



Congregation Or Hadash
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Your Update on the COH Rabbi Search
Early March 2020

Today Rabah Again and Again!

Once again, our Or Hadash community truly lived up to its bright name this past weekend when we hosted rabbi candidate Rabbi Lauren Henderson and her husband, Joel Dworkin. Rabbi Lauren began her busy weekend with us by joining our younger members and their families during their “Interactive Family Shabbat Experience.” She then led Friday Shabbat services before joining us for our lively *Trattoria Hadash*, which drew more than 300 congregants! In between kibitzing with our congregants, Rabbi Lauren spent time with our middle and high schoolers during their Hot Chocolate Bar event.

Rabbi Lauren led Shabbat services and read Torah the following morning, adding her own touches of learning throughout. Following services, Rabbi Lauren and Joel mingled and noshed with congregants during a wonderful kiddush luncheon, again drawing more than 200 congregants and visitors. Afterwards, the rabbi participated in an informative Q&A session before leading a group of congregants in a Purim text study and mindful meditation. The rabbi’s weekend ended with her participating in Sunday morning minyan.

Rabbi Lauren and Joel were in awe of the community we’ve lovingly built and the *hamish* reception they felt from the moment they walked through our doors. *We* know what a unique and warm *bet tefilah* we have; how wonderful our special guests were able to see and feel that, too.

Let’s Do the Numbers

670+

number of congregants who participated in weekend events with Rabbi Lauren

558

number of viewers who streamed our Shabbat services

TAKE THE COH SURVEY... YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Thank you to everyone who has completed the online survey about Rabbi Lauren’s visit with us; the response rate has been strong. To those of you who haven’t had time to fill out the survey yet, it’s not too late. **The survey will close at 9 pm this Sunday, March 8.** It will take around five minutes to complete and is completely anonymous unless you include identifying information in your responses. *Your opinion truly matters in this important process.* [Click here to participate.](#) One survey per person, however, multiple surveys per household are welcome.

Town Hall Meeting

Please join us for an important congregational town hall meeting **Sunday, March 22 from 4 to 6 pm at COH.** At this point in the search process, it’s time to come together to share what we’ve learned during the listening sessions, from the rabbi candidates’ weekend visits, and from the post-visit surveys. We look forward to seeing you there.

Heartfelt Thanks to

everyone who made our rabbi candidate weekend such a success: our membership committee, our hospitality committee, our staff, our board members, those congregants who opened up their homes to Rabbi Lauren and Joel, those congregants who prepared meals, led tours, and each and every congregant who warmly welcomed our guests to our *kehillah*. *Today Rabah!*

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