

Dear Friends,

We are so pleased to announce that we are preparing to move to our next phase of reopening. We are planning our first indoor service for up to 15 people on Shabbat morning, Saturday, October 17. Our regular virtual service will also be taking place that morning on Zoom at its regular time (9:30 am). As we have previously done with our outdoor services all attendees ***must sign up in advance, have filled out the waiver in advance, and be able to answer the covid-related questions at the door***. Priority will be given to those observing the period of mourning following a loss, and those who have Yahrzeit (memorial anniversary) during the week. We hope to increase the number of people in the sanctuary to 25 in the following weeks. We will continue to rely on updated recommendations from the CDC, and state and federal guidelines during our reopening.

For this service, **sign-up and waivers must be completed by noon on Wednesday, October 14**. We will notify those people who will be allowed to attend by the evening of October 14. If for any reason you are unable to attend, we ask that you notify the office immediately as we will be counting on everyone present to make a minyan for those saying Kaddish. The service will begin promptly at 10:00 am and expect it to be over by 11:15 am - 11:30 am; we would like everyone attending to come 5 – 10 minutes early to be checked in by the ushers. As with our outdoor services, our ushers will be present to make sure our Safety Policy and Procedures are followed by everyone.

As a reminder, below are the procedures that we have set up for indoor services:

- First and foremost, if you believe that, on account of your age, your health status, or an underlying condition that you are in a vulnerable population, we STRONGLY DISCOURAGE you from attending this in person service. We know the need for physical connection is great – but your safety needs to come first.
- Pre-registration for the service is required. In Phase 2, attendance at our first indoor event will be limited to 15 people. If more than 15 people register, priority will be given to those congregants who are in mourning or observing yahrzeit.
- Each adult who attends a service needs to sign a waiver. Parents or guardians of children younger than 18 years old need to sign on their behalf. The waiver will be kept on file and needs to be signed only once. ***Click here if you would like to read the waiver.***
- When you arrive, please observe social distancing. We will be using the main entrance closer to the sanctuary to enter the building. An usher will check your temperature, ask you a few health-related questions, and then if everything is OK, will direct you to your seats. You will also need to use hand sanitizer before sitting.
- We ask you to wear a mask over your nose and mouth and maintain 6 feet of social distancing at all times. This is mandatory.

- Please bring your own mask and kippot/tallitot.
- Only the bathrooms near the sanctuary will be in use. Only one person at a time will be allowed in the bathrooms. The chapel and school wing will be closed. No food or drink will be provided. Please feel free to bring your own water or drink.
- During the service, please feel free to hum or chant softly, but at this time, we are not permitting singing.
- At the end of the service, please follow the directions of the ushers and proceed directly back to your cars as there will not be a Kiddush.

We look forward to seeing you back in Beth El at one of our upcoming services. We know not everyone is ready to come back in person, but we will be ready to welcome you when the time is right.

Shabbat Shalom,

Liz, Larry, Brian and Rabbi Weiss