



## Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont and Emanu-El

15 Elul 5781  
August 23, 2021

Dear Friends:

As we wrote to you on July 26, the Jewish values of *bri'ut* (health and safety) and *petichut* (openness and inclusion) have guided the decision making of our Re-Opening Task Force, particularly in terms of our upcoming 2021/5782 High Holiday season.

Given the new and concerning reality of the Delta variant, we are writing at this time to update you on two important changes to our holiday plans.

- For the health and safety of every member of our community, individuals 12 and older who are not vaccinated should abstain from coming to our campus during the holiday season. We hope you'll join us via Zoom for our worship and learning programs.
- Attendance inside the synagogue sanctuary will be limited to vaccinated persons 12 and over; all youth programming will occur outdoors. There will no longer be a "family seating area" for families with members under age 12 inside the sanctuary. We welcome unvaccinated individuals 11 and younger to sit in our outdoor tent (along with their adult family members) to listen to and participate in the service. Children may also engage in our outdoor youth programming events. For their safety, and for that of every member of our community, PCR Testing is *required* for unvaccinated children ages 2 through 11. Proof of a negative PCR test conducted no earlier than Sept. 3 for Rosh Hashanah and no earlier than Sept. 12 for Yom Kippur is required for all children who attend in-person holiday programming. Please share such proof (via upload; by emailing it to Fawn Mendel at [fawn@sstte.org](mailto:fawn@sstte.org); or by bringing it on the day of the holiday). If you have questions as to where to obtain a PCR test, please contact the temple office.

As a friendly reminder, with the exception of service leaders, everyone age 2 and older must wear a mask (covering the nose and mouth) throughout their time on our campus (whether outdoors or inside).

In addition, we want to remind you that if you know or suspect you have been exposed to COVID in the prior 14 days, or if you are feeling under the weather in any way, we expect you to stay home and enjoy our services via Zoom.

High Holiday prayer books are available for pick-up for Zoom participants, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and delivery for the homebound is available. Please email [Fawn Mendel](mailto:Fawn.Mendel), if you need this service.

We don't have to tell you that COVID requires us to remain flexible, and thus, our policies for the High Holidays are subject to further change as we continue to monitor the scientific reports on this latest variant. In the meantime, we hope you won't hesitate to be in touch with us if you have any questions, or if there's anything we can do to make your holiday experience more meaningful in the days to come.

With blessings for your good health,

Michael Luskin, Temple President  
Rabbi Jeffrey Brown  
Cantor Chanin Becker

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