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Dear Friends:

We are pleased to share, that in addition to many virtual, and self-directed options, Congregation Beth Israel (“CBI”) will also create opportunities for our members to worship on our campus for the upcoming High Holy Days. The Clergy, CCEO, and Board of Directors arrived at this decision based on numerous factors and information. Together, we determined that with methodical planning, strict protocols, and the enthusiastic compliance of all participants, we can restore this vital aspect of Jewish communal life safely.

Services will be limited to 60 people, with face masks on for the entirety of the Service and seated at least 8 feet apart in our Goldsmith Sanctuary. Please rest assured that all of our High Holy Day Services will be available virtually, through YouTube, Zoom and Facebook Live so that our entire congregation can continue to worship together, whether in person or at home. We will also be providing a robust program of virtual activities that will connect and inspire us throughout the High Holy Days. Access the complete High Holy Day schedule [here](#).

In the coming days, we will send our members several items including a copy of our “Protocols for Public Worship,” and “Registration” information for those members in good standing who wish to worship in person. This communication will provide important information with clear instructions for High Holy Day public worship.

While we cherish our individual freedoms, all procedures and policies will be enforced within the spirit of a “Jewish prism.” We will be asking you to be mindful that, as Jews, there are times when we must sacrifice our individual needs for the sake and well-being of *C’lal Yisrael* (The Jewish People). In order for all of us to remain safe and healthy so that we can worship together in the weeks to come, we are asking you for your participation, patience and most of all for your compliance.

We look forward to being together, whether in person or online over the coming weeks. Let us continue praying that the darkness of these times will be lifted and that these Days of Awe will inspire us and lead us toward a truly sweet and healthy New Year.

L’Shalom,

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