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Dear member of our Kehilat Chaverim community,

You have probably heard that most synagogues are rethinking their 2020 High Holiday plans in light of the corona virus. We want to share with you our thoughts and plans for the High Holidays this September. All the KC members we spoke with felt that it was especially important in these divisive and isolating times for us to come together in reflection and prayer for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Most people, though, would not be comfortable attending an in-person service.

As a result, KC's High Holiday services will be held via Zoom this year. The services have been adapted for the new medium by a terrific group of KC members. The services will be spiritual, musical, and speak to the troubling times we are living in.

As always, we will be collecting names of friends and family members who have passed for the Yizkor service. This year, the names of those who have died in the past year will be read aloud, 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 lower since we will have fewer expenses. Each household will pay one registration fee for the household, instead of a separate fee for each person. For KC members, the registration fee is \$18 per household for each holiday, instead of \$25 per person for each holiday. (For mailing list and non-member registrants, the fee is \$36 per household for each holiday.) You have the option of registering by mail and paying with a check, or registering and paying online 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. We are asking you to print the service booklets at home so that you can follow and join the services. If you do not have access to a printer, we will print and mail the services to you for a small fee but only if we receive your registration by September 8th.

If you are not familiar with Zoom, please contact us as soon as possible for a tutorial.

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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