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Dear Friends,

While much remains uncertain, we are delighted to invite you to High Holiday services this year at the Young Israel of Pelham Parkway Jewish Center. Our region and community continue along the road to recovery from the COVID-19 crisis, so while we know that moving forward we will need to be flexible, enough is in place at this time for us to present our plans for the 2020/5781 High Holiday season.

Rosh Hashana this year will be on September 19th and 20th, and Yom Kippur will be on September 28th. Services will again be led by Cantor Yair Shahak, who has beautifully led the High Holiday services in our community for many years.

To enable us to safely seat as many people as possible with appropriate social distancing, our intent is that this year, services will be held in the beautiful upstairs sanctuary of our building. If the demand for attendance exceeds our capacity upstairs, we intend to run a second service downstairs as well. If you would like to attend, but cannot do so in the upstairs sanctuary, which is not wheelchair accessible, please let us know so that we can work towards an appropriate accommodation.

While we are hopeful that the need for social distancing and other health precautions will decrease as we get closer to the High Holidays, for now we are working under the assumption that the following will be necessary to ensure a safe prayer environment for our entire community:

- Only individuals who have registered in advance will be permitted to enter the building.
- Individuals who are feeling sick or have been in close contact with people who have COVID-19 should not attend services until they are cleared by their doctors.
- Seating in the sanctuary will be assigned to ensure proper social distancing.
- Face coverings will be required for everyone in the building.
- Everyone will be expected to wash or sanitize their hands upon entry.

We know that while some people will be excited to attend High Holiday services this year, others will be nervous to attend a long service in a large group. For this reason, we intend to offer a free abbreviated service on the afternoons of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, which will include shofar blowing and Yizkor, for those for whom that is more comfortable. While we intend to offer this program for free as a service to the community, for safety purposes, advanced registration will still be required. As every year, if there are people in our community who are homebound for any reason, and would like to hear shofar, please let us know and we will make arrangements.



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We realize that 2020 has been financially challenging for many members of our community. For that reason, we have decided not to increase the price of tickets for High Holiday services this year. Tickets for members will remain \$50, and tickets for non-members will be \$100. As always, no one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

Additionally, we have decided to waive all membership fees for the 2020 calendar year. Whether you have been a paying member of our shul in the past or not, we invite you to join now, and enjoy the membership rate for High Holiday tickets. Dues for 2021 will be billed in December at \$360 for an individual membership, and \$700 for a family membership. If you decide at that time to decline to renew your membership, please just let us know. If you would like to remain a member for 2021 but cannot afford to pay the full dues, we will be happy to accommodate you.

To register for High Holiday services, you can visit our website, yippjc.org/highholidays, call our office at 718-824-0630 between 10:00am and 2:00pm on Monday through Thursday, or return the form below to our office.

We are excited to greet you.

With blessings for a sweet new year,

Rabbi Ben Keil
Rabbi-YIPPJC

Rabbi Yitzchak Gross
President-YIPPJC

Registration Form

Name: _____
Home Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Email Address: _____
Home Phone Number: _____
Cell Phone Number: _____

Number of tickets for men in the Main Sanctuary _____
Number of tickets for women in the Main Sanctuary _____
Number of Registrants for complimentary abbreviated service _____

- I would like to be considered a member, and pay \$50 per ticket.
- I would like to be considered a non-member, and pay \$100 per ticket.

Please include a check for the appropriate amount if you are returning this form by mail.

Names of those attending: _____

