share the news with you that after an extensive search process, Meggan Levene has become the new Executive Director of Yad Chessed. We are very excited to have Meggan lead our team. Meggan brings a passion for caring for those in need and the energy and vision to help Yad Chessed aid those in our community who are in financial distress. Meggan knows the Boston Jewish community well and has the skills and entrepreneurial approach to lead Yad Chessed as it continues to grow and to enhance our programs for the benefit of those in need.

Meggan is an experienced nonprofit leader. Most recently, she served as chief marketing and development officer for a national advocacy organization. Previously, she was founder and executive director of a nonprofit sparking next generation philanthropy and led corporate social responsibility for the largest health insurer in Massachusetts. She is a long-time volunteer and organizer in the Boston Jewish community, including her current service on CJP's Commission for Caring and Social Justice. She is a member of the Global ROI Community and in 2014 was named as 1 of the 18 most influential Jewish young professionals in Boston by Chai in the Hub. Meggan is also involved in the broader community as an elected Brookline Town Meeting Member.

In Meggan's own words: *The Greater Boston Jewish community is one of the most vibrant, well-resourced and caring communities in the world. Yet an ever-increasing number of our own friends and neighbors are just one job loss, medical emergency or unforeseen circumstance away from real poverty. In the Greater Boston area alone, it is estimated that 4,000 Jewish households are living in poverty and 11,000 more are at risk of poverty. When a member of our community is in financial distress, Yad Chessed can offer support immediately. I look forward to working with the Yad Chessed board of directors, staff, partners and friends to continue the vitally important mission of helping Jewish individuals and families in crisis by alleviating economic distress and helping them reach financial stability.*

I would again like to thank Suzi Schuller, our outgoing Executive Director, for her passionate leadership and dedication to Yad Chessed and the Jewish needy over the past 3 years in which Yad Chessed has come very far. Suzi has dedicated her adult life to serving the Jewish community, and we should all be grateful for all the good that Suzi has done.

I wish everyone a wonderful Passover. Chag kasher v'sameach.

Sincerely,

Sandy Remz, Board Chair

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