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Dear Congregants and Friends

Tribute to Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Mpilo Tutu

It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Mpilo Tutu. We send condolences to his widow, Nomalizo Leah, and children Mpho, Trevor, Naomi and Theresa.

He was a man driven by principle and a lifelong passion to defend the vulnerable and marginalised. As did great voices and champions of democracy before him, the Arch, as he was affectionately known, spoke 'truth to power' and was known to make openly controversial comments. It was Archbishop Tutu who coined the phrase "rainbow nation". The rainbow glass above our *Aron Hakodesh* was placed to symbolize both our being part of this "rainbow nation" and the symbol of the first covenant between G-d and man. Desmond Tutu's leading role in our transition from an apartheid state to a Democratic South Africa, including his chairing of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, cannot be underestimated.

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Mpilo Tutu leaves a legacy of an extraordinary life of humanitarian work, being inclusive and speaking out against injustice, all with compassion, warmth and energy, a sense of humour and, often, tears. May we learn from his legacy to carry on the righteous task of building a just society – "Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof"

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