

## **In Person Events at TBE: Update May 26, 2021**

### **We have recently updated our Covid protocols for in-person events at Temple Beth El.**

The following guidelines will govern our gathering together. As we move to more in-person events, we will continue to offer a Zoom option for some events and some Zoom-only events.

### **We encourage all members who are eligible to get a Covid vaccine as soon as possible.**

These vaccines have been shown to be safe and incredibly effective at preventing you from getting Covid and from having serious effects if you get infected. We are heartened that the vast majority of Temple members who are eligible are vaccinated.

As we move into this new phase of life at Temple Beth El, our decisions are and will continue to be guided by the medical advice of our Covid Task Force. While certain activities are medically safe, we know that there are also psychological components to gathering together again. Some Temple members may be ready to resume all in-person activities, whereas some may only feel comfortable on Zoom. Still others may want to continue wearing a mask even if fully vaccinated, as will those who may want to be more careful because they have underlying health conditions or unvaccinated people, particularly young children, at home. **Regardless of your vaccination status and that of your family members, we ask that you treat others with kindness, and that you respect the choices they make around their own actions.** We are all in this together and your understanding goes a long way towards our continuing to be a safe and welcoming community.

The most up to date information can be found in your weekly email or on the calendar page of the Temple website.

Please address any questions about this policy to President Cree Krull or Rabbi Erica Asch.

### **General Guidelines:**

Anyone, regardless of vaccination status, may attend indoor and outdoor events at Temple Beth El.

Those attending outdoor events will have access to the restrooms and building as needed.

People who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks. Those who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear a mask. Vaccinated people who want to wear a mask are welcome to do so.

We encourage RSVPs to in-person events.

We will keep a record of everyone who attends our in-person events to aid in contact tracing if needed.

## **Funtensive**

Funtensive will continue to require masks of all children and adults who are present. This is because of the large number of unvaccinated people taking part in this activity. Funtensive will continue to be held outside.

## **The Temple Office**

We ask that all people who come to the Temple office wear masks while in the Shuman Center. If you meet with Rabbi Asch individually, she will have a discussion with you about wearing masks (or not) during the meeting.

The office will continue to remain closed to drop-in visits. Dawn is happy to help you by phone or email. If you need to see us in person, please schedule a visit.

## **Indoor events**

We will start holding a limited number of board and committee meetings in person. We will also offer a Zoom option for those meetings. We will also continue to offer some indoor social events.

## **Outdoor events**

For now, all of our Shabbat services will be outdoors. Please arrive by 5:50 to have time to get settled. We will provide prayer books and chairs for all participants. Please look for the greeters and follow their directions. We will be having a communal kiddush, motzi and oneg at our in-person Friday night events. People are welcome to eat or not as they feel comfortable.

Outdoor events may be cancelled, moved to Zoom or moved inside in the case of inclement weather. Check your email for details. If you RSVP to our events we can be sure to include you on our email list if we have to change our plans.

We will also offer some additional outdoor events this summer including social events and hikes. All are welcome at these events.

## **Zoom events**

We will continue to offer a Zoom option for our Shabbat services. While we are outside, Zoom participants will be able to see and hear Rabbi Asch and she will be able to see and hear them. While outside we will not have the ability for Zoom participants to see in-person participants.

Daf Yomi and Torah study will continue to be held on Zoom for the time being.

## **Volunteers**

We are looking for people to volunteer as greeters and to help with set up for our outdoor events. If you are interested, please contact Rabbi Asch.