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It's YES From Both Temples

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Architect's drawing

I am writing to all the members of the congregation of Temple Hesed to update the ongoing discussions of the jointure between our Congregation and that of Temple Israel.

This past Sunday, an overwhelming majority Temple Israel's congregation voted to join us in a shared facility at the JCC. There was debate at both Temples, but in the end, a consensus was reached to go with jointure.

This was not an easy decision for any member — as there was so much in the balance for both Temples, and much to be concerned about as we go forward.

I am confident that all three parties in this union will go forward hand-in-hand with



shared common goals.

In my own mind, there were many considerations to be taken in to account, but I am confident that we are all moving forward in the right direction.

As we move forward, there is also no doubt in my mind that there will be "bumps in the road", but I am also confident that, as we move forward on this journey, we will solve these bumps together and with objective discussion.

I believe that all three parties have common goals with the jointure and members of Temple Hesed and Temple Israel are well represented on the board of the JCC. The result, as I said before, is that "the whole will be greater the sum of the parts"— the defi-

inition of a successful marriage.

I will ask the Board of Temple Hesed to form a committee to oversee the process of jointure and hope that there will be good participation from the congregation, to get all the input we need to move forward.

As we move forward with this project, remember this is to strengthen the Jewish community of Scranton; to keep it viable for the future.

I believe that the two Temples voted for jointure for the benefit of the Jewish community of Scranton and insure its future success.

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