

CONGREGATION OHR TORAH
48 Edgemount Road
Edison, N.J. 08817

Dear Member,

July 14, 2023

It is time to reserve your seats for the 2023 Yomim Noraim. Your reservation is eligible for discounted pricing if you reserve your seats by August 16. After August 16, the prices increase as reflected on the application form.

The Seating Committee tries to accommodate all seating requests and reservations received by August 16 are given priority over reservations received after August 16. **Unfortunately, to accommodate a changing Kehilla, no person is guaranteed a particular seat.** Also, late applicants may be assigned to the Hashkama Minyan, as available, once there are no more available seats in the main sanctuary.

The easiest way to submit a seat reservation is via the online application at www.ohrtorah.net/seats, which can also be found on the Ohr Torah website under the tab “Members.” You can also complete the paper form and mail it to the shul or drop it in the Shul’s curb-side mailbox. Telephone calls or e-mails cannot be accepted.

As in past years, the forms require the following information for each attendee:

- Name (for security reasons, each individual attendee to be seated must be registered).
- Gender.
- “Member” or “Guest”.
- If reserving a seat at the Hashkama Minyan.
- If present **only** on Rosh Hashanah (RH) or **only on** Yom Kippur (YK) - Help us to accommodate others.
- Calculate your cost on the form (this is done automatically on the online application).

You could modify reservations by submitting a second form. Please explain the modification in the comments. To avoid inaccuracies, **reservations cannot be submitted or modified in-person or by phone or e-mail.**

The Shul does not permit the Seating Committee to process your reservation until (i) all past balances through the end of 2022 are paid in full, including any open dues and pledges, and (ii) your seat reservation is paid in full. Payments may be paid either by credit card via the shul website under the “Make a Payment” tab or by check. No one is denied seating for a personal lack of funds. To determine your past balance or to discreetly discuss financial issues, contact either Brian Allen at kiddydent1@gmail.com or Robert Kreitman at robkreitman@gmail.com.

Plans can change and the unexpected can occur. If you have an unexpected seating change on RH or YK, please see a member of the Seating Committee or Usher who will accommodate you. Members who plan to be absent on any day of the Yomim Noraim **cannot “gift” their seats to unregistered guests.** If you do not plan to be in shul in your seat for the holiday, please notify the Seating Committee of this availability.

In addition, the shul has had problems when unregistered children or other guests have been seated in rows and displaced members who have paid for and been assigned to seats in that row. The shul reserves the right to not only ask that these unregistered people vacate the seat, but also charge members for unregistered children and guests at the non-member rate.

Habitual violation of these policies or disrespect to the Seating Committee members are grounds for denial of Yomim Noraim seating in future years. Please remember that the Seating Committee is comprised of volunteers, and we respectfully ask for your support and cooperation.

If you have questions, contact either Arthur Atlas (732-937-5021), Srulee Hercman (shercman@gmail.com), Shelley Schoenfeld (732-484-9144), or David Waizer at (732-500-2833). Please limit calls to weeknights before 9:30 pm. For Hashkama Minyan seating submit the same forms and contact Gershon Klavan at othashkama@hotmail.com with any questions.

Thank you and best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 5784.

Robert Kreitman, President

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SEAT RESERVATION FORM (Discounted Pricing Deadline is August 16, 2023)

Name (print) _____ Email _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____ Date _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY - TO ASSURE CORRECT SEAT ASSIGNMENTS

<u>FULL NAME FOR EACH PERSON</u>			(Check only if applicable)				<u>Seat</u>
<u>PERSON</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Household Member</u>	<u>Hashkama</u>	<u>RH ONLY</u>	<u>YK ONLY</u>	<u>Charge</u>
1 _____	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 _____	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 _____	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 _____	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 _____	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6 _____	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7 _____	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8 _____	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Add more guests on a second form.							
TOTAL	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$ _____

Category	By August 16	After August 16
Members and Immediate Household*	\$110	\$125
Guests of Members**	\$125	\$150
Associate Members	\$300	\$300
Non-Members (as available)	\$500	\$500

* Immediate Household are (i) immediate family members (parent, spouse, sibling and child) that reside full-time in the Member's house, or (ii) unmarried full-time students who dorm or live at school during the school year.

** Guests of Members are (i) immediate family members that do not reside full-time in the Member's house, married students and students who live away full-time, or (ii) other guests who are spending the Yomim Noraim with the Member and live outside the Highland Park/Edison community.

Comments: (While the Seating Committee tries to accommodate all seating requests, no person is guaranteed a particular seat.)
