



May 20, 2021

Shabbat Morning Services Safety, Security, Procedures and Guidelines

General:

- Shabbat morning services will be in the sanctuary and all three reception halls.
- 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 Guidelines:

- The maximum number of attendees will be 200.
- Seating will be designated such that no participant is sitting closer than 6 feet from another person.
- The sanctuary will be cleaned and disinfected before/after services each week.
- 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, 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.
- Upon entering the building, congregants are asked to go to the sanctuary and sit in the designated seats.
 - Families that live together may sit together.
- Participants are asked to sing softly/gently.
- Restrooms will be available, one person at a time and will be disinfected after use.
- Services will be livestreamed, but not recorded. Attendees may appear on screen.
- As customary when celebrating a *simcha* 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.

Safety Guidelines (continued):

- 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. (Registration closes at noon Wednesday for the following Shabbat.) 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.
- There is no age restriction on who may attend. Congregants under 18 years of age may participate with a chaperone as described below. Children must sit with their parents or chaperone at all times. If children are not able to sit with their parents or chaperone at all times, for social distancing purposes and the safety of all attendees, please consider not bringing your child to services.
- Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult who is 18 years of age or older.
 - The adult must live with the “under 18” so they can sit together.
 - The adult will act as a chaperone for the “under 18”.
- Attendee assignment will consider personal circumstances (mourner, yahrzeit etc.), see below.
 - Congregants will be notified of assignment about 1 week prior to the date of the service.
- Congregants will be required to fill out TIC’s COVID19 symptom screening form within 48 hours prior to attending services.
 - The symptom screener will be sent to service attendees on the Wednesday before the service.
 - If the answer to any of the symptom screener questions is YES, the individual may not enter the building until his/her health status has changed and will be encouraged to instead join us for services virtually.
- Sign up [here](#).

Service Assignment Process:

- Process to be managed by the TIC Staff.
- Slots will be held for Torah readers, services leaders (*Shliach Tzibbur*) and ushers as needed.
- Assignment 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 assignment for remaining slots.