

Re: High Holiday Information

Dear Fellow Congregants:

In less than four weeks, we will be ushering in the New Year. The Shul Board, Ritual and Seating Committees have been working hard to plan and implement safety measures to ensure meaningful services for the High Holidays. The WHO is stating that the novel coronavirus spread is now being driven by people in their 20s, 30s and 40s, many of whom are unaware they are infected, posing a danger to vulnerable groups. Please read the health and safety precautions carefully.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS – APPLICABLE TO ALL INDOOR AND OUTDOOR MINYAMIN

Please do your part to ensure a safe and healthy environment:

Everyone over the age of 2 must wear a face mask or face covering over their mouths and noses.

Keep at least 6 feet of distance between other congregants.

Do not shake hands.

Refrain from loud and spirited singing.

Do not leave any personal belongings (e.g. tallitim, kitels, lulavim, etrogim, etc.) at Shul or under the tent.

Do not hold or touch the Torah.

No ball playing or running around in parking lot.

All children who attend services must be seated for the entire service.

You must stay home if:

- If you are COVID positive even if you are asymptomatic.
- You have had contact with any COVID positive individual or someone who is under investigation for COVID in the past 14 days.
- Your temperature is 99.5 degrees or higher (cannot have taken fever-reducing medication).
- You have a new onset of two or more symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell).
- In accordance with New York State guidelines, anyone coming from a state that is listed by the NY Department of Health as a restricted state <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory> in the past 14 days (other than passing through) and have not self-quarantined for 14 days. Specifically, to attend Rosh Hashanah services you may not arrive from a restricted state later than September 3rd and to attend Yom Kippur services you may not arrive from a restricted state later than September 12th.

Safety protocols will strictly be enforced by volunteer YIWP members. Parents must be responsible and help reinforce these protocols with their young and teen-age children.

SAFETY MEASURES TAKEN BY YIWP

In consultation with Rabbi Greenberg, davening times will be reduced to minimize risk of transmission.

Please bring your own machzorim, if possible. As a courtesy, we have arranged that you may purchase an Artscroll Rosh Hashanah Machzor and/or an Artscroll Yom Kippur Machzor through the Shul at \$26.00 apiece. You may place an order when you register for seats by September 1st.

For those who do not own enough machzorim for their family, the Shul's machzorim will also be available for sign out and will be kept with you throughout the Holiday period. More details to follow.

iWave air purifying devices will be installed in our existing HVAC systems. The iWave technology inactivates the COVID-19 by ionizing the air as it circulates through the ventilation systems.

A tent for the outdoor minyanim will be set up in the YIWP parking lot.

Hand sanitizers will be placed at stations throughout the shul and outside.

Our maintenance staff will be wiping down pews and chairs in between minyanim.

PRELIMINARY MINYAN TIMES

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, Erev Rosh Hashanah: Mincha at 6:50, followed by Maariv

Noah Wheat Beit Knesset (Sanctuary)

Social Hall (downstairs)

Outdoor Tent Minyan

Shacharit

First Outdoor Tent Minyan: 7:15 a.m.

Noah Wheat Beit Knesset (Sanctuary): 8:30 a.m.

Social Hall (downstairs): 9:30 a.m.

Second Outdoor Tent Minyan: 10:00 a.m.

Mincha at 6:50, followed by Maariv

Noah Wheat Beit Knesset (Sanctuary)

Social Hall (downstairs)

Outdoor Tent Minyan

Yom Kippur

Erev Yom Kippur

Mincha – 2:00 p.m. Outdoor Tent

Mincha – 3:30 p.m. Outdoor Tent

Kol Nidre at 6:30 p.m.

Noah Wheat Beit Knesset (Sanctuary)

Social Hall (downstairs)

Outdoor Tent Minyan

Shacharit

First Outdoor Tent Minyan: 7:00 a.m. (Starting from Mizmor Shir/Baruch Sheamar)

Noah Wheat Beit Knesset (Sanctuary): 8:30 a.m.

Social Hall (downstairs): 9:30 a.m.

Second Outdoor Tent Minyan: 10:15 a.m. (Starting from Nishmat)

Mincha at 5:00 p.m.

Noah Wheat Beit Knesset (Sanctuary)

Social Hall (downstairs)

Outdoor Tent Minyan

Neilia at 6:15

Noah Wheat Beit Knesset (Sanctuary)

Social Hall (downstairs)

Outdoor Tent Minyan

EXTRA SHOFAR BLOWING

An additional shofar blowing will be arranged on the second day of Rosh Hashanah (no shofar blowing on the first day as it is Shabbat) in the YIWP parking lot later in the day. Times will be posted.

GROUPS

Unfortunately, this year there will be no groups during davening times. Only children who can sit for the entire length of the service and can adhere to the safety protocols will be permitted to attend a minyan.

SECURITY

Our security team will be in place.

SEAT RESERVATIONS

Members must reserve in advance the minyanim they would like to attend using the link below. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. Minyan/seating assignments are subject to change based on demand. **Seats will be assigned in each minyan.** As seating availability is extremely limited, members will be given priority. We ask that you sign up only children who can sit for the entire length of davening.

Reservations **MUST** be made online at <https://www.yiwp.org/form/high-holiday-seating-20202.html>. Please enter any specific seating requests in the area provided. Should we need to make adjustments due to capacity constraints, please indicate if you desire only davening inside, outside or have no preference. The reservation cut-off date is **Tuesday, September 1st.**

COSTS FOR SEATS

The cost for seats, in any Minyan is as follows:

Full Members - 2 complimentary seats

Children of members [college age or below] - \$50

Members' adult children - \$100

Associate members - \$200

Out of town guests of members - \$200

Non-members- \$400

(These are the same cost as the past several years).

In order to reserve your seats in either Minyan, please be sure to fulfill all obligations owed to YIWP as of June 30th, 2020 or contact Andy Pressner or Moshe Mirsky to make alternative arrangements. If you are purchasing seats according to the schedule above, your reservation will be confirmed once payment is made. Please note that if you moved to White Plains after January 1, 2020, your first year of membership is free and includes 2 seats for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. If you would like to take advantage of our first year of free membership, kindly contact the Shul office at (914) 683-9497 or Marlene Schanzer at marlene@yiwp.org before making online reservations.

We wish all of you a Chtiva V'Chatima Tova!