



August 27, 2020

Shabbat Morning Services Safety, Security, Procedures and Guidelines

General:

- Shabbat services will be in the sanctuary.
- This will be a traditional service, including full Shacharit, Torah Service and Musaf.
- In addition to the individuals meeting in the Sanctuary, our worship will be enhanced by those joining us via livestream, 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.

Safety and Security:

The maximum number of congregants selected for attendance will be 50,

- Seating will be designated such that no participant is sitting closer than 12 feet from another person.
- 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. All open and closed areas of the building will be marked and safety rules will be posted on doors.
- The sanctuary will be cleaned and disinfected before/after services each week.

Procedures and Guidelines are as follows:

- Services will start at 9:45 am, please arrive on time.
- Participants will all check in at the Breezeway entrance.
- Every prayer leader and 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.
 - We recognize that wearing a mask for the duration of the service may be challenging for some individuals as masks are uncomfortable. If you don't think that you can keep the mask on continuously for the duration of the service, please consider using the livestream instead.
- Congregants are asked to maintain 6 feet of distance from other congregants at all times.
- Congregants are encouraged to bring their own kippot and tallitot.
 - There will be kippot and tallitot available if needed.
 - Siddurim and chumashim will be available as usual.
- The coat room will be closed, so everyone is asked to please bring all of their belongings with them.
- Congregants are asked to follow the flow of the arrows on the ground when in the building.
- Upon entering the building, congregants are asked to follow the arrows to the sanctuary and sit in the designated seats.
 - Families that live together may sit together.
- Participants are asked to sing softly/gently.
- Men's and women's bathrooms will be available, one person at a time.
 - Bathrooms will be cleaned after each person.

Procedures and Guidelines are as follows (continued):

- Services will be livestreamed, but not recorded. Attendees may appear on screen.
- As customary when celebrating a *simḥah* such as a b'nai mitzvah, candy throwing will be allowed at TIC but, due to restrictions, only b'nai mitzvah immediate family members that live together can throw candy. Please note: there will be no candy retrieval. Also, everyone must refrain from eating candy on the premises.
- At the conclusion of services participants will leave through the designated door without shaking hands and may not congregate within or outside the building.
- Anyone who has participated in the service and subsequently learns that s/he may have Covid-19 must call Executive Director Yael Slonim at 914-948-2800 x119 and leave your name and phone number. Our computerized forms will retain a record as to anyone who was at a Shabbat service on a particular day.

Sign-up Process:

- Individuals who are interested may use the online sign-up sheet where they can express their interest to attend services on a particular Shabbat morning.
 - Participants must be registered in advance. Unregistered people will not be allowed to enter the building.
 - Sign up will be for a rolling 4 weeks.
 - Congregants may request to attend as many weeks as they want.
- Congregants 8 years of age or older may participate with a chaperone as described below.
- Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult that is 18 years of age or older.
 - The adult must live with the “under 18” so that they can sit together.
 - The adult will act as a chaperone for the “under 18”.
- Attendee selection will consider personal circumstances (mourner, yahrzeit etc.), see below.
 - Congregants will be notified of selection about 1 week prior to the date of the service.
- Congregants will be required to fill out Dept of Health questionnaires assuring that they have no coronavirus symptoms and have not been in contact with anyone testing positive.
 - The questionnaire will be sent to selected attendees on the Thursday before the service.
 - 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.
 - Attendees will complete the questionnaire within 48 hours to assure their continued participation.
- Sign up [here](#).

Congregational Selection Process:

- Process to be managed by two volunteers (Ben Lebwohl and Sarah Wigodsky).
- Slots will be held for Torah readers, services leaders (Shliach Tzibbur) and ushers as needed.
- Selection for remaining slots will take into account Yahrzeits, Mourners and Celebrations as follows:
 - Yahrzeits willing to take an aliyah.
 - Mourners completing the shloshim that are willing to take an aliyah.
 - All other Yahrzeits.
 - Mourners who have not yet reached the shloshim.
 - Congregants with celebrations (birthday, anniversary) who are willing to take an aliyah.
 - Congregants willing to take an aliyah until all 7 aliyot have been filled.
 - Other congregants with special occasions (birthdays and anniversaries).
 - Congregants who have not yet attended shabbat morning services.
 - Random selection for remaining slots.