



AHAVAS TORAH

THE SCOTTSDALE TORAH CENTER

להרבות כבוד שמים

Ahavas Torah Updated Minyan Policies – Elul 5780

These updated policies are designed to a) **restore** davening to its ideal halachic and customary practices as much as possible, while b) vigilantly doing our part to **prevent** the spread of COVID-19 and c) maximizing **inclusivity** of our more concerned members.

- **Masks** must be worn at all times inside the shul and while outside the shul doors or near cars. Please bring your own mask.
- **Distance of 6 feet** from others who are not part of your household or group is required at all times. No handshakes please. Household groups will be seated together and at least 6 feet apart from other participants.
- Attendance is not be permitted for anyone with a fever of 100 degrees or higher or experiencing other symptoms of COVID-19.
- Congregating in the back of the shul or a classroom is not allowed.
- Siddurim, Chumashim, and shul talisos are available for use, but we request that they, Sifrei Torah, and mezuzos not be kissed.
- The interior shul door will be propped open, but the main outside door will revert to normal use. Shul restrooms may be used. The doors will revert to normal use.
- We are planning to install a plexiglass partition for Torah reading. Until that time, the baal koreh will receive all aliyas, except for when a change is called for honoring a simcha or yahrzeit. Opening and closing of the aron will be done by the chazzan. Hagba and Gelila will be done by two members of the same household. The Torah will be transferred to the chazzan by placing it on the bima.
- The shul is open for learning for our regular members with social distancing. Masks are optional during non-davening times. Shul sefarim may be used.

In order to uplift our davening and increase our plea to Hashem for His intervention, we have instituted two rules:

- **Please maintain our no talking policy from the beginning until the end of davening**
- **Cell phones are not allowed in shul during davening and must be left in your car or placed in your cubby.**

The rabbis and/or another shul representative will ensure compliance to the guidelines. Failure to comply may result in being no longer allowed to attend.