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KAT MEMBERSHIP AND YAMIM NORA'IM SEATING 5786

Elul 5785

Dear KAT Members,

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and meaningful summer! As we enter Elul, it is time to arrange your **KAT Annual Membership, as well as your seating for the upcoming Yamim Nora'im.**

As in previous years, this past year has been full of both the classic community events of our warm, vibrant and supportive community along with some newer initiatives. The programs span inspirational shiurim and tefillot, social gatherings of all sorts for all ages during the week and on shabbat and chagim, a range of milestone events for community members, and continued tireless efforts of the chessed committee who supports our KAT family through any need.

We have tremendous gratitude to each and every person who took some role in making all of the above – and much more – happen, as well as to those who are involved in the everyday behind the scenes running and maintenance of the shul. The involvement of each and every one of our members is key to the continued strength of our community in general, and especially during what has been and continues to be a tremendously challenging time for עם ישראל as a whole.

And in that context, here's the membership drive for the coming year:

Each year, KAT depends on raising **NIS 150,000** annually through the membership drive and from Yamim Nora'im seating. This amount funds the basic upkeep of the shul (payroll, insurance, utilities and minimal building maintenance). We fund additional shul activities and special expenses from the proceeds received from the KAT simcha hall.

In order to accommodate rising expenses and a wish to provide stellar community programming, the prices for membership dues and seating have risen slightly compared to previous years. Membership can be paid in installments of up to 12 payments.

NIS donations to KAT are tax deductible under 'Seif 46'.

Annual Membership Dues

- **NIS 2,140** per family
- **NIS 1,400** per family that has completed or is making ongoing Building Fund contributions ([See here for information about the KAT Building Fund](#))
- **Free** for newcomers to the neighborhood, new olim and anyone under 30

In KAT, no membership request is turned down for reasons of financial hardship. If you wish to discuss this in strict confidence, please reach out to either myself (michael20687@gmail.com), the KAT Gizbar Yair Blumenfeld (gizbar@ahavat-tzion.com) or any other member of the KAT Vaad (Abi Blackman, Michal Gordon, Gabrielle Hodes, Medinah Korn, Gedalya Shindler, and Tali Slifkin).

Yamim Nora'im Seating

A few important points:

- Membership dues do not include Yamim Nora'im seats, which must be requested and purchased separately from membership dues.
- **In order to purchase seats for Yamim Nora'im you must be a Shul member.**
- **Non members will be able to purchase upon availability a few days before Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur.**
- Seats will be allocated according to demand and a prioritization scale. The **KAT Yamim Nora'im Seating Committee** works extremely hard to ensure transparency and the fair allocation of seats. Unfortunately, not all seating requests can be accommodated, and we respectfully ask that you take this into account when communicating with the committee, and that a spirit of 'hakarot hatov' is maintained.

All instructions and pricing for membership dues and Yamim Nora'im seating are detailed below.

Please ensure that both your KAT membership dues and Yamim Nora'im Seating fees are paid by Friday, Elul 12 / September 5.

In the meantime, on behalf of the KAT Vaad and Finance Team, we wish you all a Ketiva V'Chatima Tova, for an upcoming year filled with good health, happiness and success.

B'vracha

Michael Ackerman
on behalf of the KAT Vaad

KAT MEMBERSHIP 5786

As in recent years, there are two separate payments:

- Payment of **membership**
- Payment for **Yamim Nora'im seats** for Registered KAT members (on next page).

Please note that registered KAT Members are entitled to purchase seats for the Yamim Nora'im (see next page for instructions and pricing), but payment of membership alone does not entitle members to a minimum number of seats.

1. ANNUAL KAT MEMBERSHIP DUES 5786

As usual, there are three membership plan options. Every member must register and pay for **one** of the following membership plans:

Plan 1	Annual KAT Membership Dues 5786 (for those who do not contribute to the KAT Building Fund).	NIS 2,140 /family
Plan 2	Discounted Membership Dues 5786 for KAT Building Fund payers (either completed or ongoing) <i>To check your eligibility for this plan or to join the KAT Building Fund, please see #4 below and contact Yair (gizbar@ahavat-tzion.com).</i>	NIS 1,400 /family
Plan 3	5786 Membership for: • Olim Hadashim in 5785 • Moved to RBSA in 5785 • Under 30 years of age <i>(Note: you must still please register as a KAT member online)</i>	Free of charge

2. YAMIM NORA'IM SEATING PRICING 5786

To purchase Yamim Nora'im seats, receive prioritization as members and avoid disappointment, ***please ensure that you are registered and pay your membership dues as a KAT 5786 member.*** Once that is all sorted, then you can proceed with purchase of Yamim Nora'im seats for you and our guests.

Please note that all plans for Yamim Nora'im seating are subject to change and further specific instructions may be issued in advance of the chagim.

Below is the KAT Yamim Nora'im seating pricing for this year:

Seat for all 3 days	
One (1) 3-day seat (RH AND YK) for member/close family*	100 NIS/seat
One (1) 3-day seat (RH AND YK) for other guest**	250 NIS/seat
Seat per Chag***	
One (1) seat (either RH OR YK) for member/close family*	75 NIS/seat
One (1) seat (either RH OR YK) for other guest**	200 NIS/seat

* “**Close family**” is a spouse, child in kita daled or above, parent, parent-in-law, children-in-law, grandchild or grandparent of the primary KAT member.

** “**Other guest**” is anyone else for whom a seat is being bought by the primary member but is not included in the “Close family” category.

*** Seats for Rosh Hashana are for both days. Single day RH seats are not available.

NOTE: Seat purchases will be approved and allocated by the KAT Yamim Nora'im Seating Committee after Friday, Elul 12 / September 5, according to the same prioritization as in previous years:

- 1st priority: Members
- 2nd priority: Member's unmarried children (In kita daled or above)
- 3rd priority: Member's married children
- 4th priority: Member's grandchildren (In kita daled or above)
- 5th priority: Member's parents or older relatives
- 6th priority: Member's children beneath kita daled
- 7th priority: Member's other guests

- No seats will be allocated to members' children under the age of kita daled unless there are spare seats after the overall seat allocation, in which case they will be at a price of NIS 100, the same price as a member's older child.
- Any remaining seats will be sold for **NIS 400** no earlier than 2 days before Rosh Hashana by email to seating@ahavat-tzion.com, **with no guarantee of seating.**
- See [here](#) for the KAT seating map

3. OK... SO HOW DO WE REGISTER AND PAY?

In order for your seating requests to be considered, both your KAT Membership dues and Yamim Nora'im Seating fees must be paid by **Friday, Elul 12 / September 5.**

- **New Members** (anyone who has never been a member of KAT in the past): Welcome!!
😊 Please complete this [information questionnaire](#) and continue with the 4 steps below.
- **Renewing Members:** Please follow the 4 steps detailed below:
 1. Please visit <https://www.ahavat-tzion.com/membership> and log-in (or create a log-in).
 2. Select the relevant KAT Membership Plan for your family and add to your cart
 3. Select the various Yamim Nora'im seats you would like to purchase and add to your cart
 4. Follow the instructions for checkout / online payment
- **Payment Instructions**
 - **Credit/Debit Card** via the online order/checkout process above. You are able to pay in up to 12 monthly installments, **and you are able to enter an amount which exceeds the membership dues if you wish to donate extra.**
 - **Bank Transfer** - Members can pay by bank transfer or hora'at keva. The details are:
 - ◆ Bank: 12 Bank Hapoalim
 - ◆ Branch: 446 Ramat Bet Shemesh
 - ◆ Account: 6858
 - ◆ Account Name: Kehillat Ahavat Tzion
 - ◆ **Please enter your name in the reference box when making the transfer and send an email to gizbar@ahavat-tzion.com confirming the amount you have transferred.**
 - **Cash / Check** please contact gizbar@ahavat-tzion.com to arrange.

(Kehillat Ahavat Tzion holds 'Seif 46' - NIS donations are tax deductible)

4. KAT Building Fund

The **KAT Building Fund**, initiated in 2003, enabled us to complete the building project in 2007, and since then is needed to fund larger repairs and maintenance, which otherwise might be beyond our reach.

Approximately 60% of KAT member families made Building Fund commitments of NIS 9,000 per family (many families have contributed more than NIS 14,000 each), mostly spread into small monthly payments over a number of years.

Contributing to the Building Fund makes families eligible for the discounted annual membership rate, as well as other benefits such as the right to book the Simcha Hall over two years in advance for a shabbat.

Anyone can join the Building Fund – please contact the KAT Gizbar, Yair Blumenfeld (gizbar@ahavat-tzion.com) for details.

Thank you for being treasured members of our very special Kehilla

The KAT Vaad