

Chairman's Notes - March 2017 - Adar 5777

Dear Friends,

Purim is now almost on our doorstep and we are all looking to an inspiring and enjoyable chag. On Shabbat erev Purim, March 11th, Rabbi Boudilovsky will be presenting a pre Purim shiur at the seuda shlishit. He is inviting the community to attend this shiur and therefore we are planning for a large number of people attending the seuda.

Regarding kiddushim and seudot shlishit, a meeting was held this week with the heads of the Irgun Nashim and Board of Management to discuss the arrangements and costings, as there has not been a review of costs for a number of years, and the Shul is losing money on sponsored kiddushim and seudot shlishit. In addition, the number of people attending kiddushim, and especially seudot shlishit, have been rising over the past few months. It was agreed that charges need to increase when these are sponsored, as follows:

- cake and wine kiddush, which will always now be 9 tables, will increase from NIS 900 to NIS 1,000
- full kiddush including kugel, 9 tables, will increase from NIS 2,000 to NIS 2,200
- two bottles of whiskey will need to be provided by the sponsor as in the past
- the full kiddush without kugel, which was NIS 1,650, will be dispensed with, as that was proving to be more costly than the kugel kiddush
- seuda shlishit will increase from NIS 300 to NIS 500, and quantity of food provided will be adjusted to cater for the additional people who have been attending - I would also like to note that the buffet style seuda, which has now been in operation for four months, is working out really well
- price increases will take effect from March 18th

These are the two key updates that I need to provide for you at this time. There are other plans for the Shul in the pipeline as well, therefore a further Chairman's Notes article may well be with you within a few weeks.

Kind regards & Shabbat Shalom,

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