

## **TBI Reopening Guidelines Revised August 11, 2021**

We strongly request that all who attend **in-person** services and other TBI-sponsored events be vaccinated if they are medically able to do so (with the understanding that children under 12 are not currently eligible).

All Talmud Torah teachers, tutors, mentors and volunteers, and all Preschool teachers, staff and volunteers, must be fully vaccinated prior to having **in-person** contact with students.

### **High Holidays**

The main High Holiday services will be live streamed on YouTube and/or Zoom. Secondary services (2<sup>nd</sup> Day RH, Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret, Simchat Torah) will be held in the ohel with a capacity of 30 people.

Service leaders, staff, and those directly participating in the service will attend in-person. Masks and physical distancing will be required for everyone in the sanctuary (or ohel) when they are not actively leading or participating in the service. Masks may be removed when leading. Capacity for the ohel and sanctuary is 30 people. Senior Staff may increase capacity in the ohel by no more than 10 people.

Only those leading the service will attend children's services in person. Children's services will be livestreamed on Zoom or YouTube.

There will be no oneg and no kiddush.

### **Fall B'nei Mitzvah**

Capacity is 30 in the ohel, or 30 in the sanctuary. Physical distancing will be maintained. There will be no group kiddush or oneg. Individual kiddush and oneg may be provided by the family and served in the ohel with all guidelines in place.

### **Masks/Face Coverings**

Masks covering the mouth and nose are required for all individuals entering the TBI building or participating in outdoor worship services held at TBI, including vendors and contractors, for the entirety of all TBI activities or activity within the TBI building, including Talmud Torah and Preschool.

- Children age 2 and under should not wear masks.
- Individuals with a documented need to not wear a mask or for whom mask compliance is particularly challenging are asked to contact the Executive Director prior to attending any TBI activity.
  - Volunteers and staff will be informed that there are specific individuals who are unable to wear masks.
- Visitors are requested to provide their own masks; however disposable masks will be available at all TBI events, programs, meetings, etc.
- Masks are required for all staff when interacting with non-staff.
  - Staff need not wear masks within their own offices with doors closed.
  - When only one person (or with a household member) is leading services in a space, no mask is needed.

- Service leaders need not wear masks when they are leading services, provided at least 6' of distance is maintained.
- Masks are required for all staff, members, and guests at outdoor events held at TBI.

### **Food/Eating**

- No shared food.
- No served food to groups.
  - Exception: Pre-purchased, individually wrapped items may be served by staff in children's programming and for bnei mitzvah by the bnei mitzvah family.
- Eating outdoors will be prioritized.
  - Individuals outside the same household shall not eat/drink within 6 feet of one another.
- For children's programming, including Talmud Torah, eating will occur only during scheduled meal and snack times.
  - Physical distancing while eating will be maintained.
- Full, closeable water bottles are preferred.
  - Water fountains in the building will be closed, with signage posted regarding their closure.
  - Sinks in the kitchen and staff work areas will be, available for filling water bottles during programs.
  - Large water jugs may be provided for water-bottle filling.

### **Restrooms**

Restrooms present both distancing and body fluid challenges. The following precautions will be enacted to provide the best outcomes for both of those exposure risks.

- Only allow one person at a time to use each restroom.
- Keep restroom doors propped open in multi stall restrooms and/or install foot grabs to cut down on high-touch areas.
- If a restroom has a window, the window can be open, weather permitting.

All who attend in person events must follow TBI's guidelines regarding masking and physical distancing. Those who do not will be asked to leave.

Contact tracing is no longer required. Lists of attendee names and contact information will not be taken or kept on file.

Advance signs ups may be required for some services and will be publicized in the weekly e-news and announcements. People who have not registered in advance for those services will be admitted based on the discretion of the staff and ushers.

Capacity in the ohel/tent and sanctuary will be kept at 30 with the understanding that Senior Staff has the discretion to add 5-10 more people.

If the air quality index goes above 100, services will move indoors; we will maintain the capacity at 30. Staff will make the decision to move indoors on Friday morning by 10am (or by the day before other regularly scheduled services.)

### **B'nai Mitzvah Mentors**

It is strongly encouraged that all B'nai Mitzvah mentors be vaccinated. Unvaccinated mentors who meet in-person with students for tutoring must disclose their vaccination status to the family. Mentors must obtain written permission from the family prior to meeting with the student and submit it to Rabbi Solomon via email or letter. Once permission is submitted, mentor may meet off-site with the student for in-person tutoring. Social distancing and masking should be maintained.

All guidelines are subject to change.