



בית מדרש תורני לאומי

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Elul 5781

Shalom Friends,

With Rosh Hashanah 5782 approaching, the members of the BMTL Vaad would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a K'tiva V'Chatima Tova.

Our standard bracha of a "year filled with good health" takes on added significance in light of the events of this past year. May Hashem hear our tefilot, and bless us, and all of Israel, with a year filled with health, happiness, success and peace.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the community during this past year. In particular, we would like to express our very deepest הברכה הטובה to Stu Schrader, Hillel Scheinfeld and the entire vaad of the shul for their incredible dedication to ensuring our health, safety, and the smooth running of the shul through these unprecedented times

וכל מי שעוסקים בצרכי ציבור באמונה הקדוש ברוך הוא ישלם שכרם

This year continues to be challenging in so many ways. Although our communal life has changed dramatically the shul continues to serve the community; our Mara D'Atra, Rav Chagai still teaches and leads and is accessible to all. The shul building remains open and the lights still burn.

We are working towards meeting the spiritual needs of the community during the upcoming High Holidays, while adhering to the ever-changing Ministry of Health guidelines. We ask you to patiently bear with us as we sort out the schedule and location of minyanim.

Membership Dues

Annual dues comprise the biggest portion of shul revenue that supports our yearly operations.

In order to continue to thrive as a community in trying and challenging times such as these, we are reminded that the shul and the community need the commitment and investment of everyone's time, resources, and energies.

We are aware of the challenging times that face us all and as such have decided that **dues for 5782 will continue to remain the same at NIS 1,500 per family and NIS 750 for a single.** There will be no charge for seating this year.

We will again offer a special new-member discount of 10%: dues for first-time members will be NIS 1,350.

In order to service the community to our maximum abilities, the shul counts on families to contribute financially via membership dues and other special campaigns. If you are financially able, please consider donating to offset any expected, or unexpected, budgetary shortfall. *Nevertheless, membership in the BMTL community **will never be conditioned** upon financial considerations, especially in these trying times.*

As always, we ask that everyone who has not completed payment of their building fund pledge to continue moving in that direction. **If you are not yet a building fund member we strongly encourage you to sign up now and begin making donations towards the total building fund amount of \$2,000 (roughly 6,500 ₪as of today) along with your membership dues for 5782.** Building Fund payments are essential for payment of our capital expenses. This is a suggested commitment of every family in our kehilla, and payments may be spread out over time. Payment of the building fund entitles your family to priority with respect to seats for Yamim Noraim, discounts on use of the Selesny Simcha Hall, and other privileges.

We have tried to make paying shul dues and all other contributions as easy as possible. Payment can be made by credit card, check or wire transfer.

Please go online to <http://bmtl.org/membership>, where you will be able to select your membership type, complete the membership form, and choose your payment method. For those paying by credit card, you will be able to follow a link to pay online. For those preferring to pay by check or wire transfer, please submit the form online and then send an email to BMTL.finance@gmail.com to confirm/arrange payment. Multiple payments can only be accepted using an Israeli credit card or postdated checks. If one uses a credit card from outside of Israel, only one payment, in its entirety, can be accepted.

The Sheinfeld community is lucky to be served by a number of batei kneset. **Members of other batei kneset** who regularly avail themselves of our services are invited to join BMTL as associate members. Associate members are entitled to discounts on use of the

Selesny Simcha Hall and other privileges. **Associate membership dues are NIS 500.** Please note that associate membership is intended only for those people who have already paid full membership in another beit kneset for the upcoming year.

If special accommodations are needed, please contact Yehuda Aaronson 054-531-7988 kevinyehuda@gmail.com to arrange.

Contact Information

We would like to keep the shul records up to date. When you enter your information into the system, please provide us with current email address (es) and phone number(s). There will also be an opportunity to enter names of any family members that should appear on the card in the gabbai's box.

We look forward to a wonderful, healthy and meaningful year, filled with success and prosperity for all of Klal Yisrael.

As you can see by the signatures below, and given the complexities brought about by the current public health situation and the upcoming chagim, it was jointly decided that the complete transition to the new vaad will happen after the chagim. During that time, we are working together, old vaad and new, to weather these times and ensure the continued smooth and safe running of the shul and all kehilla activities.

Sincerely,

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