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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to offer my reference and recommendation for Merle Branner, who has served as our synagogue's archivist for the past 15 years. Merle was trained at the American Jewish Archives and takes archival work very seriously. She is committed to the collection and processing of our organization's records, writings, photographs, and documents, always with an eye towards preservation and organization. Our congregation is nearly 100 years old, and all of our archival material and its organization representing the entirety of that history is a result of Merle's work. Merle has curated a number of special exhibits for our congregation, including slide shows, articles, and displays, as well as captured a number of oral histories in writing and on film. She regularly responds to requests from the larger community for information on our synagogue's history in a timely and efficient manner, and also gives tours of our archives to anyone who is interested. Additionally, she has recorded oral histories of many of our members, adding a personal touch to other documentation, etc. And along the way, she has cultivated a dedicated cohort of volunteers to help support the work.

I am pleased to answer any questions you may have and offer Merle my highest recommendation.

Regards,



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