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September 1st, 2005

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Jacky, Ellyn, Dovey, Marc, and Graeme, I wanted to update you on the progress of our planning for the upcoming High Holidays.

We have all been very busy moving forward with our plans to create a wonderful High Holiday experience for our Minyan and we really need your help. As I communicated in my letter earlier this week, we need to get an accurate sense of what our numbers will look like for the High Holidays. Given the physical space related limitations of the DAT multi-purpose room it is important for us to explore the logistics of an all-inclusive tent to be housed adjacent to the DAT building. We cannot make any decisions in this regard until we have a better sense of how many people will be attending our services. I also need to get this estimate of the anticipated attendance to know how many Machzorim we need to order.

For those who have already replied to me, THANK YOU. For those who have not yet contacted me, I urge you to do so. An email or phone call with your plans would be very helpful for us.

In addition to this “informal” head-count, there will be a High Holiday application form available on the blog (<http://dem.denverjewish.com/>) and sent out via email. This form has detailed seating and Youth programming requests. Please complete the High Holiday Application and return it to me by MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH. PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR PAYMENT WITH THIS APPLICATION. Without this form, we cannot assure you of a seat or Youth programming for your children.

Please send your completed application and checks payable to DAT to:

Aryeh Fischer
7369 East Byers Avenue
Denver, CO 80230

Please note that the informal RSVP to me will allow us to form the quickest estimate of our expected numbers and the High Holiday application form will provide us with the specific details of seating and Youth programming requests.

The “spiritual” aspects of our planning have just received a huge boost. I am thrilled to inform you that we have arranged to have Rabbi Aaron Feigenbaum, a 4th year Yeshiva University Smicha student, serve as the Minyan’s Rav for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rabbi Feigenbaum has spent some time in Denver over the past few years

working on various YU-related projects in our community. The combination of his Torah knowledge, engaging personality, and dynamic speaking skills is sure to take our High Holiday experience to another level. We are coordinating the details of his time with us and I look forward to updating you as we continue to formalize these plans.

The aspects of our Youth programming are being planned by the Minyan's Youth Committee. Given that WE ALL benefit (directly or indirectly) from having the children of the Minyan in structured Youth programs, we plan on having some of the revenue generated from all seating funds cover a portion of the costs of the Youth programs. To cover the remainder of the costs for our Youth services, we are asking families who have children in the programs pay an additional \$36 per child utilizing these programs for the High Holidays. Youth services will be offered for children ages 6 months and up. Other specifics of the Youth programs will be communicated to you in the coming weeks. Please join me in expressing tremendous gratitude to Noah and his newly-formed Youth Committee for their hard work on behalf of our children and the Minyan.

We also remain busy coordinating the many other various aspects of the High Holidays (outreach/adult enrichment programs, marketing, budget, etc.) and look forward to providing you with more of these details as we get closer to Rosh Hashanah. Jacky deserves a special "thank you" for her efforts in putting together a fabulous advertisement that will be circulated in the community and for submitting a terrific press release to the IJN. (Both will be available on the Minyan's blog <http://dem.denverjewish.com/>.)

We welcome your input so if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please contact me or any of the other committee members. I hope you are getting as excited about the upcoming High Holidays as we are!

Kol Tuv,
Aryeh