

July 2021

Dear Congregants,

Are we open? Yes we are! Please review the below TBS COVID-19 Safety Guidelines. We have made some updates since the letter that was sent out to all households in June 2021. If you have any questions, please email me at [president@tbshamden.com](mailto:president@tbshamden.com). We look forward to seeing you soon!

Joan Levine  
President

### **TBS COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES**

This is a "living document", to be updated at least monthly. This document may also be updated timely in light of other significant events, such as updates by federal, state or local public health experts and agencies.

1. **(Updated 7/7/21) Masks.** Masks are required if you are **not fully vaccinated**. Masks are optional if you are **fully vaccinated**. It is still suggested that all persons wear a facemask in the building. This is out of abundance of concern for the vulnerable and unvaccinated members of our community. Those on the bima are not required to wear a mask, however, it is suggested that they remain masked when not speaking or singing.
2. **Hand sanitizer.** Please use hand sanitizer available at each entrance.
3. **Zoom.** All services will continue to be available on Zoom.
4. **Minyan.** Morning and Evening Minyan will take place in the Sanctuary.
5. **Shabbat Services.** Friday evening and Saturday morning services are open for attendance for up to 300 people (the maximum number allowed to be consistent with social distancing).
6. **(Added 7/7/21) 2021 High Holiday services.** High Holidays services will take place in-person, on Zoom, and live streamed on YouTube. *More information about services and prayer books will be provided at a later date.*
7. **Seating.** People in the same household may sit together. Family members not in the same household but in the same "COVID pod", e.g., a COVID social bubble or pandemic pod, may also sit together. ***Please do not remove the ropes from a pew.***
8. **Honorees.** Aliyah and other honorees should not stand next to the service leader but rather maintain social distancing.
9. **Lobby and Social Hall.** Congregants and guests will not gather in the lobby or social hall following services. Congregants may choose to gather outside after services.
10. **Your Health.** Temperatures will not be taken. All attendees should self-screen prior to attendance. Please do not enter the building if you are experiencing any symptoms: fever, new cough, shortness of breath, new loss of smell or taste, flu-like symptoms such as fatigue, nausea, diarrhea, chills, weakness, muscle pain, sore throat, headache.
11. **(Updated 7/7/21) Food.** Food may be served indoors at the Temple. Eating outdoors is recommended. Only disposable plates, cups, forks, knives and spoons are to be used by those eating. All food preparation and serving will be with volunteers wearing masks and disposable gloves. Individually wrapped, single serve portions are highly recommended. Individual bottled water and drinks are recommended. Coffee, tea, wine, etc. may be served by a single volunteer. **Please note: As of 7/7/21, Onegs and Kiddushim are not being offered at this time. An announcement will be made when they do resume.**

12. **Meetings.** Board, committee, and other group meetings may be conducted indoors, consistent with the rules listed above, at the discretion of the individual leading the meeting. Additionally, a Facility Use Form shall be completed to identify if a meeting is in person or on Zoom.