

SHJC – Re-Opening Protocols - Gradually and Safely - Welcome back to the sanctuary..

May 1<sup>st</sup> launch – [Coincides with administrations time frame for vaccine availability for all adults. Also allows for cleaning, signage, and other preparations].

Friday remains on zoom only. Shabbat will be in person and on zoom, subject to the protocols outlined below.

- Proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative PCR (rapid is permitted) within 72 prior to entering the building is required to be demonstrated / shown prior to access.
- Based on current guidelines, total occupancy of the building will be curtailed to the lesser of a 50% of capacity or the greatest number of people that can be accommodated where 12 feet apart can be maintained and further restricted that only cohorts, defined as those persons living in the same household, are permitted to sit together. This will be in accordance to posted building/fire code numbers, of any given room within the SHJC building, and with a maximum number of people in the building.
- Pre-registration is required for all programs, events, services, etc., to ensure maximum numbers are not exceeded. For weekend services, rsvp's are required by Friday at noon.
- Names of any guests to be submitted to the president by no later than 2 working days prior to the event.
- Congregants are required to sign a liability waiver (one time) and have it on file in the office. A Liability waiver is required to be signed by all guests, 18 years and older, and submitted 2 days prior to the event.
- Temperature checks before entering temple building / synagogue. [must be <100.4]
- Sanitizer is required to be used when entering the building.
- Masks are required to be worn at ALL times.
- Rabbi conducts services in person and via zoom.\*
- Enter the sanctuary through minyan room exit through main sanctuary doors.
- The Rabbi or his designee will take out the Torah from the ark.
- No person is permitted to touch the Torah unless they need to roll the page. The Torah will be opened to the appropriate portion prior to the service and placed on a long table in the middle of the Bima.
- ONLY persons from the same cohort are allowed on the Bima at any one time.
- Persons receiving an Aliyah may come to the Bima from the Cantors side, or by standing at your seats, or via zoom.
- Prayer books, if utilized Must be returned to the designated return area and NOT replaced where they were located, so they can be appropriately disinfected prior to re-use. Books to be picked up from a cart on the way in and dropped off at another station on the way out.
- Haggbah and Gallilah are not to be performed by mixed cohorts, or the rabbi or his designee will do it, or it will not be performed at all, depending on the circumstances.

- No food, drink or schnapps is permitted or served on premises.
- Only one family from the same cohort is permitted in the restroom(s) at a time. Bathroom will be periodically sanitized, at least every three hours.
- We require that you bring your own kippot, tallit & woman's head covering, if required.
- Kissing or physically touching the *mezuzot* on and within the building is not allowed. A symbolic gesture in that direction is recommended instead.
- Kissing, hugging or any other contact among non-family / outside cohort participants is prohibited.
- If there is a simcha with > 20 guests, no "regulars" are to attend the in-person service that week.
- Persons deemed to be not complying with these protocols will be asked to leave the premises.

\*The podium(s) will be protected by plexiglass, the Rabbi should wear a mask and protective shield at all times, and all safety protocols will be strictly adhered to. Removing one's mask is permitted only if behind the plexiglass and no other persons are within 6 feet.

**This policy is subject to change without notice.** In the event of a modification in the NYS guidelines and or e.g., an increase in the infection rate, and or an increase in the positivity rate or number of hospitalizations are noted, in the NY area, this may necessitate a change in the above guidelines, as determined by the president and/or the board of SHJC in their sole discretion. For example, the rabbi may be prohibited from being on the Bima and or attending in person and or other limitations and restrictions may be instituted, including but not limited to prohibiting indoor services entirely.