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Dear Community Members,

The Central Board of the UMJCA and the Board of Ohr Esther are pleased to announce the installation of Rabbi Mosheh Aziz as the new head rabbi and spiritual leader of the Ohr Esther main sanctuary. It is a tremendous milestone for our community to have one of our main minyans run by an American-born Mashadi Rabbi.

In addition to leading Shabbat & Holiday services at Ohr Esther, Rabbi Aziz will continue to oversee and teach 'chattan' classes, offer daily Jewish education classes, be available for grief counseling, and assist the community in many other ways.

Rabbi Aziz received rabbinical ordination (Semicha) both from our own Rabbi Eliyahu Ben-Haim in 2012 as well from Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 2017. Additionally, he earned his Master's degree in social work from Wurzweiler School of Social work in 2015. Rabbi Aziz has authored and published books for our community recording Rabbi Ben-Haim's teachings and our Mashadi traditions; these include Shenot Haim: Laws and Customs of Jewish Mourning (first published in 2017) and Taharat Haim: Laws and Customs of Family Purity (published in 2020).

We congratulate Rabbi Aziz and his family on this great achievement. With the help of Hashem, Rabbi Aziz will inspire and enrich our community for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Board of Ohr Esther & UMJCA Central Board

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