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Dear Friends,

As many of you know, I have accepted the Minyan’s Steering Committee’s request to chair the High Holiday committee. Graeme Bean, Marc Braunstein, Dovey Heller, Ellyn Hutt, and Jacqueline Lampert have graciously accepted to join me on this new committee to plan for the upcoming High Holiday services for the Minyan at DAT. Our committee met for the first time last week and on behalf of the committee, I wanted to update you on our progress.

Our first order of business is to look at our physical space issues as we may find that our numbers may be more than the DAT multi-purpose room can accommodate. In this regard, we are currently looking into the possibility of renting an all-inclusive tent to be located adjacent to the DAT building. To enable us to move forward in this regard and to allow us to place an accurate order for new Machzorim we need your help. It is critical for us to know how many of you are planning to attend the High Holiday services at DAT. As announced at davening yesterday, we need you to please RSVP to let us know of your plans. You can RSVP to me by email or phone (fischera@njc.org, 303 667 6597) as soon as possible. We cannot overstate how important this is for our planning so please contact me this week.

The “spiritual” aspects of the planning that involve the actual Tefilah will be coordinated closely through the Ritual committee that is chaired by Nathan Rabinovitch. Dovey will be serving as our liaison to the Ritual committee and will be working with Nathan and his committee to formulate the various components of the High Holiday services.

The aspects of our Youth programming will be coordinated with the Youth committee that is chaired by Noah Makovsky. We hope to provide more details of this essential piece of the planning in the coming weeks.

To facilitate a synergistic relationship with DAT, Rabbi Herbert Cohen has accepted our invitation to work together on an “outreach service” and additional adult-enrichment opportunities as part of our planned High Holiday services at DAT. Ellyn will be our liaison to Rabbi Cohen to help formulate and organize the many educational and enrichment programs we hope to offer as part of the High Holiday experience. We plan to provide more of the specifics of this component as we get closer to the High Holidays.

Jacky and Marc will be working on marketing our High Holiday services to some of the local press as well in the form of flyers and posters to be posted at various places around town. As an example, in the coming days, Jacky and Marc are planning on submitting press releases and advertisements to the IJN and to the Lowry Newsletter and LowryLink news.

Graeme will be serving as the committee's treasurer. Graeme is in the process of putting together a High Holiday application form that we will have available at <http://dem.denverjewish.com/>. We have put together the following pricing for seats for the High Holidays:

\$50/seat for children under age 18
\$50 for students
\$100/seat for adults
\$300 cap per family

This pricing will include a seat for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This pricing will also allow individuals to "float" between the main services and the outreach and enrichment programs. Our goal is to ensure that the High Holidays are meaningful for all our members - adults and children. Youth Programming and professional babysitting services will be available for an additional fee. We highly recommend that parents take advantage of this service. Please note that the costs of Youth programming have yet to be determined.

Checks for High Holiday services should be made out to DAT and forwarded to Graeme at 134 S. Pontiac St, 80230. (PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHECKS TO DAT DIRECTLY.) If any individuals need to formulate a different price-structure please contact one of the committee members so we can work to accommodate you.

Finally, I have inquired from YU into the possibility of bringing out a YU-Smicha student to help give the Minyan an "extra-spark" for the High Holidays and will keep you posted on whether that may be a realistic option.

We welcome your input so if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please contact me or any of the other committee members. I am excited about the progress of our planning and on behalf of Jacky, Ellyn, Graeme, Marc, and Dovey hope you are all looking forward to a wonderful High Holiday experience at DAT.

Kol Tuv,
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