

Dear Ner Tamid Members,

We are filled with both gratitude and caution as we share with you the exciting news that Ner Tamid will be reopening its doors, beginning with Shacharit this coming Shabbat, June 27th. Our executive board and many volunteers have been working tirelessly to ensure that our opening will be seamless and safe. As you might imagine, our davening may look very different, but we hope that, even with social distancing and other safety measures in place, our shul will maintain its warm and welcoming atmosphere. Additionally, we are working to ensure that an outdoor minyan will still be available for those who do not feel comfortable praying indoors at this time and will notify you as soon as details become available.

This letter contains a lot of detail regarding our new policies so please read it in its entirety.

ENTRY TO THE BUILDING

- The only entrance to the building will be one set of doors at the main entrance on the Lincoln Avenue side of the shul. The parking lot entrance is available only to members of Rabbi Gross' minyan and may not be used by Ner Tamid congregants.

- **Masks (paper or cloth) that fully cover the nose and mouth are absolutely mandatory inside building and must be donned before entering the building. There are no exceptions.** Please make sure you bring a mask from home.

- A security guard will be stationed by the entrance and will ask everyone the following questions before permitting them access to the building:
 - o Do you have any of the following symptoms? Sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, loss of smell or taste, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, chills or headache?
 - o Have you recently travelled outside the country or been in close contact with someone who has?
 - o Have you recently been in contact with someone who has tested positive for

the coronavirus?

Anyone answering any of these questions in the affirmative will not be permitted to enter the building.

ENTRY TO THE SOCIAL HALL

- At this stage, for logistical reasons, services will be held in the social hall.
- The coatrooms have been cordoned off. Coats and bags may be hung on the back of your seat.

- A gloved usher will be stationed by the doors to the social hall and he/she will provide you with a siddur and chumash. Hand sanitizer will be provided and must be used before entering the social hall.

- The doors to the social hall will be propped open to avoid having to touch the door handles so please enter the building as quietly as possible to minimize sound in the social hall.

- Chairs have been set up in the social hall for our minyanim. All chairs are arranged to allow for proper social distancing with tape on the floor indicating the proper location for the seat. Chairs should not be moved under any circumstances.

- Upon entering, please walk toward the back of the room in order to fill the seats from back to front, allowing for the greatest amount of social distancing.

- There are a limited number of chairs that have been placed next to each other in pairs so that parents and children may sit together. If there are no more parent/child seats available, do not move any of the chairs, even if it is to enable a parent and child to sit together.

DAVENING PROCEDURES

- Shabbat shacharit minyan will begin at 9:00 with Yishtabach. The baal Korei will receive all aliyot and do hotzaa, hachnasa, hagbah and galila. Due to the abbreviated nature of the davening, the rabbi's sermon will take place around 10:00.

- The coat rooms and cubbies have been cordoned off and are not available for storage of tallis bags. Men should either put their tallis on at home or they may bring them in a bag that can hang on the back of their chair.

RESTROOMS

- One women's restroom, one men's restroom and one family restroom will be available for use. The women's and family restrooms are located to the left of the Lincoln Avenue entrance. The men's room is located to the right of the Lincoln Avenue entrance. Only 1 stall per restroom will be available and only one person at a time may use the facilities. These doors will be propped open so there is no need to touch the doors upon entry or exit.
- Restrooms will be cleaned every half-hour by our janitorial staff. In addition, sanitizing wipes will be available in each bathroom for anyone wishing to use one in between cleanings.

ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND

- **If you are even the slightest bit ill, with any cold, cough, fever, body aches, diarrhea, loss of smell or taste or simply feeling under the weather, you must stay home. Err on the side of caution.**
 - Members over the age of 60 or at high risk should consult with their physician before attending services
 - Services are open to men and women over the age of bar- and bat-mitzvah. Age-eligible children must remain seated in the social hall for the entirety of services. There are no youth groups and children under the age of bar- and bat-mitzvah are not permitted on the premises.
- There are 85 seats in the social hall and attendance is on a first-come, first-serve basis. If there are no empty chairs, you may not attend minyan.
- Social distancing and mask-wearing will be strictly enforced by 2 ushers, one female and one male. If you notice a congregant who is not adhering to these rules, please inform the usher.

- If you are diagnosed with Covid-19 in the week following your attendance at a minyan, please notify the rabbi or an executive committee member immediately so that other attendees of that minyan can be informed and respond accordingly. Your anonymity is assured.

CONCLUSION OF SERVICES

- At the end of davening, please exit through the social hall doors marked for exiting.
- Siddurim and chumashim should be placed on the table in the front lobby.
- Everyone should exit through the Lincoln Avenue doors. The doors leading to the kitchens will be cordoned off and unavailable for egress.
- There should be no socializing after davening and social distancing should be maintained as the congregation exits the building. **Please do not congregate in front of the building or in the parking lot.**