

Evening Minyan Procedures

Safety and Security:

- Minyan will be in Reception Hall 2 in order to maximize social distancing. Space will be marked off and chairs placed so that no participant is closer than 12 feet from another person.
- At this time exactly 15 participants (plus leader) per night are allowed and we cannot accommodate those under age 13.
- Detailed signage of designated traffic patterns (for walking within open areas of the building) will be marked on the floors and doors in order to minimize close contact with others. Open versus closed areas of the building and safety rules will be posted on doors.
- All participants must follow the following practices:
 - Participants must be registered in advance. Unregistered people will not be allowed to enter the building.
 - Our online registration procedure will require that all participants complete basic health screening questions including: “Have you had a cough? Have you had a fever? Have you been around anyone exhibiting these symptoms within the last 14 days? Are you living with anyone who is sick or quarantined?” If the answer to any of these questions is YES, the individual will not be allowed to enter the building until his/her health status has changed and will be encouraged to instead join us virtually. Access the COVID-19 Symptom Screening page [here](#).
 - Every participant must wear a mask or face covering, use hand sanitizer upon entering the building, maintain social distance, adhere to designated traffic patterns, and be respectful of TIC’s safety rules.
 - Anyone who has participated in the minyan and subsequently learns that s/he may have Covid-19 must report that information to contact-tracing@templeisraelcenter.org so that proper contact tracing may be done by the Department of Health. Our computerized forms will retain a record as to anyone who was at minyan on a particular night.
- Siddurim will be rotated so that books lie unused for at least 48 hours after being handled.
- During services the prayer leader will be wearing a mask and face away from other worshippers. Even though we are sufficiently spaced for it, there will be no singing at this time.
- At the conclusion of services participants will leave through the designated door without shaking hands and may not congregate within or outside the building.
- Reception Hall 2 and the one restroom designated for use during minyan hours will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.

Logistics:

- Based on satisfactory completion of the screening questions above, individuals will be taken to a sign-up sheet where they can register to attend minyan on a particular evening. One spot will be reserved for the Minyan Captain, one of a group of specially trained individuals responsible for monitoring safety protocols and leading/finding someone to lead the davening each day.
- Signup lists will become available on Friday morning for the following 2 weeks.
- One of our volunteers will be monitoring sign-ups to ensure that there are 10 people for minyan each night, that participation is distributed fairly, and that anyone who needs special accommodations receives them.

Logistics (continued):

- This will be a full and traditional service, including not only the Mourner's Kaddish but all other prayers including Barkhu, Kedushah (at Mincha), and other forms of Kaddish.
- In addition to the sixteen individuals meeting in person, our worship will be so much enhanced by those joining us via Zoom each evening, as our community exists together no matter where we pray! Saying Kaddish virtually, by means of connection to a physical minyan constituted in person, is absolutely acceptable and fulfills one's obligation just as being physically present would.