



THE HISTORIC KIEVER SYNAGOGUE

Dear Congregant(s),

24 July 2018

This past Sunday we completed the fast for Tisha b'Av, the day that commemorates the destruction of both the first and second Temples. But Jewish tradition always sees hope even in the depths of tragedy: it is commonly believed that the 9th of Av will be the day the messiah is born. For the Kiever Synagogue, and for Jews around the world, the end of Tisha b'Av also means that it is time to look ahead in the calendar and think about the approaching High Holidays.

We're delighted to announce that this year our High Holiday services will be led by Rabbi Chanan Gans, who brings to us genuine spirituality and exceptional warmth. We hope that you will see the holiday services as a time for Jewish enrichment and personal growth, and we encourage you to get to know Rabbi Gans and his family over the course of the holiday. We trust, too, that Pinchas Gutter will be back in full strength to serve as our primary chazzan. Under the guidance of Rabbi Gans, we hope to broaden and energize the High Holiday experience.

Last year there was an enthusiastic, but limited, response to the childcare that we provided for the first time. We would like to improve and ask for your help in doing so. Please contact the office by e-mail or phone and let us know the ages of any children planning to participate. Depending on the demand, we will offer supervision for young children and/or more content-rich programming for older children. Let us know what you want.

Membership continues to be the lifeblood of the congregation, and we encourage you to renew your commitment to the future of the Kiever, or to become a member for the first time. The shul needs your financial support as well as your involvement; please consider volunteering on one of our committees (programming, building, cemetery, fundraising). The year 5779 (2018–19) promises to be a historic year for the Kiever, and we hope that you will be a part and play a role.

We look forward to welcoming you on Rosh HaShanah, which will feature a kiddush during services. Please see the [schedule](#) tab at left for all the service times, and do keep in mind that we are open for business every shabbat and holiday morning.

On behalf of the board, we wish you and your families a Shanah Tovah u'Metukah—a sweet New Year 5779, filled with health and happiness.

Adam S. Cohen

President

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President Emeritus