



TOWNSHIP OF SCOTT

PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS,** The Beth El Congregation of the South Hills celebrates 100 years of building a Jewish community filled with courage, confidence, and character which makes the world a better place. Beth El Congregation of the South Hills began with the vision of an extraordinary woman nearly 100 years ago Rebecca Ruderman. Rebecca realized the need to establish a Hebrew School. Ms. Rebecca Ruderman of Beechview, certainly wouldn't have imagined 100 years ago when she organized the first local religious school for the children that her legacy would forever be an asset to the Jewish community of The South Hills; and*

***WHEREAS,** today, The Beth El Congregation of the South Hills has 425 family units. It took nearly 10 years to raise the funds to build Beth El's first synagogue in Beechview. These visionaries sealed a time capsule into the cornerstone of their new building. When Beth El built in Scott Township, the time capsule was retrieved and saved in the archives of their official historian, Nathan (Nate) Tabor; and*

***WHEREAS,** The Beth El synagogue of Beechview will unveil the fascinating artifacts of their synagogue's history following Shabbat morning services on September 16, 2017; and*

***WHEREAS,** The Beth El Congregation is devoted to improving the world one community at a time, by improving the lives of the Jewish community. The Beth El members promote the development of community leaders, positive role models, intercultural understanding and cooperation, and opportunities for fellowship, personal growth, professional development and community service; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE,** the Township of Scott and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, extend to the families of the Beth El Congregation our sincere congratulations on this 100th Anniversary and our best wishes for many years of health and happiness in the years ahead.*

Signed this 12th day of September, 2017



*Donald Giudici, President
Board of Commissioners*