



Congregation Or Hadash  
*Illuminating the Light from Within*

## SEARCH | NOTES

Your Monthly Update on the COH Rabbi Search  
**Mid-January 2020**

Happy New Year to our COH family! The year 2020 is gearing up to be an exciting one for our congregation, and we look forward to supporting each other and sharing many simchas together this year!

### Rabbi Candidates Coming to Or Hadash!

The Rabbi Search Committee is delighted to announce the start of rabbi candidate visits to COH! Please mark your calendars for the weekends of **January 31-February 2** and **February 21-23**. During their specified weekend, each rabbi will lead services, visit with congregants, and learn more about COH and our larger community. There will be many activities planned for the weekends to give you an opportunity to meet the candidates. Final schedules of weekend activities will be announced soon.

### Rabbi Reception Corps Needs YOU!

It takes many people to plan and implement an entire weekend of activities to show off our hamish, wonderful COH community. Rabbi Search Committee members Gail Duner and Silvia Serrano are busy putting together the weekend schedules. They'll need many volunteers such as kiddush helpers, drivers, escorts, event set-up helpers, just to name a few. Be on the lookout for a Sign-Up Genius email where you can sign up to help make these weekends memorable for all of us! You also can contact Gail and Silvia directly by email at [rabbisearch@or-hadash.org](mailto:rabbisearch@or-hadash.org) to volunteer.

### ?? Ask the Committee ??

*Dear Rabbi Search Committee,*

With so many rabbis out there in the universe, how do you determine which rabbis to invite to visit COH? --Curious Congregant

*Dear CC,* Our co-chairs conduct an initial video interview of each candidate who responds to our job posting. Those who meet our congregation's criteria based on our "listening sessions" and your surveys are invited to a second video interview, this time with the larger committee. All candidates are asked similar questions so we can learn about their approach to prayer, music, education, tikkun olam, Israel, and chesed. Those who might be a COH fit and who we think should meet our congregants are invited to visit us. --RSC

### Don't Forget the Housekeeping

If you see any area in our building that could use repair or sprucing up (i.e. paint touch-ups), please let Scott Allen know ASAP.

*Thank you for being a vital part of this process!*

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Sandra Cuttler, Gail Duner, Stacey Hader Epstein, Beth Tieman Feldstein,  
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