

August 31, 2021

Dear Friends:

We would like to thank you for your understanding and patience during these unpredictable times. The Temple Beth EI COVID-19 Response Team met last night to discuss the health and safety of our members, clergy, and staff during the High Holidays; Judaism's primary concern is our community's welfare. Our decision to have "in-person" services along with live-streaming (YouTube and Facebook live) stands. We ask that everyone attending High Holiday services be vaccinated. If you have auto-immune deficiencies, for your safety and well-being, we recommend that you do not attend the "in-person" services this High Holiday season.

Following the Covid Committee meeting last night, we have updated Temple Beth EI's guidelines, as follows:

1. Masks are required for anyone entering the building (Age 2 and up), until further notice.
2. There is no limit set for attendees at High Holiday services. All attendees must be masked.
3. No gathering in the hallways will be permitted. If you would like to socialize, we invite you to step outside to an open-air environment. You will not have a problem re-entering the building. When outside we ask that you please not block the entrance to the building.
4. Please remain socially distant from other congregants and consider having two seats separating family units/groups.
5. No food is permitted in the building. Water fountains are not available. You may bring bottled water with you.
6. Remember to bring your Tallit and Kippah with you.

Before attending services please ask yourself the following questions:

1. Have you or anyone in your home tested positive or been suspected of having COVID-19 within the last 14 days?
2. Do you or anyone in your home have any signs or symptoms of a fever, a new or worsening cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, or respiratory illness?
3. Within the last 10 days, have you or anyone in your home had contact with someone with Covid-19, or under investigation for Covid-19?
4. Are you currently quarantining for any reason?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, you will not be able to attend our services. We are sorry for any inconvenience this might cause you. Please take advantage of our streaming option.

The High Holiday season holds great significance for all of us. We understand that these are not easy decisions, nor are they decisions that we take lightly. We continue to hope and pray for an end to the pandemic and a speedy return to full in-person activities. In the meantime, we are trying our utmost to keep people safe and reassure those wishing to attend in person that we are doing our part to create a safe environment.

Your *SAFETY* is our "*NUMBER ONE*" priority while being in our Temple Beth El Building. We look forward to seeing you in person or virtually.

Shana Tovah,

*Morgan Godorov, President*

*Rabbi Moshe Re'em*

*Michelle Rohrbach*

*Shari Spark*