

תמוז תש"ע
June 2010

Dear Berman's Member,

The time has come to arrange seating for the yamim nora'im. We will again have three minyanim. Shacharit will begin in the main minyan at 7:30, in the parallel minyan at 8:00, and in the hashkama minyan at 6:30. On Rosh Hashana, all the minyanim will daven together for mincha and ma'ariv, and seats are not reserved for those tefillot.

The parallel minyan provides a warm atmosphere for a meaningful davening experience and begins 30 minutes later than the main minyan. **The parallel minyan's physical setting is being dramatically upgraded this year; it will be housed in the newly renovated bet midrash of the Yeshiva.** The bet midrash is located one floor above ground level, with access via stairs. It has comfortable seating on padded chairs at tables. We are excited about our move to a sanctuary with a real shul ambience and think that it will enhance our davening.

As in prior years, guests will receive lower priority for choice of minyan, and will be assigned seats based on seat availability. Also, because of space constraints, please do not purchase seating for children who have not yet entered 2nd grade.

The Board has set annual dues at NIS 600 per family, which is the same as last year. The seat prices are listed in the following table; use these to calculate your total cost on the accompanying order form.

Adult members and guests from outside Rehovot	NIS 130
Unmarried children (up to 22 y.o.)	NIS 65
Guests who live in Rehovot	NIS 400

Please return the seating reservation form with your check(s) by August 27, 2010. **No telephone reservations, or reservations without accompanying payment, will be accepted. Please add your annual membership dues to your payment.** Members who do not order seats must still pay annual membership dues.

Please complete the attached form, indicating your minyan preference and details about who the seats are for, including whether each seat is for a man or a woman and the person's name. Printed forms and return envelopes will be available in the shul vestibule for those who do not download the form.

Seating preferences are accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis, so please send in your reservations as soon as possible.

Please help keep our membership database up to date by sending us any new or updated information (e.g., phone numbers, address, e-mail, mobile, work number, new child in the family). Please send this information with your payment.

The shul's website has been expanded and includes a lot of information to members. Make a habit of checking the website regularly: <http://www.bermanshul.org>.

If you do not receive shul e-mail messages or computerized phone messages, contact bermanshul@gmail.com. In the event, lo aleinu, of a death in the family, contact Bea Kriger.

As in the past, we turn to our membership to support our Keren Tzedaka. This charity fund is well known in the greater Rehovot area and has helped many people in their hour of need. Unfortunately, each year this need grows and many more people turn to us for assistance. Last year the membership responded very generously, and we hope that you will all do so again this year. **Post-dated checks for this worthy fund can be added to your membership/seat reservation check.** Thank you for your generosity and help—tizku l'mitzvot.

The seating committee and members of the Board would like to extend thanks to all of our members for your help, cooperation and continued support.

With brachot for an enjoyable summer.

Mechael Kanovsky
President

Jerry Kriger
Head Gabbai

