



# Young Israel Congregation

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And Surfside

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Dear Members and Friends-in-the-Community:

Another year is coming to an end and we are now preparing for 5779. Our membership this year once again increased over the prior year and, Baruch Hashem, both our adult and youth programs continue to thrive and expand in our beautiful building.

Our Young Israel is continuing its growth as a vibrant synagogue supporting the Surfside, Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor and Indian Creek communities. We once again look forward to a coming year filled with many interesting activities. ***It is at this time of the year, when we ask that you once again be a part of our Young Israel family by renewing, or beginning your new, membership with our Young Israel.*** Please see the attached sheet for the 5779 membership options, which are unchanged from last year.

Rosh Hashanah begins Sunday evening, September 9th, and the attached form also includes reservation information for High Holiday seating in our Sanctuary. Please note the following important information regarding High Holiday seating:

If you have already purchased permanent seats in our Sanctuary, those seats are, of course, automatically assigned to you. We ask only that you inform the synagogue office that you will be with us for the High Holidays.

***Please confirm your attendance with us no later than August 15 – otherwise, the seats will be made available for sale for the High Holidays.***

If you have not purchased permanent seats, you may reserve seats at \$125.00 each for members and \$250.00 per seat for non-members; children's seats are \$54. Rates are unchanged from last year. Children's programs for all ages will also be available, under the leadership of our youth director, Rabbi Avi Fried.

General seating requests will be accommodated to the greatest extent possible. Submission of your seating request with the membership form is encouraged.

***Given the early September date for Rosh Hashana, we urge you to submit your High Holiday seat reservation requests as soon as possible.***

In order to ensure the continued success of our Young Israel, it is important that membership dues be paid promptly, and any outstanding obligations and past due amounts be paid in full by July 31, 2018. Member benefits, such as rates for High Holiday seating, can be provided only to members with no outstanding financial obligations. We thank you in advance for being part of our Young Israel family.

Wishing you a happy and healthy summer and Shana Tovah to all.

Menno Ratzker  
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