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August 9, 2021

Dear Ezras Israel members and supporters:

We hope that this letter finds you and your families well and safe during these challenging times for us all. As we approach this year's High Holidays, we are still not able to run our prayer services free of COVID-19 pandemic related restrictions, even though the vast majority of shul member are fully vaccinated. Despite more stringent restriction, when no one was vaccinated, last year we delivered well regarded and successful High Holiday services and we hope to do so again this year. Whether you joined us last year or not, we hope you can participate this year with your presence and your financial support.

Like last year, our High Holiday services will take place in our shul rather than the Ring House Social Hall. Ring House management is rightly and primarily concerned with health and safety of their residents and are not yet willing to allow larger numbers of outsiders to congregate on their premises. This year we will again conduct services in our recently renovated Shul at 803 Montrose Road with an open and modern well-ventilated space and we will follow Montgomery County guidelines requiring masks for everyone coming into the shul. Like last year, we will have expanded seating downstairs in our basement and in a covered area in the rear patio area for those who prefer to sit outside. The usual Halachic requirement is to have all Minyan attendees in one room. However, Rabbi Kreiser has ruled that it would be Halachically acceptable under the unusual circumstances of these times to treat our three connected spaces as single sanctuary. The services will once again be abbreviated, as determined by Rabbi Kreiser.

We invite you to attend by returning the attached holiday reservation form explicitly selecting your seating preference. In addition, attendees will be expected to wear masks, maintain some level of social distancing from other attendees who are not living in the same residence, and commit to be present to ensure a minyan throughout the services. In addition, and if you are unvaccinated, we also request that you sign the attached waiver of liability form and include it in the return envelope. Should we have more demand than capacity, we apologize, but we will need to give priority to dues paying members of the congregation.

Unfortunately, due to the circumstances, we are unable to provide childcare this year. If you decide to bring your unvaccinated children to services, please be aware that you are signing the waiver on behalf your children also and that you will need to keep children next to you at all times to ensure social distancing requirements are maintained while on shul premises

Our shul, like most, is sustained by the contributions of its members and supporters. We therefore turn to the community to help us continue to serve you. An important source of revenue for the shul is the payment for seats and related services for the High Holidays. Please see the following pages for

suggested ways you that you can participate in that support. Our shul welcomes every individual, regardless of their ability to contribute financially. If finances are a challenge for you at this time, please feel free to contact Rachmil Jacobovits, High Holiday Committee chairman, at 301-461-4984, and be assured that a suitable arrangement will be worked out in a confidential and dignified manner.

We ask for the assistance of all our members and supporters who can help sustain our Synagogue during this difficult period. For those who are unable to attend High Holiday services due to health considerations during this pandemic, we ask that you consider a donation in the amount of a ticket, or any amount you can contribute. You can still participate in other High Holiday activities such as Machzor dedications and the newly redesigned Yizkor Memorial Book. We hope and pray that we will very soon all be able to, BE”H, participate in services and activities, together, in person, at Ezras Israel and at the Ring House.

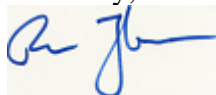
Please take a moment to look at the enclosed forms with this letter.

1. **Seat Reservation and Summary Form:** Use this form to purchase your High Holiday seats and to identify and summarize additional payments being made at this time, such as membership dues, memorial plaques, Yizkor, and Aliyah donations.
2. **High Holiday Bid Sheet:** Please use this form to participate in our silent auction for the High Holiday Aliyahs. Due to the necessity to maintain social distancing, at present, individuals cannot be called up to the Torah for Aliyahs. The Baal Koreh recites the Blessings for all the Aliyahs. We are asking for people to dedicate an Aliyah in lieu of actually being called up. This will be done in our usual manner of bidding. The winning bidder will have a Mishebeirach made in his name and family and for anyone that he requests, as is normally done when one is called up for an Aliyah.
3. **Yizkor Memorial Book:** Please use this form to list the names that you would like to have included in our Yizkor Memorial Book. Rabbi Kreiser will BE”H recite the listed names at our Yizkor services on Yom Kippur and during the upcoming Yizkor services on Shemini Atzeret, Pesach, and Shavout. This might be of special importance to some who are unable to attend in person this Yom Kippur.
Kaddish Recital: If one would like Rabbi Kreiser to recite Kaddish on a Yahrtzeit, please fill out the Hebrew date of the Yahrtzeit.
4. **Machzor (Prayer Book) Dedication:** Please use this form to dedicate one or more Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur machzorim (prayer books) in memory or honor of a loved one or dear friend.

Following receipt of your order and payment, we will send you an acknowledgement summarizing your order, and a detailed schedule of services. Please advise us how you wish to participate in our High Holiday program by responding no later than September 7, 2020. If you have any questions about our High Holiday program, please call me at 301-461-4984.

With much appreciation for your support, we offer our best wishes for a Shana Tova Umetuka, a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year, filled with peace, joy, and good health for us all.

Sincerely,



Rachmil Jacobovits, Chairman
High Holiday Committee

Your contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.



High Holiday Services

will be held at the

SYNAGOGUE

803 Montrose Road, Rockville,

Fill out and return the bottom portion of this sheet to reserve your seat.

If you have any questions call Rachmil at 301-461-4984

Rosh Hashanah

Evening (Sept. 6,7,8)

Morning (Sept.7, 8)

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre (Sept. 15)

All Day (Sept. 16)

Membership, High Holiday & Other Donations

	Nr.	Amount Enclosed
Non-member guests @ \$200 per seat		
Ezras Israel Members @ \$125 per seat		
<input type="checkbox"/> I prefer indoor sitting <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer outdoor sitting <small>COVID-19 related exposure risk preference. Some, but not all, medical authorities believe outdoor sitting presents a lower risk.</small>		
Special Donation to help Ezras Israel Recoup Income Lost due to COVID-19 Pandemic		
Family Membership @ \$650 (Includes \$150 Building Fund Fee)		
Single Membership @ \$375 (Includes \$75 Building Fund Fee)		
Add Name to our Memorial Plaque @ \$300 (use form at the bottom of this sheet) ¹		
Yizkor Donation (Pesach, Shavouth, Yom Kippur, Shmini Atzeret)		
Aliyah Donation (please fill out Aliya Bid section)		
Names to be inserted into the list of memorialized relatives @ \$25 per name (please fill out Memorial Book section)		
Kaddish Program @\$36 per name (use Memorial Book section)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Machzorim to be dedicated <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round use Siddur (Prayer Bok) <small>(Fill out Machzor/Siddur Dedication section and enclose \$50 per dedication)</small>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Building renovation or other contribution (please specify)		
My contribution to cover expense of off duty officers as security guards during services		
Total Enclosed		

Please check this box if you are interested in purchasing a Gan Zikaron cemetery plot.

Name: _____

Street: _____ Apt. _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ email: _____

Please reply by filling out the forms that follow, enclose payment for total indicated above and use the pre-addressed envelope to mail your order by September 1, 2021: Congregation Ezras Israel, PO Box 2281, Rockville, MD 20847

¹ English Name _____

Hebrew Name _____ Yahrzeit date _____

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Yom Kippur Memorial Book and Kaddish Participation Form

From: _____

These are the names I want to memorialize by having them included in the Yom Kippur memorial book and publicly mentioned at the shul's Yizkor services throughout the year: (Yom Kippur, Shemini-Atzeret, Pesach & Shavouth):

Note: If you wish only to repeat the names you provided last year, just check box below and enter number of names you are paying for this year.

Use Last year's Names: <input type="checkbox"/> How Many? __	Name (Hebrew Name is Halachicly Preferred In the form of Given Name "Ben/Bat" Father's Name)	Yahrzeit date	Check if you wish to enroll in Kaddish Program ¹
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

I enclosed \$25 for each name to be published, and additional \$36 for each name in the Kaddish Program.

¹Ezras Israel Kaddish program

If you would like Rabbi Kreiser to recite Kaddish memorializing a deceased loved one on his or her Yahrzeit date, please provide us the Hebrew name and Hebrew Yahrzeit date. If you only know the English date (month, day & year) we will provide the correct Hebrew date. The cost of this service is \$36 per name, with the proceeds going into the Synagogue's general fund.

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High Holiday Machzor/Siddur Dedication Form

From: _____

I would like to dedicate ____ Machzorim/Siddurim to the following people:

		Name	Yahrzeit Date
1	I/M/O I/H/O		
2	I/M/O I/H/O		
3	I/M/O I/H/O		
4	I/M/O I/H/O		
5	I/M/O I/H/O		
6	I/M/O I/H/O		
7	I/M/O I/H/O		
8	I/M/O I/H/O		
9	I/M/O I/H/O		
10	I/M/O I/H/O		
11	I/M/O I/H/O		
12	I/M/O I/H/O		

I/M/O = In memory of
 I/H/O = In honor of

I enclose \$50 for each Machzor/Siddur dedication

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