



## Re-Entry Guide for Congregation B'nai Torah Preschool

### Keeping Congregation B'nai Torah Preschool Safe

As we continue to live our values and do our best to keep our community healthy, we have created this guide for Congregation B'nai Torah Preschool. We will update it as needed based on expert guidance and recommendations during this ever-changing and unprecedented pandemic.

### **Cleaning, Sanitizing & Disinfecting**

The preschool will be cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected throughout the day. This includes, but is not limited to, cleaning of the bathrooms and playground between classes and high touch areas, such as cubbies, toys, etc.

### **Daily Health Screening**

All teachers, staff, and children will be screened daily. The health screening consists of a questionnaire, a visual inspection, and a temperature check. Once the health screening is complete, the parent will be asked to take their child out of the car, and the teacher will take the child to their classroom. [CDC information has been used to inform this process.](#)

### **Drop Off**

Drop off will take place by the stairs of the synagogue's main entrance. Parents will pull up and wait for someone to come to their car. Parents and children need to remain in their cars until the teacher asks the parents to take their child(ren) out of the car. **Parents must wear a mask while taking their child(ren) out of the car.**

### **Face Coverings**

All adults are required to wear masks within the preschool wing. Children over 3 years old are required to bring their own masks (with backup masks in backpacks) and are encouraged to wear it during the day.

### **Hand Hygiene**

Children and adults will be required to wash their hands using the Bright From the Start and CDC hand washing procedures. Hand washing will take place regularly during the day, starting with entry into the building. Children will be supplied with anti-bacterial wipes or hand sanitizer to use during outdoor activities

### **No Mixing of Classes**

Children from one class will not mix with children from another class. Each class will stay with their own class group (children and teachers) throughout the day.

### **Teacher Training**

Teachers have already received COVID-19 training through an online Bright From the Start approved course. They will receive further training before school starts. All training will include information from the CDC, Bright From the Start, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.



### **Toys & Classroom Items**

All toys, games, and objects in the classroom that cannot be cleaned and disinfected have been removed. Toys will not be shared between classes unless they have been washed and disinfected. Each class will have their own set of toys for the playground.

### **Visitors**

B'nai Torah Preschool will be limiting the number of visitors in the preschool building. We are requesting that all visitors remain outside the building unless there is an emergency. Any person entering the preschool building will be screened and is required to wear a mask.



## **B'nai Torah Preschool Day at a Glance**

### **Daily Activities**

Weather permitting, children will spend as much time outside as possible, participating in class work, meetings, etc. Their daily activities will be similar to pre-COVID. They will be covering all the areas of their curriculum, but they will be doing so in smaller groups.

### **Snack & Lunch**

Classes will eat both snack and lunch in their own classrooms.

### **Afternoon Pickup**

Pickup will take place by the stairs to the synagogue's main entrance. Children will wait in their classrooms until called for pickup.

### **After-School Enrichments**

As per our COVID-19 protection plan, we will be limiting the number of visitors in our building. In order to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible, we will not be bringing in outside vendors to run our after-school enrichment programs. If a class has enough people interested, a teacher from that class will hold an enrichment class on a specific day after school.

### **Havdalah on Mondays**

Havdalah will continue to be on Mondays. We will have screens in each class, so that all the classes can participate in our Havdalah program together via Zoom.

### **Friday Morning Classroom Shabbat**

We will continue classroom Shabbat celebrations in the morning during which children will receive a special snack of challah and juice. Once a month, parents will be invited to join their child's classroom Shabbat via Zoom.

### **Friday Afternoon Shabbat**

Parents will be invited to join us each week for our afternoon Preschool Shabbat celebration via Zoom. We will have screens in each class, so that all the classes can participate in our Shabbat program together via Zoom.

### **Movement Class**

Movement Class will continue to be on Mondays. Each class will have a dedicated time to participate. The class teachers will be running and executing the class, utilizing their training and our large assortment of gross motor equipment.

### **Music Class**

Music Class will continue to be on Wednesdays. Each class will have a dedicated 30 minutes to participate. Our music teacher will be responsible for writing the music curriculum each week and will make videos teaching the children songs and music. Class teachers will use our music teacher's curriculum and recordings during music class.



### **B'nai Torah Preschool Illness Procedure**

This protocol is based on current CDC guidelines and the advice of our B'nai Torah COVID-19 Task Force. We may revise these policies based on updated best practices and recommendations.

**If a staff member or child is sick, they are required to stay home.**

**If a child becomes sick at school:**

- They will be placed in an isolation room or area.
- Parent will be called and must pick up the child immediately.
- We will clean, sanitize, and disinfect areas that the child has visited.

**If a staff member becomes sick at school:**

- They will leave campus immediately.
- We will clean, sanitize, and disinfect areas that the staff member has visited.
- We have a properly-vetted substitute list. The substitute will undergo the same health screening as the other staff prior to entering campus.

**If a child or staff member is suspected of infection with, or exposure to COVID-19:**

- We will clean, sanitize, and disinfect the class and all areas visited by the child/staff member.
- Affected individual will need to be tested (using a PCR test) as quickly as possible, and class will be closed pending results.
- If affected individual tests negative, class will re-open immediately, but individual may be required to stay home for additional time and/or re-test based on nature of exposure/symptoms.

**If a child or staff member tests positive for COVID-19:**

- We will clean, sanitize, and disinfect the class and all areas visited by the child/staff member.
- The class where the individual was present will remain closed for up to 14 days. Individuals from a classroom that had a positive case of COVID-19 must stay home until the isolation period has ended, even if the exposed individual receives a negative test.
- Any individual who receives a positive test should seek medical advice from their healthcare provider and must stay away from school while they are ill.
- Individuals who test positive may return to school once they meet **all** of the following criteria:
  - 10 days after symptoms first appeared
  - 72 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
  - Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving\*
- Because there will not be any mixing of classes and teachers, we expect that the rest of the school will stay open (pending guidance of public health and B'nai Torah COVID-19 medical advisors).

*\*Loss of taste/smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.*



### **Siblings**

If any member of the household of a B'nai Torah Preschool student has COVID-19, then all children in that household must stay home for at least 14 days. If a class has been closed due to exposure, classes of siblings of those students will remain open, but the siblings must stay home. Siblings may return to their own classes following the procedure below:

- The sibling who was exposed may be tested 5 days after last exposure.
- Siblings may return to class if the above-mentioned test is negative. [CDC information has been used to inform this protocol.](#)

### **School Closing**

In the event that our medical advisors or local public health resources tell us that it is necessary to close an in-person class or the school for 2-4 weeks, we will offer virtual learning with individual check-ins and “learning at home” kits to support virtual learning. If a class or the school is closed for more than 4 weeks, parents have the option to continue virtual learning at a discounted rate or receive a refund for additional weeks that we are closed.

### **COVID-19 Tuition Policy and Health Policy**

As part of the registration process, all parents are required to sign our Tuition Policy and Infectious Disease/COVID-19 Health Policy before their child(ren) can attend our preschool.