

Guidelines for when the services are held inside the shul itself

Hygiene:

- Social distancing, hand washing and use of hand sanitiser are key to reducing the spread of Coronavirus.
- Please use the hand sanitiser when you enter the shul premises at any time.
- Please ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the catch it, bin it, kill it approach
- The shul will be cleaned more frequently to get rid of the virus on frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, handrails and tabletops
- Chairs will be wiped between each use

Masks:

- In accordance with current US guidelines when the service is held inside, we are asking you to wear a mask or face covering.
- Please bring your own mask. We are not providing masks and if you do not have one, you may not be able to enter.
- On entering the shul please use the hand sanitiser and then put on your mask.
- Please ensure the mask covers your nose and mouth
- If you need to remove your mask please leave the shul and do so outside. In order to return to shul you will need to don a new mask.
- If you are unable to wear a mask/face covering please notify the steward when entering the shul premises.
- When the service is finished remove your mask only when you have left the shul building.
- Foot pedal dustbins will be provided outside for disposal of masks if appropriate.

Over 70s and those Shielding

- If you are shielding do not come to shul
- The risks of Coronavirus increase with age
- If you are over 70 and have other medical issues such as Diabetes, heart disease, chronic lung problems or are taking certain drugs please do not come to shul (though these guidelines may change in the near future).
- If you are over 70, in good health and are aware of the risks of corona with increasing age we ask you to make your judgement as to whether to come.

When not to attend

- If you or any member of your household has symptoms of coronavirus do not come to shul and follow the NHS guidelines
- We ask that anyone who has attended shul develops COVID symptoms to inform the shul office. This information will be held in the strictest confidence but will enable us to monitor any possible outbreak within the community.
- If you become ill during shul with the symptoms of COVID please leave the service and wait in the vestibule. Please inform one of the marshals and you will be taken to the isolation room for appropriate assessment.

Entering and Leaving the Shul Premises on Shabbat

Please book as you will only be able to enter if you have done so.

- Entry will be for 20 minutes before the start of the service and for 15 minutes afterwards.
- When approaching the shul please ensure you do not meet with those already waiting outside the shul. You may need to approach the shul on the opposite side of the road
- We are operating a one way flow system in and out of the shul premises.
- Entry will be via the Rimon Gate (left hand gate if you are facing the shul) and egress via the right hand gate, again if you are facing the shul.
- The middle gate will not be in use.
- The pavement outside will be marked at 2m intervals and we ask you to wait at the first “empty” slot as you will have seen outside shops
- A steward will ensure you have booked, have a mask and will ask pertinent questions about COVID.
- When the gate opens please enter as advised by the steward and wait at the marked spots.
- When appropriate please walk into the nursery garden stopping at the marked spots. The stewards will ensure the area is clear and safe for you to enter.
- Then using the ramp enter the hand sanitizing area, go into the shul via the left hand front door and put on your mask.
- Please enter the shul itself via the frosted glass doors, men to the right and women to the left , and wait to be seated by a steward
- We ask you fill the seats from the back to the front of the pews
- Seats will not be individually allocated and cannot be reserved.
- Please place bags and coats under your seat and do not drape clothes over the backs of your chair

Egress:

- Will be via the right hand gate if you are facing the shul.
- Please wait until it is your turn to leave
- Men will exit from the left hand frosted glass door and women from the right hand door (if you are inside the shul itself)
- Stewards will advise you when it is safe to move into the next area
- Please hand sanitise on leaving the premises
- Please maintain social distancing at all times.
- It may take some time for everyone to leave so please be patient
- Once you have left please do not linger or socialise outside
- If you are meeting someone please do so away from the shul environs
- Once you have left the shul you will not be able to re-enter the premises

Toilets

- There will be a one way system for accessing the toilets
- If you require the facilities men will exit from the left hand frosted glass door and women from the right hand door (if are inside the shul itself)
- Please follow the blue arrows which will direct you to the appropriate facilities.
- Only one person will be able to use the toilet facilities at any time even if there is more than one cubicle.

- There will be a notice on the door which will indicate if the toilet is vacant or not.
- Please wait at an appropriate social distance (currently 2m) if it occupied. Leave sufficient room for the occupant to leave.
- When the facilities are vacant turn the sign round to “occupied” and on entering please wash your hands for 20 seconds with running water and soap.
- After using the toilet please flush it with the toilet seat down if possible.
- Before leaving the facilities, wash your hands thoroughly using the same basin as before.
- Then wipe off all the taps you’ve touched with one of the antibacterial wipes provided and dispose of it in the dustbin.
- Please turn the sign to vacant and then hand sanitise before leaving via the double doors
- Follow the blue arrows to return to the shul
- For women the hand sanitiser will be at the bottom of the stairs