

21 August 2020

## YOM TOV SEATS UPDATE

Dear Shaarei Tefillah Mispalelim,

As I am sure the Kehillah understands that we are not able to sell Yom Tov seats this year as we did in the past. Unfortunately, we do not know if we will be allowed to host Minyonim and if we can, the number of Mispallelim will certainly be limited.

The Yomim Tovim (RH, YK and Sukkos) are usually one of the main fundraisers for the Shul. Seat rental charges, Misheberachs and Simchas Torah donations normally generate \$50,000-\$60,000. This a large percentage of our yearly income.

Even though the shul is currently receiving some support from JobKeeper, this still leaves us with a considerable shortfall each month.

Our proposal for this year is to sell 'virtual seats'.

Your seat is your connection to the kehillah. One of the strengths of davening with a minyan is that all our Tefillos are joined together to beseech Hashem to help us. With the 'virtual seat' option, even if we are unfortunately not davening together – our Tefillos are still connected.

***A virtual seat will eventually become an actual seat.***

The payment for the seat will give you priority, if the Shul re-opens with reduced numbers.

(Please Note: The number of Mispallelim may need to be restricted according to government and expert guidelines).

We understand that some people are under considerable financial strain and we have taken this into account with the different price options.

***If you are able, it would be of great benefit, if you could purchase the same number of seats as previously. Please advise us if you wish to be invoiced as you were last year by emailing [accounts@shaarei-tefillah.com](mailto:accounts@shaarei-tefillah.com)***

Last year's prices with FOST and Early Payment Discounts, as listed below, will be applicable for this year.

Men: \$405.00  
Ladies: \$385.00  
Children: \$150.00  
Young Adults: \$280.00

If you are not able to contribute the same as last year - we have also offered these discounted options:

Family Discount: \$890.00  
Couples: \$600.00  
Young Adults: \$180.00  
Young Couples: \$300.00

***It is our sincere hope that everyone in our Kehillah will buy a seat and thus remain connected with Shaarei Tefillah.***

**TRYBOOKING LINK** <https://www.trybooking.com/BLCHM>

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**Method of Payment:**

**Credit Card:** please use the following link <https://www.trybooking.com/BLCHM>

**Bank transfer:** Bank Details BSB: 063 104 Acc: 1028 7204 (Please email details to [accounts@shaarei-tefillah.com](mailto:accounts@shaarei-tefillah.com))

*If you wish to discuss a payment plan or other options*

*Please contact Rabbi Berlin (0425 858 503) or John Fleischmann (0402 911 055)*