

Procedures Accompanying the Return to In-Person Policy  
November 10, 2021

Section I = General Procedures for Worship Services

Regardless of the nature of the worship service (Shabbat, High Holy Days, Yiskor, Festivals, etc.), the following procedures will be employed by the Board and its cognizant committees, and by the clergy:

1. Social Distancing and Mask Wearing – Social distancing and mask wearing shall be in force until such time and that the Bet Aviv Board chooses to lift these restrictions. Congregants attending worship shall abide by sitting as households with six feet of distancing between households within the sanctuary or worship space.
2. Any person attending services shall “check in” upon arrival and confirm that the contact information on the roster is correct for contact tracing purposes. Congregants waiting to “check-in” shall line up with appropriate social distancing.
3. In conjunction with “check in,” in addition to verification of contact information,” all persons will be asked:
  - To show written proof that they have completed the Covid immunization process

Lack of proof (card or image on telephone) shall result in the person being denied admission to the service, with an usher politely asking the congregant to leave the building.

4. Persons should sanitize hands upon entry into the sanctuary. Persons entering the sanctuary prior to the start of services shall maintain social distancing, are encouraged not to mingle prior to the commencement of services, shall be seated by an usher from front to back, remain seated or standing at their seat location and shall not violate social distancing by roaming throughout the room.
5. At the beginning of each service or event, the Rabbi, Cantor or event leader will begin by remarking on the importance of remaining 6’ apart and keeping masks on. Singing and responsive reading while wearing masks is acceptable.

6. No food or beverage (including challah/wine) shall be distributed to the congregation as part of or following the service. The Rabbi may opt to perform kiddush/hamotzi ceremonially either personally or by single proxy, in the Rabbi's discretion. There shall be no in-person Oneg following services.
7. At the conclusion of any service, congregants shall exit the room from the back to the front and exit the building promptly in an orderly fashion and shall not utilize the opportunity to gather to socialize. Social distancing shall be maintained during the exit process. Congregants are encouraged to promptly proceed to their vehicles and not utilize the parking lot for social gathering.

## Section II – Additional Procedural Steps for Shabbat Services

1. The number of members able to worship in person shall be set by the Board based on current governmental and OMI requirements. The Board may choose to employ stricter guidelines than OMI's if it feels the need to do so. The number of members permitted to attend is the cap. As of the 6/16/21 Board meeting, the Board voted to hold a trial service 6/25/21 with an approved cap of 100 congregants plus ushers and congregants to check in attendees. The Board may change the cap as conditions warrant and as OMI changes its restrictions.
2. Shabbat Services will initially start out with the Rabbi, Cantor, President, and a candle lighter present at OMI and will use the installed streaming capability to provide access for congregants to the service.
3. Based on the Board's decision to increase the cap, congregants who meet the criteria as stated in the policy will have the option to sign-up to attend in-person services. Following the trial service 6/25/21 which will be first 100 to register, first priority reservations for each Shabbat service will be given to those who have a loved one whose name will be read from the Yahrzeit list that evening. Remaining reservations, up to a total maximum set by the Board, in consultation with the Rabbi, will then be taken.
4. Currently, due to the small number of congregants worshipping in person, the Board does not feel that Shabbat service reservations are necessary. If this changes, the procedure for making a reservation and receiving a response will be emailed to all congregants who will be directed to use Sign-up Genius to register.
5. Onegs will not be held until such time as CDC guidance indicates that the close gathering

inclosed areas of vaccinated people from different households is safe and it is safe to serve food “buffet style” in such a gathering, without masks and OMI permits the use of the kitchen for public meetings.

6. Based on the Board’s 11/10/21 decision, the Bet Aviv choir may sing at worship services as long as each choir member in attendance has been vaccinated and remains masked. In addition, prospective members, by invitation or and with a host, may attend Shabbat services following the congregational guidelines of showing proof of full vaccination and remaining masked.

### Section III - Special Procedures for High Holidays

1. During 2021 High Holidays, attendees will include the Rabbi, Cantor, congregants chosen for honors for that particular High Holiday service along with one additional family member. The Ritual Committee is encouraged to assign as many parts as possible for any interested congregant and not limit participation necessarily to those who have been active over the course of the year.
2. Additional congregants as deemed permissible by the Board who meet the criteria stated in this policy, may also attend.
3. Congregants may bring their own prayer books with them to services and take them back home, but no books from the community stock will be shared. When possible and up to the discretion of the Rabbi, pages will be projected on the screen.
4. The choir shall not perform live for the congregation. If choir music is desired, video clips from past years may be used.
5. All of the procedures applicable to services generally (Section I, above) including physical health/immunization status, check-in, masks, social distancing, restrictions on socializing, restrictions on singing aloud, etc. shall be applicable to all High Holiday Services.
6. As of the date of this procedure’s enactment, it unsafe to blow wind instruments in enclosed spaces. Therefore, Shofar blowing shall be done via pre-recorded video or by an open door, for all HHD services. If conditions change between the date of this procedure’s enactment, and August 15<sup>th</sup>2021 which permit the blowing of wind instruments in closed spaces, then the President, in consultation with the HHD committee, Rabbi and Executive Committee, may permit live Shofar blowing.
7. Members are reminded that in order to attend they must be current with respect to

their dues payments.

#### Section IV– Procedures for Sponsored Events Not in OMI

1. Any event sponsored by Bet Aviv or any of its committees or affiliated organizations, including the Sisterhood and Men's Club, that is held at any indoor location shall comply with the requirements of Section I. Social distancing and masks are required. No food shall be served.
2. Any event sponsored by Bet Aviv or any of its committees or affiliated organizations, including the Sisterhood and Men's Club, that is held at any outdoor location shall require that attendees have completed the vaccine regime, that the attendees comply with the personal health and exposure requirements in Section I, and that social distancing of at least six (6) feet be maintained between same household family units. Masks shall be worn during ingress and egress to and from the program area and at anytime the attendee leaves the program area (for example, traveling to/utilizing a restroom).
3. Food may be consumed at outdoor events provided that each household supplies its own food for consumption. No buffet or communal serving shall be permitted.
4. Masked persons from different households may sing as part of any event or service.