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**Barry Goldstein, COO**  
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Dear Mr. Goldstein,

I am writing this on my professional stationary for identification purposes only. I want to express to you, on behalf of my family, our profound gratitude for the time our step-father, Richard Chaitin, spent at Seven Acres. In particular, Mary Nondorff was exceptional. Her attention to the needs of our step-father and her willingness to support him were exemplary. As with any aging resident, his needs were general and idiosyncratic. Her attention to his overall experience of aging and his own personality expression were so attuned that he felt valued as a person and remained vital.

Among our family's longer range decisions was to have him join my husband and I in San Francisco where he is now a resident of the Jewish Home. Mary was sensitive to all the aspects of his move, especially in this time of pandemic, so that his travel preparation was both attentive to his overall health needs as well as his capacity to withstand his discharge from Seven Acres and flight to California.

At a time when our world is challenged by the ways we treat our elderly and each other, it was constantly reassuring that the enduring values of our sacred tradition are maintained by someone such as Mary whose patience, good humor, confidence, and kindness were a welcome respite. We are thankful for her presence in our step-father's life and thank you for all the ways Seven Acres values the well-being of its residents.

With gratitude,

Rabbi Eric Weiss

cc: Mary Nondorff  
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