

Dear Fellow Congregant –

We are very pleased to inform you that we will be having our first outdoor service on Friday evening, September 4 from 6 PM to 7 PM. We will be following the Safety Guidelines that the Re-Opening Task Force prepared and which were approved by the Board earlier this month. ***Click here if you would like to read the Safety Guidelines.*** This outdoor service will also be on our virtual Zoom link for those that would like to attend remotely.

We wanted to take the time now to let you know how the service will be organized, what procedures will be in place, and what we also expect from you to keep everyone safe.

- 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 1, attendance at outdoor events will be limited to 40 people including Rabbi, ushers, and custodians. If more than 40 people register, priority will be given to those congregants who are in mourning or observing yahrzeit. Pre-registration will close on Tuesday, September 1 and we will be announcing final attendees on Wednesday, September 2. Waivers and health questions will need to be submitted by Thursday, September 3.
- 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. ***The waiver will be emailed to participants later in the week.***
- Outdoor services will be held in the side parking lot where we hold our annual barbecue. Please come to the service by 5:45 PM so we have sufficient time to check everyone in.
- When you arrive, please observe social distancing. We will have cones placed to help everyone comply. 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.
- It is mandatory that you wear a mask over your nose and mouth and maintain 6 ft for social distancing at all times. Please refrain from handshaking, hugging, or kissing and also be careful to keep 6 feet social distancing from the Rabbi or lay leaders before, during, or after services.
- Please bring your own mask and kippot.
- The building will not be open and there will be no access to bathrooms. We will not have any food or drink. 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 to prevent the spread of aerosols.

- At the end of the service, please proceed directly back to your cars as there will not be a kiddush.

- If the weather is bad, the outdoor service will be cancelled by 3 PM in the afternoon, and everyone will be notified and a regular virtual only service will take place.

This won't be like our pre-COVID services, but we will be together, praying in the same space as a community. And if our smiles don't show too clearly through a face mask, I'm sure all of our eyes will be shining brighter to make up for the difference.

If you would like to register for the outdoor service on **Friday, September 4, please click here.**

Shabbat Shalom

Larry, Liz, and Brian