THE HISTORIC
KIEVER SYNAGOGUE

Dear Congregants and Friends,

As we approach the High Holidays, we take this opportunity to wish each of you a very happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year.

The year 5787 promises to be an extraordinarily auspicious one for our shul. It marks the 100th anniversary of our synagogue at its present location—a remarkable milestone that speaks to the strength, history, and enduring spirit of our community.

For all who pass through our doors, the shul remains an oasis of calm and tranquillity in a troubled world. Whether you join us for the upcoming High Holidays or on a regular Shabbat, we urge you to experience the special warmth and camaraderie of our congregation. Take a moment to appreciate our sanctuary, which remains as breathtaking today as it has always been—truly one of the most beautiful shuls in Toronto.

We are very fortunate that our excellent *chazzanim*, Justin Goodman and Avi Ochs, will be returning for their third consecutive year to lead our High Holiday services. They truly make our davening special, and a complete schedule for High Holiday services is enclosed. Please join us—you will be warmly welcomed.

Looking ahead to our second century, we are preparing to launch a comprehensive fundraising initiative in addition to your annual membership fees that keep the shul going to ensure the long-term flourishing of our shul:

- **Building Repairs:** Following our previous successful repairs, the western (Bellevue) side of the building now requires immediate attention before further deterioration occurs.
- **Security Upgrades:** To keep our shul a safe and secure space, we are applying for government security grants for places of worship. A condition of these grant programs is that we match part of the funding ourselves.

- **Accessibility:** We must make our sanctuary accessible so that stairs are no longer a barrier for any member of our community.
- **Rabbinic Leadership & Family Engagement:** We hope to generate the resources needed to hire a permanent rabbi, focused on creating vibrant programs for young families.
- **Legacy Giving:** We are establishing a legacy campaign to encourage members to remember the shul with a bequest in their wills.

As we embark on these vital campaigns, we ask for your sympathetic and generous support. Together, we can preserve our beautiful physical home and secure a vibrant future for generations to come.

May you and your loved ones be inscribed in the Book of Life for a year of goodness, health, and peace. *Shanah Tovah U'Metukah!*

Ellen Richmond and Arnie Herschorn
Co-Presidents

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HIGH HOLIDAYS

Service Times

2026/5787 Holiday Schedule

Services in bold print

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 11	Candle lighting	7:17 p.m.
Friday, September 11	**Rosh Hashanah: Evening service**	**7:30 p.m.**
Saturday, September 12	**Rosh Hashanah: Morning service**	**9:30 a.m.**
Saturday, September 12	**Afternoon and Evening service**	**7:15 p.m.**
Saturday, September 12	Candle lighting second day	after 8:19 p.m.
Sunday, September 13 **Shofar**	**Rosh Hashanah II: Morning service** **11:00 a.m.**	**9:30 a.m.**
Sunday, September 13	Yom Tov Ends	8:17 p.m.
Friday, September 18	Shabbat candle lighting	7:04 p.m.
Saturday, September 19	**Shabbat Shuva morning service**	**9:30 a.m.**
Saturday, September 19	**Shabbat afternoon and evening service**	**6:50 p.m.**

Saturday, September 19	Shabbat ends	8:06 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 20	Candle lighting	by 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 20	**Kol Nidre service**	**7:05 p.m.**
Monday, September 21	**Morning service**	**9:30 a.m.**
Yizkor	**11:00 a.m.**	
Afternoon service		**5:00 p.m.**
Neilah service		**6:30 p.m.**
Fast ends		**8:03 p.m.**

Sukkot

Friday, September 25	Candle lighting	6:51 p.m.
Friday, September 25	**Sukkot I: Evening service**	**7:00 p.m.**
Saturday, September 26	**Sukkot I: Morning service**	**9:30 a.m.**
Saturday, September 26	**Afternoon and Evening service**	**6:35 p.m.**
Saturday, September 26	Candle lighting for second day	after 7:54 p.m.
Sunday, September 27	**Sukkot II: Morning service**	**9:30 a.m.**

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Sunday, September 27	Yom Tov Ends	7:52 p.m.
Friday, October 2	Shemini Atzeret begins: candle lighting	6:38 p.m.
Saturday, October 3	**Shemini Atzeret: Morning service**	**9:30 a.m.**
Yizkor	**11:00 a.m.**	
Saturday, October 3	**Shabbat afternoon and evening service**	**6:25 p.m.**
Saturday, October 3	Simchat Torah begins: candle lighting	after 7:41 p.m.
Sunday, October 4	**Simchat Torah: Morning service**	**9:00 a.m.**
Sunday, October 4	Yom Tov Ends	7:39 p.m.

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MEMBERSHIP and FEES

The Board recognizes that members wish to pass on their love of the Kiever and synagogue affiliation to their children and others, but that across North America the likelihood of joining a synagogue has declined with younger generations. The Board wishes to reduce the financial barriers to joining in a way that uniquely recognizes the longstanding contributions current families have already made.

Annual Family Membership: $1000 (includes voting rights and High Holidays tickets for two adults; children under 18 free)

Annual Single Membership: $550 (includes right to vote and one High Holidays ticket)

Extended family and friends pricing: for new individuals or households who are nominated by current members (whether or not related), the cost of membership is:

Year of membership	Individual	Family
1	250	550
2	350	700
3	475	850
4+	Full Price	Full Price

The Board also 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.

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@kievershul.com) or the president (president@kievershul.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.

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Individual High Holidays Seat Purchase

Individual Adult (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur)	**$360**
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@kievershul.com

Credit Card at Kiever Shul website

Canada Helps (with an instant tax receipt)

By mail to:

25 Bellevue Avenue

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