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To Whom It May Concern,

Merle Branner is a member of North Shore Congregation Israel (NSCI). Merle is one of our most valuable volunteers.

Thanks to Merle, who is our archivist, we are one of the few synagogues in the country that is actively preserving its history through its archives. Merle's professional attitude and dedication to the Ruthie & Bill Katz Archives at North Shore Congregation Israel is phenomenal. Thanks to her record keeping and research, we have been able to problem solve multiple complex situations that have made differences in people's lives.

Merle is also involved, through video and photographic work, in documenting current activities, digitizing analog materials, creating showcase exhibits that are creative and educational, managing volunteers to assist in the processing of the collection and creating intellectual control over NSCI's 94 years of records to provide access for staff, clergy, membership and scholars.

Further, Merle is involved with technology at NSCI, being a driver of the internet streaming of services and life cycle events.

I wish I could clone Merle's attention to detail and willingness to put in countless volunteer hours. I recommend hiring her without hesitation.

Yours very truly,

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