



# CONGREGATION K.I.N.S. of West Rogers Park

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Dear Members and Friends,

While the past several months have been a very challenging time, we are very proud of how the KINS community has stayed connected. Since the pandemic began, we have consistently found ways to stay engaged, learn Torah, and daven, all while taking precautions to preserve everyone's health and safety. We are proud of what we have accomplished this past year, and we look forward to your continued partnership as we move to membership renewals for 5781. Whether you have participated through our online programming and/or have been able to return to shul since it has reopened, maintaining the continuity of our KINS community continues to be our priority despite the ongoing challenges. We appreciate your ongoing support and partnership by renewing your KINS membership for 5781.

For 5781, membership dues and the security fee will remain the same as 5780. The shul's policy is that no member will be turned away because of a true financial hardship. If you need to speak to someone regarding a special financial arrangement for your membership dues, please contact myself or the co-presidents (Shelly Aberman or Richard Silverman) at: [president@congkins.org](mailto:president@congkins.org).

The process for membership renewals will be similar to prior years; however, due to seating capacity limits in each of our minyanim, which will be in accordance with the cRc guidelines, securing a seat for the High Holidays will be similar to the sign up process currently in place for daily and Shabbat minyanim (utilizing the SignUpGenius website). The following procedures will apply to membership renewals and signing up for High Holiday seats:

1. Your 5781 membership will automatically activate in the same category as your 5780 membership, as reflected on the enclosed invoice, unless you contact the office to make a change. All members **must** select one of three payment options: (1) payment in full, (2) payment in three equal installments, or (3) payment in ten equal installments. For all installment payment options, you must provide the Shul with a credit card number. All membership renewals can be done by accessing your account on the shul website ([www.congkins.org/member](http://www.congkins.org/member)) or by contacting the shul office.
2. The planning for the High Holiday seating is underway, and we anticipate multiple minyanim, at different times, with both indoor and outdoor options available. Unfortunately, however, our traditional children's groups will not be offered this year.
3. Due to the seating capacity limits in each of our minyanim, the sign-up for High Holiday seats will be available on a rolling basis. For all full members (Individual and Family) that have made arrangements for payment of 5781 membership dues (and all outstanding balances on the member's account) by August 30st, those members will have priority access to the online sign-up beginning August 31st. On September 8th, the online sign up will open to associate members and non-members who have made arrangements to pay for seats. Although we anticipate having sufficient seating capacity across the various minyanim to accommodate all members, please make every effort to make arrangements for membership dues as early as possible so that you will have access to the on-line sign up as early as possible to choose the time and location of your preferred minyan. **Additional information regarding the High Holiday seating website and sign-up process, together with details about our High Holiday minyanim, will be provided in the coming days.**

We thank you for your patience, understanding, and cooperation as we navigate the High Holiday seating process this year. If you have questions regarding membership, please feel free to call the shul office at (773) 761-4000. On behalf of the shul, thank you for your continued support. I wish you and your family a healthy and happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Michael Perl  
Vice President of Membership