

“May a year of blessings begin.”

As we approach the end of a difficult year for the State of Israel and its society, we wish to focus once more on our communal and spiritual life. Kehillat Yedidya is a home for its members and a locus of worship, Torah learning and *gemilut hasadim*. At a time of concern for our country's future, our community is a place of respite and companionship.

In the last year, we established a spiritual leadership for Kehillat Yedidya, and we take great pride and joy in the broad and uplifting activity that Rav Aytan Kadden and Elyssa Moss Rabinowitz have brought to the community. We have also moved forward in the areas of activities for our children and youth, fundraising, strengthening contact with our members, upgrading our communication equipment, and the ongoing upkeep of our building. In this context, we wish to thank Office Manager Einat Nissim and Building Supervisor Adi Amitai for their dedicated work over the course of the year. More than ever, we are grateful to Kehillat Yedidya's members, to our many volunteers and to the various committees whose efforts keep the community's wide-ranging activities going.

Moving into the new year, we look forward to two innovations: The first is the digitalization of our membership registration process and the payment of membership dues, donations and charitable contributions via the Tzedaka Committee. This is the first step in the construction of a new website for the community. Full instructions for completing the registration process are included with this mailing.

The second innovation is the multi-generational, family-friendly minyan to be held on the building's entry level on the two days of Rosh Hashana, in order to offer members and their guests a service in a more open space, with an emphasis on children's participation and activities both within and alongside the service.

We hope and pray for a year of health in body and spirit for all of our members, for our people and for our country.

May you all be inscribed and sealed for a good year.

Hadas Schroeder Rahamim and Ariel Picard - Chairpersons

Kehillat Yedidya Membership Information – 5784 (2023-2024)

Kehillat Yedidya welcomes new and renewing members. Your membership dues fund community activities, equipment, and building upkeep. However, contributions of time and energy are what make most activities – from *tefillot* to maintenance – possible. Thanks to those who have already enriched the community in this way. If you're still on the sidelines, please get involved by filling out the Volunteering form at the link at the end of this letter.

This letter contains the instructions and links you will need to::

- Pay Membership Dues
- Support the Tzedaka Fund (Kupat Tzedaka)
- Make a donation to Yedidya
- Reserve High Holiday Seats
- Volunteer your time and skills to Yedidya

Payment for Membership Dues and guest seats

Please [click here](#) to access the digital membership form and pay for membership dues and guest seats.

If you need help, please contact Einat at the office yedidyashul@gmail.com 050-6888546

Membership Dues and guest seat prices, in NIS							
	Renewing Members		New Members (per year for the first two years) and opt-in discount for all members over 70				
	Family	Single	Family	Single Including the single head of a household	Full-time student or soldier	Lone soldier	High Holiday guest seats (per holiday)
Until Sept. 7, 2023	1350	675	1000	500	250	0	100
After Sept 7, 2023	1450	725	1100	550	300	0	100

- Note: Members over 70 are asked to pay the full membership fee but are entitled to the discounted rate listed above. Use the specific form only if you want the discount.
- Children (up to age 25) of members who would like to become members themselves are eligible for discounted rates. Please contact the office for details.
- *Everyone should have the opportunity to be a member of Kehilat Yedidya. If you are experiencing financial hardship for any reason, please contact Mark Nulman at 050-620-0342 or 02-671-7961. He will assist you discreetly and in complete confidence. *

Supporting the Tzedaka Fund (Kupat Tzedaka)

Please use the digital membership form to make your donation to Kehillat Yedidya's Tzedaka Fund. Yedidya, via its Tzedaka Fund, provides aid to people in our area for basic/medical needs, summer programs, or schoolbooks. Please give generously. Monthly donations to the Tzedaka Fund are welcome.

Donations

Please use the digital membership form to make your donation to Kehillat Yedidya.

With the renewed spiritual energy that comes with the High Holidays, we look forward to a new year of activity and communal effort, and to continuing our wonderful array of programs and activities for young and old.

The fundraising committee is reaching out to our members to help us continue to make this all possible in a fiscally responsible way. We need to raise additional sums each year to ensure the vibrancy of our communal efforts. We have created three donation opportunities for you, centered on funding needs:

- Youth activities
- Learning activities and spiritual renewal
- Building upkeep and general community support

Please consider making a generous pledge to one of these funds, as an extra contribution beyond your membership dues. You can also [contact us](#) about a named gift for projects in the building, marked with a plaque, as we have done in the past.

Reserving High Holiday Seats

- Please [click here](#) to fill out the Seating Request Form – one per household, for all family members and guests.
- The seating form will close Saturday night 9.9 at midnight for Rosh Hashana. It will then reopen after Rosh Hashana until Wednesday night 20.9 for Yom Kippur updates.
- On the days it is closed, if there is an unforeseen situation, please send a WhatsApp message to Dina (054-593-0445).
- Children of members: Members may reserve seats for themselves and their children between the ages of 7 and 24. Seating is tight, so please request only as many seats as you expect your family to use.
- Guests: Members may reserve additional seats for relatives (including their children, single or married, over age 25) and guests who live far from Yedidya, for NIS 100 per holiday per person (i.e., NIS 200 for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur). Seats may not be reserved for “guests” who live nearby, who are asked either to join the congregation as members or, if seats remain after September 15, 2023, to reserve seats by contributing NIS 700 per adult seat and NIS 300 per child seat.
- Seats will be reserved only for paid-up members and guests paid for in advance. We ask for your patience, cooperation, and understanding in this regard. Yedidya tries to honor seating requests but cannot guarantee that all requests will be accommodated. For questions or concerns, contact Dina Weiner (dina@reutschool.org).

Volunteering

Kehilat Yedidya needs YOU to help it keep going., Please [click here](#) to volunteer your time, energy and talents where you feel they can be best used. We can't do it without you!