

As we enter into *Shmini Atzeres* and *Simchas Torah* we had been looking forward to celebrating this great *simcha* in *Shul* in a normal fashion. Recent activity in the community requires some adjustments to our plans. Due to an increase in COVID positive results within the Baltimore Community as well as within our *Shul*, we will be making the following adjustments:

- The *Simchas Torah* night and day *Kiddushim* will be held, weather permitting, outdoors in the back of the *Shul*. This will allow for less crowding and safer conditions, as eating in close proximity to others is a higher risk activity.
- The *Shul* will unfortunately not be holding a joint *Hakafah* with *Ohr Hamizrach* as we have for many years, due to the overcrowding that it creates. As it engenders a feeling of *Achdus* for all, we hope to resume *I'YH* next year.
- To ease crowding and accommodate those who are more concerned, there will be *minyanim* both in the main *shul* and in the social hall. The social hall *Minyanim* are primarily for anyone who feels that they are in a higher risk category or are looking for a safer option. Note some *minyanim* in the social hall begin at different times than the main *shul*. Please see the entire *Yom Tov* schedule. The following are some highlights of extra *minyanim*.
- There will be a *Mincha* and *Maariv* in the Social Hall on *Shemini Atzeres* night with no *hakafos*.
- There will be a *Maariv* *minyan* on *Simchas Torah* night in the social hall without *Hakafos* or *Leining*. This *Minyan* is also for those setting up the *kiddush* so it will begin 7:34 pm, earlier than the main *shul*. Repeat *Krias Shma* any time after *Maariv* ends. At night, *Hakafos* and *Leining* will only take place in the main *shul*.
- The first *Simchas Torah* day *Minyan* will begin at 6:25 am in the social hall and will be *k'vasikin*. It will include *Shacharis*, *Hallel*, full *leining* including *Chasanei Torah* and *Bereishis* and then *Mussaf*. *Aliyos* will be sold for that one round of *leining*. This *minyan* will not include *Aliyos* for everyone or *Hakafos*. During the day, *aliyos* for everyone and *hakafos* and will only be available as part of the main *minyan*. If you daven early, feel free to come back for an *aliya* and to participate in *hakafos* in the main *shul*.
- The *Rav* will be overseeing the duration of each *hakafa*. We ask everyone participating to be respectful and end the *hakafa* upon the instruction on the *Rav* to do so.
- For any families that are in quarantine or isolation – there will be *peckelach* for the children that can be picked up anytime between 1 and 5pm on *Hoshana Rabbah* from the *Prero's* front porch, 6715 Western Run Drive
- As always please don't come to *Shul* if you are symptomatic or you are unvaccinated and have had direct exposure (this includes unvaccinated children, including all children under 12 who have been exposed). If you have been exposed and have had at least two vaccinations or if you are unsure whether you can come, speak to the *Rav* for guidance.
- We strongly suggest that if you are eligible for vaccinations you strongly consider taking the vaccine if you have not done so yet.

With fervent *tefillos* for *Shmira* for all of us.

Schedule for Shmini Atzeres/Simchas Torah

Monday Evening Sept. 27, Shemini Atzeres Night

Candle Lighting (suggested/actual)	6:32/6:37
Mincha (Main Shul)	6:35 followed by brief Divrei Hisorerus
Mincha (Social Hall)	6:35
Maariv & Hakofos (Main Shul)	6:57
Maariv & No Hakafos (Social Hall)	6:57

Tuesday Sept. 28, Shemini Atzeres Day & Simchas Torah Night

Shacharis	7:15/8:30
Latest Shema (MG”A/GR”A)	9:16/9:58
Yizkor not before	9:00/10:45
Mincha	2:30/6:00 (Main)/6:30 (Social Hall)
Shiur given by the Rav	6:15
Auction (Main Shul)	6:45
Maariv Only & No Hakafos or Laining (Social Hall)	7:34 (repeat Shma)
Maariv & Hakafos (Main Shul)	7:40
Candle Lighting and preparations for next day not before (50/72)	7:44/8:06

Wednesday, Sept. 29, Simchas Torah Day

Shachris, Laining & Musaf/No Hakafos (Social Hall) - 6:25 k’vasikin	
Sunrise	7:01:12
Shacharis (Main Shul)	8:00
Latest Shema (MG”A/GR”A)	9:15/9:58
Mincha (Main Shul & Social Hall)	6:25
Neilas Hachag Divrei Hisorerus (Main Shul)	6:40
Seder Limud after Divrei Hisorarus in Main Shul & after Mincha in Social Hall	
Maariv (Main Shul & Social Hall)	7:38
YomTov Ends (50/72)	7:43/8:05

Thursday, Sept. 30, Isru Chag

Shachris	6:30/8:00/8:40
Early Mincha	1:35
Mincha/Maariv	6:40
Late Maariv	8:15/10:00

Friday, Oct. 1, Erev Shabbos Beraishis

Shachris	6:30/8:00/8:40
Candle Lighting (suggested/actual)	6:25/6:30
Mincha	6:28