

Chaverim,

I was truly hoping to not have to write another letter like this to you, but the circumstances have made it necessary. From the beginning of this pandemic, we have tried to follow the science and the recommendations of the experts to keep our congregants and staff safe while continuing to function as a Temple. This week, the CDC reinstated a recommendation that people in Palm Beach County wear masks again when indoors. This is even more true in a religious service when singing is involved. With this in mind, we have decided to make the following changes to our current policies.

1. For this coming Shabbat and until further notice, everyone coming to services will be asked to wear a mask when inside.
2. For all services we will be taking measures to socially distance worshippers and those on the Bimah. If you are attending, please adhere to this and sit apart from anyone not in your immediate family or someone you are in close contact with on a regular basis.
3. We will be suspending all food service in the building including weekly Kiddushim.
4. Anyone visiting the Temple during the week as well as staff will also be asked to put on a mask when in the building.

I certainly hope that this current surge in cases will ebb quickly and we can return to normal as soon as possible. As always, we will try to keep you well informed of any changes in policy.

Please stay safe and mask up when necessary.

B'shalom,

Gregg Wiston

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