



Shalom,

As we approach the ימים נוראים, the vaad, together with the Rabbi, are working to ensure the best possible environment for tefilah during this challenging time.

As such, we are trying to plan seating arrangements for the various tefilot, and we ask that everyone who would like to participate in a shul minyan, to please register ASAP on the attached [form https://forms.gle/8EN1c9tzLf8gKrst7](https://forms.gle/8EN1c9tzLf8gKrst7) . Please note that, unlike in past years, we will not be asking for seat preferences. This is due to the guidelines as currently laid out by the MOH (note: *these guidelines are not etched in stone and are constantly changing, particularly Beit Shemesh's status as a yellow/orange/ green city, which directly affects the number of mitpallelim allowed in shul*). You are asked to register the number of men and women seats you need per tefilah. The Seating Committee will assign seats in a way that optimizes, to the best of our ability, the allowed space in each location. This will be largely based on keeping family units together (as defined by MOH "people who live in the same place"), taking advantage of the more lenient guidelines regarding them.

Thank you for understanding that we will not be able to accommodate completely everyone's requests but we will do our best. If there is more demand for places inside the shul than we can safely accommodate, preference will be given to building fund members. Also, if you have any guests they will only be given seats after all members and their children have seats if available. Please keep that in mind.

The plan, for now, is to have 3 minyan locations and times (with an option to add a fourth time) for shacharit:

06:00 in Ulam Selesny (50 people, men and women)

06:30 at Wimpfheimer / Hecht gardens (approx. 90 people men and women)

07:30 in the Main shul (approx. 65 men and 40 women)

Each family is asked to choose a location per tefilah.

Please fill out the [form https://forms.gle/8EN1c9tzLf8gKrst7](https://forms.gle/8EN1c9tzLf8gKrst7) as soon as possible so that we can determine if we need to accommodate an extra tefilah location/ time.

If there is any tefilah for which you don't need seats, please mark none and/or "0" at the number of seats. This is to ensure that everyone is clear what seats are needed. Please also only sign up people if they plan on attending. There are no "extra" seats. Please don't reserve seats "just in case" that won't be used.

Thank you and feel free to email hjschein@gmail.com with any questions.

May we all be blessed with a year filled with good health, peace, success and happiness.

The Gabbaim