

Congregation Ohav Emeth

To all members of OE:

We are excited to announce that we are taking our next steps and will be conducting minyanim IN OUR BUILDING starting THIS SHABBOS. We realize that some people are advised not to enter the building or do not wish to do so at this point and therefore will be having minyanim both inside and outside. In keeping with Governor Murphy's latest executive order, we will be increasing the number of attendees allowed at each minyan. **We will also have space available for ladies. Please see the signup sheet for limits for both men and ladies.**

While we are very happy to be taking this step, we are aware that there are those who are uncomfortable or unable to attend. Please realize that there is no obligation to attend and that your health, safety and wellbeing are tantamount.

NOTE: In order to provide adequate ventilation, the shul will be kept cooler than usual. Please prepare accordingly.

The following is our schedule for minyanim for This coming Shabbos, Parshas Behaalotcha:

Sign up is required for all minyanim. Please only attend minyanim that you are signed up for.

Shacharit minyanim will begin with Nishmas Kol Chai - please daven up to that point at home.

Minyanim will be run expeditiously. Everybody is asked to **leave immediately** so that we can prepare for the next minyan. **DO NOT GATHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING!**

For minyanim taking place in the parking lot, we will have seats available for

Shacharit minyanim only. Seats are limited so depending on how many people sign up, we may not have seats available for everybody. If you are capable of standing for the approximately 70 minutes of davening, please leave a seat for somebody who needs it.

Seats will be cleaned between uses.

If you arrive early and the previous minyan is still in progress, please wait outside the parking lot and maintain social distancing.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday June 12 (erev Shabbos) -

- - Mincha/Maariv - 6:45 (Main Sanctuary), 8:15 (Parking lot)

Shabbos June 13 (parshas Behaalotcha) -

- Shacharit – 7:15 (Social hall), 7:50 (Main Sanctuary), 8:30 (Parking Lot)
- Mincha - 6:30 (Parking lot), 7:50 (Parking lot)
- Maariv - 9:35 (Parking lot - Say baruch hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol after 9:19 before driving to shul).

Please sign up early: Minyanim that do not have ten men signed up by 3:00PM on erev Shabbos are subject to cancellation.

Please read this entire message before signing up to attend a minyan.

We are sorry and apologize but **NO children under 13** will be able to attend minyanim at this time, due to limited space and conditions that would not allow us to accommodate them at this time. **Some minyanim will be opened to women. For those minyanim there will be separate signups for men and women. Please see the signup sheet for more information.**

Some spots are reserved for those designated to administer the minyanim. There will be a signup genius Signup sheet for the people to sign up for the remaining spots. **Only those who have signed up and have a reservation will be admitted to**

the minyan.

If you **sign up**, it is a **Commitment to attend** the minyan and you will adhere to the conditions listed below:

You have either consulted your physician and/or you are unaware of any condition that would put you at excessive risk to attend an outdoor minyan.

You may not attend if you have a fever or ANY Covid-19 symptoms, have contracted the virus and are not 14 days past recovery or have been exposed to anyone with the virus within the last 5 days. Symptoms include (but are not limited to):

Fever, sore throat, loss of smell, loss of taste, gastrointestinal issues.

Please note : The gabbaim will actively ensure that **social distancing and safety rules are adhered to**. This can mean **excluding individuals who do not conform to these safety standards**.

All people attending the minyan Must wear a MASK (to be put on right before arriving at the minyan). Those who wish to wear gloves are welcome to do so. For those who will come in contact with articles such as the torah, there will be hand sanitizer available, but you may wish to have gloves. The shul will not be providing masks or gloves.

You must bring your own siddur/chumash to the minyan (in order to mitigate any contact between individuals). The shul's **bookshelves are unavailable** for use.

The shul will only provide chairs outdoors for shacharit minyanim.

The bathroom is not available. Please use restrooms at home before attending.

There will be **NO parking** in the parking lot, since the people are davening there.

You must stay in the spot that is marked off for you to daven and after the minyan **No Socializing or Congregating**. Please **keep social distancing at all times!**

**DO NOT ENTER ANY ROOM OTHER THAN THE ONE IN WHICH YOUR MINYAN IS
TAKING PLACE!**

Each family member must sign up for their own spot on the list. **Only individuals on
the signup sheet will be permitted to attend.**

Please be on time!

Thank you for your understanding.

Gut Shabbos,

Jay Dobin, President