Questions and Answers About Rabbi Weininger's Transition

Rabbi Weininger has meant a great deal to our community. We know the news of his departure next May may bring many emotions and questions. While some matters are personal and private, we are committed to communicating openly and keeping the congregation informed as we move through this transition together.

Why is Rabbi Weininger leaving?

Rabbi Weininger has decided that his current contract will be his last at Adath. He will continue serving as Senior Rabbi through May 2027. This was a thoughtful and difficult decision for him. We encourage congregants to read Rabbi Weininger's message and hear directly from him what he wishes to share about this next chapter. We are deeply grateful for his leadership and look forward to celebrating his many contributions over the coming year.

Was this Rabbi Weininger's decision?

Yes. Rabbi Weininger made the decision not to renew his contract. The Board of Trustees and synagogue leadership respect his decision and are committed to supporting both Rabbi Weininger and the congregation through this transition.

When will Rabbi Weininger conclude his service at Adath?

Rabbi Weininger will continue to serve as Senior Rabbi through May 31, 2027. He remains fully engaged in congregational life and leadership during this transition year, and we are grateful to have this time together.

Will there be opportunities to celebrate Rabbi Weininger's contributions?

Yes. Stay tuned for details on a congregational celebration next spring where we will honor the legacy Rabbi Weininger has built. We will share details as plans are finalized.

What is the plan for leadership after Rabbi Weininger leaves?

The Board of Trustees is convening a small task force of lay leaders to partner with staff and clergy and begin planning for the congregation's next chapter. This is an important moment for Adath, and leadership is committed to a thoughtful and transparent process. We have time to plan well and will share updates as decisions are made.

Will the congregation's mission, values, or direction change?

Adath's mission, values, and governance remain unchanged. We have important work ahead as we continue Building Adath's Future, and that work will continue. Adath has a long history and a strong foundation that extends far beyond any one individual.

Is the synagogue stable?

Yes. Leadership transitions are a normal part of the life of any congregation. Adath remains strong, with dedicated clergy, staff, lay leaders, and an engaged community. The Board, clergy, and staff are focused on ensuring a thoughtful transition and a vibrant future.

When will we hear more?

The Board will continue to communicate with the congregation throughout the coming year. As decisions are made regarding transition planning, celebrations, and the search process, we will share updates through our regular communication channels.

What do I do if I have questions?

We understand that this announcement may bring questions, reflections, and emotions. Some questions may not have answers yet, and we are committed to communicating openly and sharing updates as plans develop. If you have questions, thoughts, or anything you'd like to share, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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We are grateful for the year ahead together.

By supporting one another with kindness and respect, we will honor Rabbi Weininger's legacy and continue building a vibrant future for Adath.