



Dear Community Members,

The Mashadi Community is one of the most unique and thriving Jewish communities. Our growth is a blessing, but it also brings challenges.

One significant issue is overcrowded and costly Shabbat Shiras.

We have worked with the UMJCA Sisterhood, our three Synagogue Boards, and other leaders to find solutions. To ensure our continued prosperity and unity, we propose the following new guidelines, effective **September 1, 2024**:

- **A maximum of two Shiras will be allowed at each of our minyans on any Shabbat. The Shaare Shalom main minyan will not have any limitations on the number of Shiras.**
- **Exceptions can be made for sibling Shiras, provided that the size of the crowd is not significantly impacted, at the discretion of the respective Synagogue Board.**
- **Bar Mitzvah Shiras will be given priority provided it is scheduled at least ten months in advance. All other Shiras will be scheduled on a first come basis.**
- **Each Shira family is limited to eight (8) food trays. Please refrain from giving out gift items during Shiras.**
- **Maftir readings are not considered an official Shira. Instead, goody bags may be distributed during Kids Programming. When a Maftir reading is separate from a sibling Bar Mitzvah, a maximum of three food trays is allowed.**
- **All Shira trays must be delivered to the respective Synagogues on Friday, prior to the start of Shabbat**
- **The Shira trays will be brought to the ladies' section after the conclusion of the Rabbi's speech.**

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in implementing these necessary changes for the betterment of our community.

Respectfully,

**Central Board
UMJCA Sisterhood
Shaare Shalom Synagogue Board
Ohr Esther Synagogue Board
Shaare Rachamim Synagogue Board**