

In this past year, our JRC community has been thriving – creating an innovative and vibrant community online. We also acknowledge the deep human need to see each other face to face and return to in-person connection. We hope that as each person is vaccinated, and as we continue with mask wearing, distancing and hand washing, that the future grows more hopeful for greater health and safety for everyone.

The question of “how and when will we get together in person” is on everyone’s mind. We recognize that there is no in-person gathering without some risk. As we move to get back together, first outdoors and eventually back in our building, we are keeping these Jewish values at the forefront:

- ***Pikuach Nefesh***: Saving life. We will prioritize public health, safety and well-being of our community, with awareness towards those who are most vulnerable.
- ***Kol Yisrael arevim zeh lazeh***: We are all responsible for one another. Equity and accessibility are priorities for JRC, and we are delaying programs that are solely indoors and in-person until we reach a higher level of herd-immunity, recognizing that we want to avoid a hierarchy of participation based on vaccination status. We encourage everyone who can to become fully vaccinated as they are eligible, and to be mindful of exerting privilege at the expense of others who may not have the same electronic, personal connection or resource access.
- ***Tzorchei Tzibur***: Community needs. We are balancing physical and mental health as we plan for gatherings. We look forward to our collective and creative solutions that take into account the entirety of our community and the diverse and changing needs of its members. To maximize access and inclusion, we commit to creating events that can have a virtual component or alternative to the extent possible.

We therefore commit together to the following practices when there is a physical gathering of JRC community members until the COVID-19 pandemic subsides:

1. We will wear face masks, properly covering our mouth and nose, whether indoors or outdoors.
2. We will maintain a six-foot distance from people who are not part of our household, especially if we remove our masks to eat or drink at outdoor events where food is permitted.
3. We will wash or sanitize our hands frequently.
4. We will not attend any gathering if we have potential COVID symptoms.
5. We will inform JRC and fellow attendees if we or our household members are diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days following any gathering we attended.

6. We will ensure that an accurate list is kept of the names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of all in person attendees so we can assist in contact tracing efforts if requested.
7. We will help and guide our children, relatives and congregants to follow these guidelines to help keep everyone healthy.
8. We recognize that all of our congregants, clergy, staff and guests have different levels of comfort surrounding in-person gatherings and we will respect each person's choices about in-person or virtual attendance.

JRC will continue to offer comparable remote options and to monitor evolving public health conditions and recommendations.

We all look forward to a safe and cautious resumption of in person gatherings.