

Congregation Mishkan Or

New synagogue community of
Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple and The Temple-Tifereth Israel

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Dear Members of Congregation Mishkan Or,

In this season of Hanukkah, as we reflect on light and renewal, we write to share our thoughts following Rabbi Nosanchuk's heartfelt announcement about his plans for retirement in 2026.

This deeply personal choice—guided by his health journey, his commitment to his family, and his desire to embrace the “bonus time” he has been gifted after achieving remission—was made with careful reflection and love for our community.

First and foremost, we want to thank Rabbi Nosanchuk for his extraordinary leadership and service. When he retires in 2026, he will have spent nearly 40 years in service to Jewish communities across the country, including 25 years as a congregational rabbi. His vision, compassion, and tireless efforts have been instrumental in shaping Congregation Mishkan Or, and we are profoundly grateful for all he has done.

Over the coming year, Rabbi Nosanchuk has pledged to remain fully committed to his role as senior rabbi. Working alongside our talented clergy team, dedicated staff, and Board of Directors, he will continue building on the strong foundation we have created together. Following his retirement, it is our intention to extend emeritus status to Rabbi Nosanchuk.

In the coming weeks, the Board will launch the search for our next Senior Rabbi, beginning with appointing a Search Committee. We are committed to ensuring that this process is thoughtful and inclusive, and we will share more details about the timeline and next steps as we move forward.

We understand that announcements like this may bring mixed emotions—gratitude for Rabbi Nosanchuk’s service, curiosity about the transition, and perhaps uncertainty about what comes next. Please rest assured that the Board, clergy, and staff are focused on ensuring Mishkan Or remains a thriving place of learning, community, and connection.

As we navigate this transition together, we invite all members of the congregation to join us in congratulating Rabbi Nosanchuk on his remarkable career and honoring his many contributions to Mishkan Or and the broader Jewish community.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Mishkan Or and for being part of this extraordinary community.

May the light of Hanukkah continue to inspire us all as we honor Rabbi Nosanchuk’s legacy and look forward to a bright and meaningful future together at Mishkan Or.

Sincerely,

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