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Dear Friends,

After four exciting years working together to build the Capital Jewish Museum, Kara Blond, the Museum's executive director, has announced her decision to step down at the end of 2021 to pursue new adventures.

"I care deeply about this organization and all of you," Blond said in a letter to the Board. "I'm wowed by the work the staff and Board have put into this effort, and am proud of the fruits of our labor. I'm confident the museum will be amazing." The Museum is expected to open in late 2022.

The Board of Directors and Museum founders are grateful to Kara for her leadership in a demanding environment, including during a pandemic, to establish strategic goals for the Museum, develop ambitious exhibition and program plans, oversee design and construction, and build a talented staff. Under her leadership, the new Capital Jewish Museum has evolved from a concept to a four-story facility standing at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and F Street, NW. We regrettably accept her resignation and look forward to working together to ensure a seamless transition as we begin the process of searching for a new executive director.

Please join me in thanking Kara for her commitment and contributions to the Capital Jewish Museum.

Sincerely,



Stuart Zuckerman  
President