

Yamim Noraim 5781 at KMS- Safety and Davening Protocols

Safety

- **Please maintain a distance of at least 8 feet** from others at all times
- **Masks are mandatory at all times**, including for baalei tefilla and baalei kria
- Tefillot will be briefer than normal (including **minimal singing**) to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- **The Shofar will be blown off to the side** of the tent away from people OR out towards the doors of the Sanctuary and Social Hall. The Shofar will have a mask affixed to the end of it to minimize the spread of airborne particles.
- **There will be no Aliyot** or other kibbudim given out to participants (see below)

General Guidelines for Davening at KMS on HH:

(These are guidelines for those davening at KMS. Davening instructions for those staying home will be forthcoming)

- Everyone will have an assigned seat. Chairs will be provided.
- **Everyone must bring their own machzor.** Machzorim are available to purchase from KMS or to be borrowed for the entire Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, for use in Shul or at home. To buy a Koren Machzor from KMS click [here](#). Times to come to KMS to borrow a machzor will be announced.
- **Bathrooms will be accessible** during davening and will be cleaned frequently. Only one person will be permitted in a bathroom at a time.
- RH morning minyanim should last **approximately 2.5 hours**. YK morning minyanim should last **approximately 3 hours**.
- In the event of rain, the indoor and tent minyanim will proceed as planned. **In the event of severe thunder and lightning the outdoor tent minyanim will be canceled.**
- Rabbi Weinberg's drasha and our annual High Holidays appeal will take place on Zoom prior to the chaggim. **There will be no appeals or lengthy drashot during davening.**
- **Please come on time** to the minyan you are assigned to. Please do not come too early as the previous minyan might still be finishing.
- Anyone who needs to say **Birkat Hagomel** can do so from their seat during leyning when the gabbai announces it.
- **Please do not congregate after davening**

Davening Protocols:

- A full **Seder Hayom** outlining the tefillot we will be saying and skipping will be emailed to members before the chaggim. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with it ahead of time as only minimal page announcements will be made during davening.
- **Shacharit will begin at Nishmat Kol Chai.** Those attending a minyan should daven up to and including Az Yashir at home (Birchot Hatorah, Birchot HaShachar, Adon Olam and Yigdal, Shir Shel Yom and Ledavid Ori, Pesukei Dezimra for Rosh Hashana) and try to refrain from conversation from that point forward unless it pertains to davening. Omit Shir Hayichud and Aanim Zemiroth.

- **Men who wear a Talit** should put it on at home with a bracha before davening Pesukei Dezimra, then take it off for the walk to shul, then put it back on when arriving at KMS (no new bracha needs to be recited upon putting it back on).
- **We will be saying full Chazarat HaShatz** (not “hoichi kedusha”) for each Amidah.
- **Leyning:**
 - Each Baal Koreh will take out the Torah he will be reading from (one for the first sefer and one for the maftir sefer) as opposed to the Shaliach Tzibur
 - No one should approach or kiss the Torah.
 - The gabbai(im) will stand off to the side at least 6 feet away from the leyning table.
 - The Baal Koreh will receive all aliyot and make the brachot before and after each one
 - No mi sheberachs will be recited for aliyot
 - The Baal Koreh will do Hagbah and Gelila himself and then place the Torah down on the table.
 - Half Kaddish is said after the first sefer is completed before the maftir is called up.
 - Maariv on Motzaei Yom Tov will take place approximately 10 minutes after Yom Tov ends to enable those who wish to drive to KMS to do so. Those who wish to drive over should say “baruch hamavdil” beforehand.