

Reopening Plan

Dear TBA Members,

With approval from our Reopening Task Force, which includes several medical experts, and in full compliance with the CDC and other COVID-19 protocols, we are pleased to announce that in-person services will begin with Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday, March 26 at 6:30 PM, Shabbat Shacharit morning services on Saturday, March 27 at 10:00 AM, and first day of Pesach festival services on Sunday, March 28 at 10:00 AM.

For Kabbalat Shabbat, we are hoping for good weather so that services can be outside on the patio. At this time, Friday night attendance will be limited to sixty congregants. You will be able to register to attend using SignUpGenius links (see below). COVID-19 protocol paperwork (health form, waiver) will be sent ahead of time, and all COVID-19 procedures will be followed on-site such as temperature checks, masks, and social distancing. Registering through the SignUpGenius will fast-track entry into the synagogue. Paper registration will also be available at the door prior to the service. If there is inclement weather, we will move services inside.

Morning services will be in-person in the Ross Sanctuary, limited to sixty congregants when there is no b'nai mitzvah, or thirty congregants with a b'nai mitzvah service (where there may be twenty-five to fifty additional guests from the b'nai mitzvah families).

On weekends where there are Mincha b'nai mitzvah on Saturdays at 5 pm, the same parameters apply, with thirty congregants welcome.

Services will continue to be offered via [LiveControl](#) and [Facebook](#). All siddurim (prayerbooks) and Torah texts will continue to be available online as PDF files. Hard-copy siddurim and chumashim will be available at the Temple.

Ushering

As we begin to reopen the synagogue for services, we will need ushers to help us with socially-distanced seating, distribution of siddurim, and decorum. Although we will have a small number of people attending, we want to make sure that we are able to provide a safe environment and follow all the COVID-19 protocols from the CDC and our Reopening Task Force medical advisory team.

Ushering Requirements

- You have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19.
- You are past your two-week waiting period following your last vaccination.
- You feel comfortable being in the Gittlin Chapel, outside on the patio, or in the Ross Sanctuary during a service and interacting with other masked congregants who may or may not be vaccinated.

If so, please reach out to Debbie Meron (dmeron@tbanj.org) for available dates to sign up as an usher. For most services we are in need of two ushers.

Please note

- We will not be having bimah guests at this point in time.
- The only people ascending the bimah will be the b'nai mitzvah and those with aliyot who meet our testing/vaccination criteria. More information can be found here: <https://tbanj.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/TBA-BM-COVID-guidelines-as-of-Jan-27-2021.pdf>
- Singing will still be restricted to the clergy, but humming and saying the words inside your mask are encouraged.
- We are also offering our Shabbat siddur, Siddur Hadash, via a QR code to be found in the lobby and via weekly emails.

We greatly appreciate your participation and help with this important mitzvah.

We look forward to being able to worship in-person with you again soon.

Rabbi David Z. Vaisberg
Cantor Jessica Epstein
Max Edwards, Rabbinical Assistant

Julie A. Silbermann, President
Gail Milchman, Executive Director

SignUpGenius Links

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