Shaare Tova of Great Neck (195 Steamboat Road), Ohr Esther, and Gym Minyan Congregational Plan

The UMJCA Central Board has unanimously approved the following congregational framework to strengthen our synagogues, support the next generation, and establish a clear vision for the future of our community.

Shaare Tova of Great Neck (195 Steamboat Road)

Shaare Tova of Great Neck will serve as a primary center for youth and young-adult religious and community life, bringing together college-age members, singles, young professionals, and young families while fostering continued engagement through these stages of life.

Minyanim and religious leadership will be developed to encourage these younger generations to grow together within a unified community environment.

Rabbi Adam Sabzevari, together with Rabbi Mike Livi, will provide rabbinic leadership, guidance, and mentorship for the younger generations of our community.

Ohr Esther

As part of this transition, the Central Board will work to strengthen and stabilize Ohr Esther by establishing dedicated rabbinic and congregational leadership, ensuring that it continues to serve its existing congregation while developing a clear direction for its future.

The Central Board will begin the process of identifying appropriate rabbinic leadership, along with the congregational leadership necessary to support the synagogue's continued growth and stability.

Gym Minyan

The plan also provides for the eventual relocation of the existing Gym Minyan to the Ohr Esther social hall, where the MYC Minyan currently meets.

The timing and logistics of this relocation will be coordinated as part of the broader transition.

Implementation

The transition will be coordinated with the rabbis, synagogue leadership, appropriate college-age and young-adult leadership, existing congregants, and the 195 Operating Committee.

The objective is not simply to relocate congregants, but to establish strong, sustainable synagogue environments, each with dedicated leadership and a clearly defined role within the broader UMJCA community.

This plan establishes the overall direction with the goal of creating welcoming and inclusive synagogue environments where every member feels valued, connected, and at home, while encouraging more of our young men and women who may not regularly attend Kanissa to come, participate, and find a place to pray and grow together with their friends.

Sincerely,

UMJCA Central Board