



Bais Haknesses
Ohr HaChaim
"In memory of Captain Hyman P. Galbut"



July 27, 2010

RE: NEW MEMBERSHIP AND SEATING STRUCTURE; YAMIM NORAIM SEATS

Dear Member:

As we approach the Yamim Noraim and the Shul's new fiscal year (Rosh Hashana 5771 to Rosh Hashana 5772), a new membership and seating structure will be implemented.

The Shul's objective with respect to membership and seating is to welcome and invite all members of the Baltimore Jewish Community at-large and, at the same time, provide a comfortable and optimum spiritual home for its paying members. As the Shul is still in a growth mode and is situated in a convenient neighborhood location, the Shul experiences a high volume and transient/non-member attendance (which, of course, the Shul welcomes - but not at the expense of displacing its paying members). To this end, beginning with this upcoming membership year, each "Full" and "Founding" member will be granted a reserved seat in the Shul designated with a nameplate for the membership year. The back few rows of the Shul will be left unreserved and guests will be directed (by sign and attendant) to occupy those seats.

Each "Full" and "Founding" membership will entitle its member's family to one designated seat in each of the men's and the women's section. As the number of seats in the women's section is more limited, the Shul seeks the consideration of members to only reserve a woman's seat if the lady or ladies of the member's family intend(s) to attend Shul on weekly basis. Full and Founding Members who have children will be entitled to purchase additional reserved seats for their children at a price per annum of \$75 per each additional seat.

The Shul will use all reasonable efforts to grant a member's preferred seat location; however, some flexibility will be required to ensure proper consideration is given to everyone's request. Once a member's seat is designated, the member will have the first right of refusal to retain his or her seat for the ensuing membership year by renewing his or her membership. If a member fails to renew his or her Full or Founding Membership, as applicable, prior to the Yamim Noraim of an ensuing year, such member's reserved seat will become available and may be reassigned to another member.

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Please note that although the Shul is now implementing a reserved seating structure, members must still purchase seats for the Yamim Noraim. Member's with reserved seats who also purchase seats for the Yamim Noraim will be given a preference (although not a guaranteed right) to select their year-round reserved seat for the Yamim Noraim.

With respect to Yamim Noraim seating, please note the following:

- In order to reserve and purchase a Yamim Noraim seat at the "Member Rate" or "Associate Member Rate," you must first renew or purchase a "Founding," "Full" or "Associate" membership, as applicable, for the 2010/2011 membership year and pay for such membership or enroll in a monthly or quarterly payment plan for such membership on the Shul's website (baishaknesses.com). If you do not have access to the internet or prefer to pay by check, please contact Steven Hirsch at 410-318-6515 or Pinny Lerner at 410-764-3731 to subscribe and make payment arrangements for your 2010/2011 membership and Yamim Noraim seats.
- Seating for the Yamim Noraim will be limited to members of the Shul ("Founding," "Full" and "Associate" Members) Until August 25, 2010 (two (2) weeks prior to the Yamim Noraim), at which time seating will be opened to the general public.
- As in prior years, the Shul is committed to accommodate the financial constraints of its members. Accordingly, any member experiencing financial hardship should please contact CJ Elefant at 561-676-4851, Yona Zahler at 410-358-1042, or Jonathan Landau at 410-370-4992 for seating and/or membership financial accommodations.

The best way to reserve and pay for your seats for yom tov is to go to the shul's website, baishaknesses.com, and use the seating tool to make your reservations.



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Set forth below are the 2010/2011 membership and seating rates:

2010/2011 MEMBERSHIP:

Founding Membership*	\$1000.00 (Founding Members will be entitled to "Member Rate" for Yamim Noraim seating and reserved seating for the rest of the year)
Full Membership	\$575.00/\$48per month (Full Members will be entitled to "Member Rate" for Yamim Noraim seating and reserved seating for the rest of the year)
Associate Membership:	\$300.00/\$25per month (Associate Members will be entitled to "Associate Member Rate" for Yamim Noraim seating)

*(*Founding Membership is a 5 Year minimum commitment. Founding Members who have completed their 5 year commitment at the Founding Membership rate, are encouraged to continue paying Founding Membership rates, but may step-down to Full Membership rates at their election.)*

2010 YAMIM NORAIM SEATING:

Member Rate:	\$150.00 Per Seat
Associate Member Rate:	\$200.00 Per Seat
Non Member Rate:	\$250.00 Per Seat

The Shul's efforts to create an optimum environment and improve accommodations for its members are ongoing. Should you have any questions or concerns in this regard, please feel free to contact Levi Friedman at 443-929-6800 or CJ Elefant at 561-676-4851.

Thank you for your continued support and have a Chag Kasher V'Sameach!

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