



## **Religious School Announcements & Covid-19 Mitigation Protocols**

Dear Religious School Parents,

We are so grateful for your trust and flexibility during this time. We are working hard to keep your students as safe and healthy as possible while still having in-person, deeply-connected programming and education.

### **Protocols**

At CBJ, we are following CDC guidelines. We understand that each school district has slightly different practices. We also recognize that many school districts have strict guidelines in place regarding quarantining from school if your child has been exposed to COVID-19. We assure you that our protocols at CBJ's Religious School will work to prevent your child from having a defined exposure during their time in religious school. We align with the CDC definition of an exposure as within 3 feet of an infected person with inconsistent masking for longer than 15 minutes. Below are our protocols:

1. All students and staff (regardless of vaccination status) will be masked
2. Restrictions on shared items have been lifted, but we will still be reducing the sharing of materials, as this tends to reduce crowding.
3. Our new MERV-13 filters will be running throughout the school day.
4. The smaller, windowless classrooms will NOT be used for group instruction this year.
5. Snack will be eaten either in the Social Hall (with 6 feet of distance observed) or outside. Only 1-2 classes will be eating at a time, and only during their assigned times.
6. Hand washing and sanitizing will be emphasized, with ample supplies available.
7. We are strongly encouraging all eligible students and staff to be vaccinated. To date, I have seen proof of vaccination for 100% of our teachers, for 60% of our *Madrikhim* (teaching aides), and 80% of our 7<sup>th</sup> graders.
8. If a student exhibits symptoms of illness during school hours, they will be isolated upstairs, and will need to be picked up immediately by a parent or guardian.
9. Modified school arrival and dismissal process. Please watch your email and check the CBJ Religious School Landing Page Padlet (see below) for details.

The Religious School will continue to monitor guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Illinois Dept of Public Health (IDPH), and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for COVID-19 prevention in K-12 schools.

### **Partnership**

We are a community, and each family is an important part of this partnership. We are asking that each Religious School family takes their responsibility to this wonderful community seriously. By sending your child(ren) to in-person Religious School, you are certifying, each day, that your child is not displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, nor has tested positive or been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 10 days.

I am so delighted that we can start this Jewish year together! The teaching team here is remarkable and I can't wait to see them in action. For information about teachers, room assignments, and school supplies, please check the link below, and bookmark it so you can visit frequently for school information and updates.

<https://padlet.com/cbjrelsch/9d97aqq3nfx7mktv>

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