

July 2021

Dear member of our Kehilat Chaverim community,

Many of you participated in our survey that asked whether people are ready to return to in-person High Holiday services this September. About two-thirds of respondents said that you are; about one-third would only participate remotely.

In light of the survey results, we will be holding **hybrid** services to accommodate those who are able to attend in person and those who want to participate remotely.

- **We are requiring people to be fully vaccinated to attend in-person services.**

We will have a video link between in-person services at the JCC in West Hartford and people participating via Zoom. We will use the services we adapted for last year, and we will again intersperse videos featuring beautiful chanting and singing.

As always, we will be collecting names of friends and family members who have passed for the Yizkor service. As we did last year, we will read aloud the names of those who have died in the past year, along with the names of KC members who have died. All other names of friends and family who have passed will be acknowledged in writing during the service.

The cost of attending services will be the same as it was before last year: \$25 per person per holiday for members and \$40 per person per holiday for non-members. We are not raising prices although we will incur additional expenses to produce hybrid services. The cost is the same whether you are attending remotely or in-person.

You have the option of registering by mail and paying with a check, or registering and paying via PayPal at the KC website.

Once we receive your completed registration form and payment, we will email you a Zoom link and pdfs of the service booklets. If you are attending remotely, you should print the service booklets at home so that you can follow along and join in. If you do not have access to a printer, we will print and mail the service booklets to you for a small fee but only if we receive your registration by August 20th. We will have service booklets available at the JCC if you are attending in-person.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Stay well, and we look forward to connecting with you soon.

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