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Dear Or Chaim Minyan Members,

I am delighted to share with you that The Or Chaim Minyan has hired Rabbi Eddie Shostak as our new Rabbi, effective 1 Elul 5783 (August 18, 2023).

Rabbi Shostak comes to us with an impressive array of experience and has received overwhelming support from our Executive, Board of Directors, and the majority of our minyan, as indicated in the recent survey.

He holds Rabbinic Ordination from Rav Gedalia Dov Schwartz, zt"l, of Chicago, and is a member of the Rabbinical Council of America (RCA). He boasts degrees from McGill University, is a graduate of the Day School Leadership Training Institute (DSLTI), Harvard's Principals' Center Summer Institute, and Federation CJA's Passport to Jewish Life Fellowship. It is worth mentioning that Rabbi Shostak was honored with the prestigious Federation CJA Brenda and Samuel Gewurz Award for Jewish Educational Leadership in 2019. Moreover, he was selected to participate in the inaugural cohort of the Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks Scholars Programme.

Previously, Rabbi Shostak served as the K-11 School Rabbi of the Hebrew Academy and will now take on the role of Menahel at Yeshivat Or Chaim, commencing this upcoming school year.

With a background in pastoral care, teaching, and programming, Rabbi Shostak has demonstrated his ability to connect with individuals of all ages, both in traditional and non-traditional settings, through formal and informal education. His values and aspirations align perfectly with those of our community, and we are confident that his presence will contribute significantly to the growth, outreach, and sustainability of our minyan.

Rabbi Shostak is happily married to Ahuva, and together, they cherish their role in raising their children Talia, Izzy, Ariel & Orly. We are thrilled to welcome them into the Or Chaim Minyan family.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the members of the search committee, Executive, and Board of Directors for their unwavering commitment and efforts over the past several years, especially to Rabbi Grauer and Alan Simon for paving the way.

Mazel Tov, Rabbi Shostak! Together, may we continue to grow stronger and stronger. We look forward for Rabbi Shostak to officially begin his duties Rosh Chodesh Elul and to welcoming him at a special Shabbat Shiur in the near future. Please see below for a message from Rabbi Shostak

Sincerely,

Jonathan Samson  
Presiden



### Message from Rabbi Shostak

Dearest Or Chaim Minyan,

I feel truly excited, honoured, and blessed to have been chosen to take on the position of Rabbi of this special minyan.

From the first time that I davened together with you 16 years ago and every time since, I have been struck by the high level of Torah learning, uplifting tefila and sense of camaraderie and family that are the hallmarks of the Or Chaim Minyan community.

It is on these pillars and principles that I hope to lead and to build on. To that end, I look forward to sharing with you a shared vision for my role in the near future.

I am excited to meet, re-meet and get to know each one of you as we begin this new chapter together.

For now, I would like to thank the Board particularly, Jonathan Samson and Alan Simon, as well as Rabbi Grauer for their warmth, professionalism and sensitivity during this process.

Ahuva and I are very much looking forward, together with our children Talia, Izzy, Ariel and Orly, to settling into our new, yet familiar, shul community.

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B'vracha,  
Eddie.