IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT SEATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE YAMIM NORAIM 5779

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE SEATING REQUEST / MEMBERSHIP FORM

All completed forms MUST be sent in by 12th Elul (Thursday 23rd August).

Due to the overwhelming number of seating requests in past years (especially in the ladies section) and due to the actual physical number of seats available, please read these important notes regarding how seats will be allocated to members for this year's Yamim Noraim Services.

- Membership Dues in 5779 are **1,900 NIS**, representing a 50 NIS reduction over 5778.
- IMPORTANT: Members who have yet to join the 'Building Maintenance Fund' should contact the Gizbar at the earliest possible time. NO SEATS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HAVE AN UP TO DATE & CURRENT BUILDING / MAINTENANCE FUND STATUS.
- Priority of seat allocations will be given in the following order:
 - Members
 - Member's unmarried children (over the age of Kitta daled)
 - Member's married children
 - Grandchildren (over the age of kitta daled)
 - Member's parents or older relatives,
 - Other guests

NOTE: There may not be seats for your extra guests.

- There are no advance seats available for non-members (who are not guests of members, i.e. people who live in RBS and wish to daven at Ahavat Tzion with us on Rosh Hashana). Non-members who wish to daven with us will be 'wait listed' and asked to call the Seating Committee <u>2 days prior to RH</u> to find out about availability.
- As in past years, each member receives 4 seats (2 men and 2 women which are **non-transferable**) for themselves and their unmarried children who are older than kitta daled at no extra cost.
- If you have no unmarried children over kitta daled, you are entitled to only one seat in the women's section for free. You will receive seats for your married children etc., but you will be required to pay for them.

- An extra seat for all of Yamim Noraim is **100 NIS** per seat for unmarried children.
- Seats for married children are **100 NIS** per seat.
- Seats for additional guests, including parents, siblings, grandchildren and other relatives are **250 NIS per seat**.
- If you do not need the seat for ALL of Yamim Noraim (i.e. just one day RH, or just YK) there is an option to pay **35 NIS** a day for children of members (married and unmarried), or **150 NIS** for a guest just one day RH or just YK.
- NOTE: No seats will be allocated to children under the age of kitta daled unless there are *spare seats after* the seat allocation.

With the information above in mind, kindly complete the online seating/members request form/s

Membership Form, Seating Form and Payment

- Membership Form: New members please visit our <u>website</u> and follow the <u>Membership</u> link on the top menu bar. Choose the <u>New Members Form</u> and fill it out. Make sure you click 'SUBMIT' after completing the form, and then please proceed to fill out the <u>Seating Form</u>.
- Seating Form: All members, please visit our <u>website</u> and follow the <u>Membership</u> link on the top menu bar. Choose the <u>Seating Form</u> and fill it out. You can use the <u>Seating</u> <u>Chart</u> as a reference. Make sure you click 'SUBMIT' after completing the form!
- Membership can be paid in cash, checks or bank transfer.
 - o Cash should be handed directly to Shul Gizbar, Malcolm Winter, in person.
 - Checks should be made payable to "Kehillat Ahavat Tzion" and given to the Shul Gizbar Malcolm Winter Nachal Shimshon 18/2. He will be in Shul after Arvit (20:30) on Wednesday evening 5 Ellul (15 August) and 12 Ellul (22 August), or any Vaad member. Checks can also be left in an envelope in the mailbox at the Shul entrance please do not leave cash in the mailbox.
 - Bank Transfers Members can pay by bank transfer or horaat keva. The details are:

Bank: 12 Bank Hapoalim

Branch: 446 Ramat Bet Shemesh

Account: 6858

Account Name: Kehillat Ahavat Tzion

 Please put your name in the reference box when making the transfer or send an email to <u>gizbar@ahavat-tzion.com</u> confirming the amount you have transferred.

- If you wish to set up a horaat keva or pay by instalments the easiest way is to set this up via internet banking. We can also arrange the horaat keva and if you wish to do this please contact gizbar@ahavat-tzion.com requesting a horaat keva form.
- If you have any questions about membership please feel free to approach any Vaad member of send an email to vaad@ahavat-tzion.com. Any questions regarding payment should be sent to gizbar@ahavat-tzion.com.
- NO MEMBERSHIP REQUEST will be turn down for financial hardship reasons.

The Seating Committee emphasizes the tremendous amount of work and effort that goes into ensuring that as many people are content with their seat allocation as possible.

Please be understanding if we are not able to fulfill your request.

At all times, we request that you have hakarat ha'tov for the efforts that Seating Committee make and speak pleasantly if you would like to make a comment.

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Wishing you/your families a Happy, Sweet & Peaceful New Year and a Ketiva VeHatima Tova,

The Seating Committee 5779