



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM  
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## Fall 2020 Temple Beth Shalom Programming B'rit (Contract)

Even though Temple life and operations will look much different this Fall because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Temple Beth Shalom (TBS) wants to be your group/club's partner in planning and implementing programs that are consistent with TBS, CDC, and local policies and guidelines. While no activity is 100% safe, we are outlining measures that are intended to be a helpful guide to safe and fun programming at TBS. These program requirements are based on the prevailing conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic in Central Ohio and the best evidence available to the TBS COVID Task Force. **These program requirements will remain in effect through November 1, 2020.** The Task Force will review its recommendation and guidance in late October, at which time potential changes will be considered.

The driving force behind TBS's COVID Task Force has been the Jewish ideal of *Pikuach Nefesh* (saving a human life). That same value applies to this *b'rit* (contract) between TBS and its community. By honoring the temporary requirements listed below, TBS will provide any or all of the following in support of your group/club's programming efforts:

- The Temple's outdoor spaces
- Staff support

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Executive Director Bobby Covitz at [bobby@tbsohio.org](mailto:bobby@tbsohio.org) or (614) 665-9520.

### Fall 2020 Program Requirements

**Who?** Participation at events at the Temple's outdoor spaces must be limited to 20 people and five Temple staff members. This number is consistent with TBS's other policies regarding in-person events (e.g. B'nai Mitzvah).

- This capacity limit **must** be adhered to in combination with proper mask wearing and hand hygiene.
- Extra precautions should be taken for older participants and those with chronic medical conditions as they are at increased risk of complications from COVID-19.

**What?** We recommend that these guidelines be followed to improve safety for all group/club events regardless of location. However, these guidelines are **required** for all events planned to be on the Temple's grounds, or for groups/clubs that are requesting TBS staff and/or financial support. These events should:

- Last no more than an hour
- Not involve high risk activities such as singing and potluck meals

**When?** TBS is ready and willing to work with your group/club to determine the best time frame and location of your event.

**Where?** While the interior of the Temple is not accessible for programming at this time, the following areas can be scheduled in advance for events:

- Parking lot
- Outdoor sanctuary
- Patio
- Front lawn

For any event at the Temple's outdoors spaces, TBS will provide chairs (if requested) and access to its bathrooms. At this time, groups/clubs will not be able to use the TBS kitchen. Participants will have to supply their **own** pre-packaged food, drink, napkins, plates, and utensils. Sharing of food (such as having a potluck) is prohibited because of the risk of transmission and exposure to COVID-19.

Additionally, any outdoor space where 6'-10' of social distancing can be maintained (e.g. Lynd's) would be a great location for an event.

**Why?** It is important during this time, when so much is denied, that we actively seek out ways to connect, engage, and build community and friendship. Our overall aim in these guidelines is to ensure the safety of our community as we work to grow together.

**How?** If your group/club can adhere to the requirements listed above and is ready to plan a great event, please make a request [here](#). The appropriate staff member will follow up with the contact person listed on the form.