



THE HISTORIC KIEVER SYNAGOGUE

August 17, 2023

Dear Members and Friends,

Today is Rosh Chodesh Elul, the first day of the Hebrew month that inaugurates the High Holiday season. Starting today, we blow the shofar each morning and recite [Psalm 27](#) during the morning and evening service. It is a rich psalm that emphasizes the closeness we feel to G-d. Perhaps the most well-known line is verse 4, which has been turned into songs by dozens of contemporary Jewish musicians (as a quick search on [YouTube](#) demonstrates; my own favourite is [this version](#) by Shalshelles).

אחת שאלתי מאת יהוה אלהי אברהם אבינו שבתתי בבית יהוה פלימי חגי לחצות בנעם יהוה ולבקר בקיבוץ:

One thing I ask of the LORD, only that do I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD, to frequent His temple.

As most of you know, we have spent the last few years renovating our “temple” and the finishing touches of this major building campaign should be in place right at Rosh Hashanah (a rededication ceremony will be planned once we are sure that everything is complete). Attached you will find information about all the holiday services, which once again will feature the outstanding Justin Goodman as our lead chazzan. I invite you to be a frequent presence in our beautiful synagogue, not only during the High Holidays but also throughout the year. It is your involvement that keeps the Kiever Shul going, so please take this opportunity to renew your membership. And if you are not already a member, please consider demonstrating your support for our historic downtown synagogue by submitting an [application](#).

The High Holidays are a time of thanks and renewal, so this is an opportune moment for me to inform you that David Moyal has recently been appointed officially to the position of Executive Director. We are grateful to David for his daily work keeping the Kiever running smoothly, usually in unseen ways that range from arranging simchas and leading community tours of the building, to coordinating gardening activities with Shoresh and dealing with the complexities of the Bereavement Authority of Ontario. We look forward to David taking an even more public role in representing the synagogue at, for example, the Downtown Jewish Community Council. Please don't hesitate to [contact](#) him regarding any matter that touches on the Kiever.

As always, let me close with my customary wish that you and your families have a Shanah Tovah u'Metukah, a sweet New Year. May 5784 be filled with health and happiness for ourselves, all Israel, and the entire world.

Dr. Adam S. Cohen, President



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MEMBERSHIP and FEES

For the coming year, dues have not been raised. The board understands that not everyone will be in a position to pay full dues, and we are willing to make arrangements that will enable all who wish to maintain membership, or become members, to do so. A monthly payment option is available for those who prefer to pay this way.

Annual Family Membership: \$900 (includes voting rights and High Holidays tickets for two adults; children under 18 free)

Annual Single Membership: \$500 (includes right to vote and one High Holidays ticket)

Please remember that, as affirmed by a 2018 board decision, holders of cemetery-plot rights must pay annual membership dues in order to maintain those rights.

To become a member for the first time, please [download](#) and submit the membership form from the shul website. You are welcome to contact the office (admin@kiewershul.com) or the president (president@kiewershul.com) if you have any questions.

Please be aware that the board reviews applications for new membership before they are approved. If you are applying for new membership, please do not send money until the administrator has contacted you.

Individual High Holidays Seat Purchase

Individual Adult (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur)	\$300
Student (University and High School)	\$36
Student (Elementary or Middle School)	FREE

We do not want price to prevent anyone from attending who desires to do so; please contact the shul if an adjusted rate is required.

FOUR PAYMENT OPTIONS

Internet e-transfer: admin@kiewershul.com

[PayPal at Kiever Shul website](#)

[Canada Helps](#) (with an instant tax receipt)

By mail at the address below



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2023/5784 Holiday Schedule
Services in bold print

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 15	Candle lighting	7:10 p.m.
Friday, September 15	Rosh Hashanah: Evening service	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 16	Rosh Hashanah: Morning service	9:30 a.m.
Saturday, September 16	Afternoon and Evening service	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 16	Candle lighting second day	after 8:12 p.m.
Sunday, September 17 Shofar	Rosh Hashanah II: Morning service 2 11:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, September 17	Yom Tov ends	8:11 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 24	Candle lighting	by 6:53 p.m.
Sunday, September 24	Kol Nidre service	6:40 p.m.
Monday, September 25 Yizkor	Morning service 11:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Afternoon service	5:00 p.m.	
Neilah service	6:15 p.m.	
Fast ends	7:56 p.m.	



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Sukkot

Friday, September 29	Candle lighting	6:44 p.m.
Saturday, September 30	Sukkot I: Morning service	9:30 a.m.
Saturday, September 30	Afternoon and Evening service	6:40 p.m.
Saturday, September 30	Candle lighting for second day	after 7:47 p.m.
Sunday, October 1	Sukkot II: Morning service	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 1	Yom Tov Ends	7:45 p.m.
Friday, October 6	Shemini Atzeret begins: candle lighting	6:32 p.m.
Saturday, October 7 Yizkor	Shemini Atzeret: Morning service 11:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Saturday, October 7	Simchat Torah begins: candle lighting	after 7:34 p.m.
Sunday, October 8	Simchat Torah: Morning service	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 8	Yom Tov ends	7:33 p.m.