



New protocols around proof of vaccination begin August 13

Jewish law teaches the principle of pikuach nefesh, the mitzvah saving a life, of guarding our health and the health of others. From this principle, we learn it is a commandment for those who are eligible to get vaccinated.

Our local rate of transmission is categorized as High. Therefore, Beth El's COVID-19 Team is introducing new protocols and our staff are working hard to offer alternative programs and services - both outdoors and virtual.

Please note that these changes are to ensure the health and safety of our community - If you need assistance on receiving a vaccine or a PCR test, please let us know and we can help!

- Masking indoors at Beth El is **required** for everyone (including those that are vaccinated). Masks will be available for those who forget to bring one.
- **Social distancing** will be maintained indoors by sitting in designated rows.
- Beginning on **Friday, August 13**, Beth El will **require proof of vaccination** in order to enter the building for indoor services and programming. Anyone not vaccinated, (child or adult) may show a negative PCR test result obtained within the past 72 hours. Please be sure to bring your vaccination card or negative test result to show upon arrival.
- Childcare will be available **outdoors on the playground**. Children may be dropped off and picked up directly to the playground. Masks are required even outdoors. In the event of inclement weather, children may be dropped off and picked up at the Lucy Entrance (by the garden boxes on 26th street). Childcare access via the main front doors requires proof of negative PCR test (not required for childcare)!

We are excited to continue to provide Kiddush lunch outdoors following Shabbat morning services. Full information on the High Holy Days can be found on the High Holy Day Hub at www.besyn.org/HighHolyDays-5782.

We are committed to transparent communication with our community and will continue to provide updates as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic together. We will continue to adjust protocols as needed based on COVID-19 transmission rates and community spread.

Thank you for partnering with us as we work together to keep our Beth El community safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing you soon!

