

“May the Year and Its Blessings Begin.”

Dear community,

In preparation for summing up our community life over the past year, we reread the letter we sent out last year. The year we summed up in the summer of 2023 had been a difficult one on the national level, and our letter expressed our sorrow about the tensions in Israeli society.

This past year has also demanded extraordinary efforts by our community and the country as a whole. It is only natural for our gaze, and our emotions, to fixate on the suffering we have endured. But we must make an effort to look beyond that if we want to find the road to repair and recovery. When times are hard it is not easy to discern the good. But the good is there for us to see. Our community and our nation have grown. We have seen the immense powers that lay hidden within us, just waiting to be revealed. We found out how caring, brave and determined our youth are, we saw them give of themselves for others in every possible way. We are proud of our soldiers, who act above and beyond their duty to protect the State of Israel. As a community, we have welcomed and assisted refugees from Shlomi and other communities. We relearned the essence of our holidays throughout the year, realizing that we could not celebrate them in our community precisely as we have in previous years. Before each holiday we thought through the problems and issues, engaged in thorough study, and sought creative ways to mark the stations in our annual cycle of observance. We supported each other with love and tenderness in loss, fear, and anxiety. We gathered to maintain and boost our spirits in myriad classes, tours, children's activities, art, singing, and social events. We have seen miracles this year. Even as we exert every possible human effort, we look to God and pray for His salvation. From a place of strength and faith we continue to cry out and pray for the return of all captives and peace in our region.

Our community has grown this past year. This year, existing members may renew, and new members may join the community on-line, through a new and beautiful Kehillat Yedidya website—see the instructions in this letter.

עושה שלום במרומיו הוא יעשה שלום עלינו ועל כל ישראל

With great gratitude to all those who deal with the needs of the public, each to the best of their ability,

Hadas Schroeder Rahamim and Ariel Picard - Chairpersons

Kehillat Yedidya Membership Information – 5785 (2024-2025)

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, 2024	1350	675	1000	500	250	0	100
After Sept 7, 2024	1450	725	1100	550	300	0	100

- If you already registered last year, you must click on the button "Do you have an account? Enter. This is how you can get to your page. You will be asked to write your email address and phone number; you will receive a password in your email that you enter on the website and then you will reach your personal page directly
- 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 Kehillat 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 Wednesday night 25.9 at midnight for Rosh Hashana. It will then reopen after Rosh Hashana until Wednesday night 9.10 for Yom Kippur updates. If you want to change or add, fill out a new form, we will refer to the last form we receive from you.
- 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 25, 2024, 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!**