

CAH Protocols for Moving Back into Our Building

We all look forward to again having services live in our own CAH home. To do so, these are the protocols we will be following. These will be reviewed regularly, and modifications will be implemented as new information warrants. We thank you in advance for helping make our synagogue space warm, welcoming, and safe for all.

1. Everyone will present their vaccination card. Someone will be at the door to check people's cards. We will keep a record, so that no one will need to show it after the initial time.
2. Hand sanitizers will be available in at least two locations. Sanitizing wipes will be available to wipe books, the bimah, etc., as need arises.
3. Social distancing will be maintained. To help with this, some seats will be marked with a sign indicating that it is not for sitting. Only people living in the same residence can sit next to one another.
4. Wearing masks is required, except while eating.
5. For refreshments (meals, *Kiddushim*, and *Oneg Shabbat's*) seating will be four to a table. We will be distributing individually wrapped plastic silverware (as you might get with takeout from a restaurant). Only the volunteer servers will handle the serving utensils; they will wear gloves and distribute the plates to each person.
6. Except where explicitly announced and promoted, refreshments, *Oneg's*, and *Kiddushim*, will be minimal.
7. Before each service, the sanctuary and eating areas will be wiped, using a sanitizing wipe.
8. We will have the Wifi up and running, and we will be using it for ALL services in our CAH home, so that people who cannot come, or who do not yet feel comfortable coming, or who should not come--can still attend services.

Best Practices/Etiquette Upon Moving Back

Not everyone is equally comfortable with touch at this time, whether it is a handshake, a hug, or a Shabbat shalom kiss. We can express our joy in seeing each other without these, but if it's something any of us want to do, please ASK the person you are about to greet in a physical way first. Please do not take anyone's "NO" as a rejection. Please support everyone in the comfort level in which they find themselves.

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CAH Service/T'fillot Protocol Upon Return to Our CAH Home

1. Services will be reduced for now. One hour service maximum on Friday nights, and 1½ service maximum on Saturday mornings.
2. Services will be conducted with our Sim Shalom prayer books, but not with our handouts.
3. The Torah will be removed from the Ark, but with no procession around the Sanctuary. Only one Sefer Torah will be removed from the Ark, with seven aliyot, done with the honoree rising at their seat (and not approaching the bimah). We will have no *maftir reading*. *The Gabbayim will be at a table in front of the bimah (on the main Sanctuary floor)*.
4. Those who own a tallit and kippah/yarmulke should bring their own tallit. Those who do not should take a tallit and/or kippah from the Synagogue and use that same tallit and same kippah until further notice.
5. Consultations with the Rabbi will take place in the Library.