



Indoor Shabbat Services & HHD Info 9.11.20

Our Committee continues to meet on a weekly basis to assess the trends in the number of new COVID cases in Charleston County. We remain in close communication with local medical professionals and we continue to track the number of new COVID cases as well as hospital capacities.

Local COVID Trends: According to SC DHEC data, since mid-July, the number of new cases of the COVID virus have declined in the Charleston area. We are now at our lowest numbers since a high point in mid-July. This is welcome news, but new cases are still occurring in our area, so please remain vigilant and continue to protect yourself and others while out in public. At this time, **our medical advisors believe that we can safely convene BOTH indoor and outdoor services with the proper protections in place.**

Upcoming Shabbat Services: Our Friday night and Shabbat morning services will be conducted INDOORS on September 11th and 12th. In addition to protocols already in place for our services, the service on Shabbat morning will begin in Shul with *Shochein Ad* (all attendees should say through *Yishtabach* before arriving), in order to shorten exposure time. Services will be further abbreviated in several other ways, and will only last about an hour and a half. Siddurim and Chumashim will be placed at each of the socially distanced seats. There will also be signs throughout the building directing flow of traffic in order to retain social distancing.

If you are interested in attending, please click this link -

<https://www.dortikvah.org/event/Join-Minyan> to sign up for these services. You must also fill out the brief health questionnaire in advance. We can accommodate up to 20 men and 20 women for each service. **ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE** and fill out the health questionnaire in order to gain entrance to services. If you have not registered, you will not be allowed to attend in order to ensure the safety of other attendees.

Rosh Hashanah / Yom Kippur Services: Our goal remains to provide as many people as possible with as meaningful a High Holy Day experience as possible. Thanks to everyone who responded to our registration request this past week! We now understand the preference with regards to whether you wish to attend services and, if so, whether your preference is for indoor or outdoor services. If you missed the registration and would still like to join us for services, please contact Rebecca at info@dortikvah.org and we will see if we have space remaining for you.

For all those registered, **please look for a confirmation email early next week that will clarify your reservation for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services.** Please follow the instructions in the email to finalize your registration. For those who are not planning on attending services, we hope that you will avail yourselves of the resources being shared for celebrating the holidays at home, and, if you are comfortable, the Shofar Mini Services that will be offered on Sunday afternoon, September 20th.

Sukkot / Simchat Torah Services: Please stay tuned for further information regarding these upcoming holidays. The committee will be making recommendations to the Dor Tikvah Board at our upcoming meeting on Monday.

Other Opportunities: As limited as our in person interactions have been, there are a number of other ways in which we can still connect. The Rabbi continues to hold pre and post **Shabbat Zoom get togethers** each week ([Zoom link here](#) Password: 085081), our regular weekday classes have shifted to virtual platforms, and our wonderful weekly social program called **Together Apart** continues on Wednesday evenings ([more info here](#)) through the holidays with special sessions reviewing the various prayers and practices of this important time of year.