

January, 2021

Welcome to another tax season for filing your 2020 tax returns.

2020 has been like no other year. For those that lost family and friends, we extend our condolences and sympathy.

On the tax and benefit side, 2020 brought us several benefits, tax credits and tax law changes. Thus, our tax organizers have changed to capture the information needed in order to prepare your tax returns accurately and to take advantage of the various benefits and credits available to you.

### Tax Appointments

On March 20th of last year, we retreated to our homes and continued our tax season work. We communicated with our clients mostly via e mails and phone calls and discovered that it works, very well. After two months away, we returned to our office.

This tax season we plan to work with our clients via emails, phone and if preferred by some, in person appointments. We therefore request that you email/upload all your tax docs such as W-2s, 1099s, 1098s, K-1s etc., and your tax organizers at least 24 hours before your appointment.

Schedule Your Appointment Online at <http://netappointment.judakallus.com/appman.php?rownumber=65>

<b>Office Hours</b>	Monday – Thursday	10 am – 8 pm
	Friday	10 am – 6 pm
	Saturday Sunday	12 pm – 6 pm

### Tax Return Organizer

Our tax organizers will help you to compile your tax data needed to prepare your tax returns. This year you have a choice of compiling your tax data in our original PDF version or the Excel based organizer. Either one will be easy to enter your data on the screen, save it on your computer for later editing and corrections, or to be emailed/uploaded to us along with your tax docs. You may also complete the PDF version by hand. When entering amounts, please round off to the nearest dollar.

**New Clients** Please email/upload your last three years of tax returns, if available.

**Extensions** Filing late without an extension will subject you to one of the worst penalties, up to 25% of the tax due! So, don't delay!

**An extension to file your tax return is not an extension to pay your taxes.**

The IRS will grant you an extension without payment, but will charge you penalties and interest totaling up to 25% per year on the outstanding balance. Most States have similar rules with similar penalties for extensions and late payment. Some States do not require filing an extension form.

However, **New Jersey** and **NYC-UBT** rules are more draconian. You must pay sufficient amounts with the extension, or they will invalidate your extension and charge you late filing penalties. So be generous with your NJ and NYC UBT extension payments. Remember, if you over pay, you will get a refund. If you underpay, you will get a penalty, a stiff one. So, overpay!

### Should You file 1099s?

If you are self-employed and have paid any freelancer, subcontractor or other individual \$600 or more in the course of your business during the year, the answer is yes. Copies of your 1099s must be mailed to the recipients and the IRS by February 1st. Late filers or inaccurate 1099s will incur penalties.

If you want us to prepare your 1099s, download our 1099 data organizer from our web site, fill it in, and e-mail it to us. Here is the link, <https://judakallus.com/files/V-1099-Data-Sheet.pdf>



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Final Note: If you receive any notices / correspondence from the IRS or any other taxing jurisdiction, email, mail or fax a copy of the notice to us. Many adjustments are erroneous and can be resolved with a single correspondence. Calling the IRS is often frustrating and futile. Send the notice / correspondence to us before you call us.