



Congregation Anshei Shalom

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Dear Fellow Congregants:

As the Yomim Noraim approach, the Shul will once again begin its seat sale.

This year's holidays will be significantly different due to the social distancing requirements of Covid-19. However, as in prior years, members must bring their accounts with the Shul current before seats can be reserved at the membership rate. For this purpose, as in past years, accounts are deemed current if all past due obligations are paid in full. This would include dues from prior years as well as all other pledges, but would not include 2020-2021 dues, building fund or other obligations that have not yet become due.

If you have any questions about the status of your account with the Shul, please review the statement of your account which was recently sent by email. Your account statement is also available at www.anshei.org. If you have any questions regarding your account or circumstances do not permit you to either pay your past due obligations or pay for your Yom Tov seats in full, please speak to the President or Treasurer. All conversations will remain confidential.

This year, you can order and pay for your seats online through the website, www.anshei.org. There will be ten (10) minyanim available through Anshei for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur this year: 1) Main Sanctuary - early; 2) Main Sanctuary - late; 3) Social Hall - early; 4) Social Hall - late; 5) Sephardic; 6) Greenberg Residence (407 Tyler Place); 7) Lowenstein Residence (352 June Place); 8) Mark Residence (261 Locust Street); 9) Rosman Residence (377 McKinley Street); and 10) Schwartz Residence (463 Lisa Lane).

Each of the residential Backyard Minyanim will be in a large, lit, tent outside of the residence.

The sale of seats applies to all minyanim. All seats must be paid for at the time of purchase. The prices for Yom Tov seats for this year are as follows:

Backyard Minyan: members \$110 (including unmarried children of members up to age 26); members' family \$140 (including married children regardless of age); non-members \$300

Shul Minyanim: members \$150 (including unmarried children of members up to age 26); members' family \$160 (including married children regardless of age); non-members \$350

These prices are valid through September 6, 2020 when all prices for member seats will increase by \$25.



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PRIORITY: Due to the changes in minyanim and the atypical set-up of this year's seating, there is **NO PRIORITY** this year. **Your priority from last year will carry through to next year when we hopefully return to normal.**

REGULAR SALE: The Regular Sale of seats will begin on **August 17, 2020 at 9:00 am**. Members will be able to order seats during this period on a first come-first served basis through the website or by mail. Seats reserved by mail are deemed to have been made when the mail is received by the office. Please note that in order to be "first come" you must be caught up on your account. Anyone who is behind on their account will not be seated until their account is current.

The Treasurer will be available to discuss individual accounts by appointment only. Please email treasurer@anshei.org for an appointment. The Treasurer is not a member of the seating committee and can only clear accounts for seat processing.

SEAT PURCHASES: Seat Orders may be placed and paid for by credit card or ACH via our web site at www.anshei.org You may also email your seat reservation form (see attached) to officemanager@anshei.org or mail your form to the Shul or by mail (PO Box 410, West Hempstead, NY 11552) with a check. Please note that online submissions will be processed much faster than paper form submissions, whether mailed or emailed to the office. Do not leave seat orders on an answering machine.

To order you must: 1) be current with your Shul account and 2) pay for your seats. **Your seat order will not be processed if you have not met these conditions.** Only members in good financial standing will have their forms processed.

We cannot guarantee that you will get the minyan of your choice, although every effort will be made to accommodate your request. If a minyan is undersold, we may be forced to consolidate it with another minyan. We ask for your flexibility and understanding as our goal is to maximize available seats for each minyan.

In an effort to protect our members and our staff, we will not be allowing in-person paper submissions for seat requests this year. If you cannot use one of the above methods for seat purchase, please contact email president@anshei.org.

Enclosed with this letter is a seating form which should only be used if you are unable to use the web site.



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If there is space available, the sale of seats will open to non-members on September 11, 2020. Seats will be sold to non-members on a first come-first served basis, subject to availability.

This is a very unusual time for our Shul. We have endured to create as many seats as possible to provide services for as many people as possible. However, due to space limitations, in an attempt to accommodate all adults, no seats will be sold for a child under Bar/Bat-Mitzvah age. **Depending on seat availability, this matter will be revisited before we sell to non-members.**

The Shul Davening Guidelines, which can be found on our website, remain in effect. To highlight, anyone in a Backyard Minyan must bring their own chair. **No one is to enter the house of any of our host minyanim under any circumstances. However, the bathrooms inside the Shul will be OPEN for usage.**

For all minyanim, everyone must bring their own Machzor. If you do not have a machzor, let us know and one will be loaned to you for use through the holidays.

Also please note, there will be no babysitting available this year.

We understand the strain these guidelines put on our members and guests. Unfortunately, these guidelines are required to keep our members and community safe from continued spread of Covid..

Finally, Anshei relies on the sale of High Holiday seats to meet its financial obligations for the year. We understand that several of our members will be davening at other minyanim or may refrain from joining a minyan.. **We beseech those of you opting to not buy seats this year to make a donation to the Shul commensurate with a seat purchase.** To make a voluntary donation based on seats in non-Anshei minyanim, please enter a selection of Minyan “Other Minyan” and the total payment at the bottom.

If you have any questions about the process for reserving Yom Tov seats, please feel free to speak to Paul Blass or Zalman Hagler. The Board would like to thank the Rosman, Greenberg, Lowenstein, Schwartz and Mark families for hosting our additional minyan this year as well as all the families who have generously offered their backyards.

Anshei is built on the generosity of its members and we ask you to keep that tradition of generosity alive to allow Anshei to continue.

K'tivah V'chatimah Tova.

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