



Dear KSYM Members,

We hope everyone has enjoyed the summer break as much as possible during these difficult months. We are happy to welcome home both our many returning members and many new *olim* joining our community for the first time. With Rosh Chodesh Elul now upon us, we have begun preparations for both annual membership renewals and the Yamim Noraim. Rosh Hashanah falls on Wednesday night, October 2nd.

**This year, we are separating two processes:**

- (1) Membership registration and dues
- (2) Yamim Noraim seat registration and payment

**FIRST**, We ask everyone to arrange their membership dues now in anticipation of the seating registration to follow. **Details as to Yamim Noraim and guidance as to seating arrangements will follow next week.**

***We wish to emphasize that consideration for our members is of utmost importance to us. In the event that a member is unable to pay full or even partial membership fees due to personal reasons, we kindly ask them to discuss the issue confidentially with the [KSYM Treasurer](#) as soon as possible. This will ensure that both membership dues and Yamim Noraim seats can be arranged for each and every member, regardless of current payment status.***

We present below the dues for this year.

### **1. 5785 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Our community continues to grow in size, services, and activities, and our expenses have gone up as a result.

**Our kehilla offers two levels of membership**

- Full Membership (aka Building Fund Membership)
- Associate Membership.

Further, we offer both Family and Single rates - and if you are part of a family, please join at the Family rate, below.

As you may recall, all our dues were reduced during the "Corona period". Our membership decided during the last Annual General Meeting to begin bringing them back toward their pre-Corona levels, and the dues for 5785 are spelled out below. Even so, the dues for 5785 remain below those of the pre-Corona period.

	Full Membership (aka Building Fund Membership)	Associate Members (Non-BF)
Family:	1,750 NIS	2,200 NIS
Single:	875 NIS	1,100 NIS

**We would like to remind everyone that there are multiple differences between Full Membership and Associate Membership, including among many other things the right to vote on community decisions and the following points that pertain to Yamim Noraim seating:**

- Full Members are able to reserve seating via early-bird registration, entitling them to preferred seating
- Pricing for children and guest seats is less expensive for Full members than for Associate members

**Please note that the payment terms are detailed below, and the deadline for payment of dues is **Sept. 20**. Seating for Yamim Noraim is conditioned on Membership dues having been paid.**

## 2. PAYMENT

Payment can be made in the following ways, no later than the deadline listed above, unless otherwise agreed with the Treasurer. Note that all payments in NIS (credit card, bank transfer, checks, cash options) will receive an Israeli tax-recognized receipt, whereas payments in other currencies (credit card option) will receive a tax-recognized receipt in the respective country.

- **Credit Card:**
  - [Pay in Israeli Shekel](#): - please choose “membership dues” in the drop down menu
  - [Pay in US, UK, Canadian currency](#)
- **Bank Transfer to KSYM account** - Bank Mizrahi, No: 20 Branch: 521 Acc: 136396 Bet Knesset Ashkenaz – Buchman Modiin.
- **Checks:** Please write a maximum of **five equal-amount** checks payable to KSYM with the first date being the deadline date listed above. *Note: Seats will not be guaranteed until all post-dated checks are received. Payment for additional seat purchases must be included in the first check.* Checks can be dropped in the shul mailbox (either upstairs or downstairs).
- **Members are responsible** for meeting the payment and (later) seating application deadlines, and no extensions can be made other than those outlined above.

We appreciate your understanding and are looking forward to an inspiring and meaningful period of the Yamim Noraim and to the continued building of our kehilla together.