

Dear Congregant,

We write to advise that in line with current Government intention we hope to reopen the Shul for divine services from Friday night 10th July and Saturday Shabbos 11th July. We encourage our Ladies to join us on both the Friday evening and Saturday morning starting at 7.00pm and 10.30am respectively.

All the ongoing preparations in the advice set out below are consistent with Government Policy and United Synagogue recommendations so members can return to Pryme Street in as safe an environment as is possible in the Covid -19 situation. However Government and US policy may change.

- 1) Please respect the TWO METER/SIX FEET SOCIAL DISTANCE measure or SOCIAL BUBBLING. The only exception is where members of the same household move through and about the Shul or wish to sit/stand together.
- 2) Services will be conducted without delay and in some cases shortened in line with guidance from the United Synagogue and approved by Rabbi Eli.
- 3) Certain groups of people should not attend Shul.
 - Those who are shielded and or medically vulnerable because of illness.
 - Those who show any symptoms of Covid – 19 infection or who live with people with symptoms or have been in touch with those who are sufferers or exhibit symptoms – all in the last fourteen days.
 - Those who have been asked to self isolate because of Track and Trace.
 - Those quarantined having travelled to the UK in the last fourteen days.
 - Those who are over seventy years and that is most of us should use their judgment to decide whether to attend services taking into account the heightened potential risk to their health should they catch Coronavirus.

- Only children over twelve years can attend services.
- 4) Attendees must sit TWO METERS APART from each other in all directions. Seating may be marked as suitable to use or all inappropriate seats will be removed for clarity. ONE WAY people flow clear signage will be evident with separate EXIT and ENTRANCE signs.
- 5) Please wash your hands on arrival. Hand sanitizer will be available. Please obey the queuing instructions in and out of the wash rooms for social distancing. Ushers will guide you. Please be patient.
- 6) Attendees must wear FACE MASKS or FACE COVERINGS. We will ensure the building is well ventilated. A limited supply of face masks will be available.
- 7) You will be given a label to affix to claim your seat on arrival. This will remain your seat for the next service should you intend to return. Keep your coat with you.
- 8) You must not shake hands, embrace, kiss, kiss or touch the Sefer Torah, any books, Mezuzot or Tallitot.
- 9) You must bring your own Siddurim, Chumashim Machzorim and Tallitot. You must remove your books and Tallit at the end of each service.
- 10) Whilst there is no requirement to wear gloves those handling the Sefer Torah, Yad, or any other ritual artifact, opening and closing the Aron Hakodesh must wear a pair of new disposable gloves for each contact and dispose of them in the receptacle provided after. A limited supply of disposable gloves will be available.

Note there will be no Kiddushim or provision of food in the Shul.

We very much hope that we can rely on your willing co-operation to make the re-opening a success within the guidelines but they have to be applied to keep us all safe and prevent the spread of coronavirus. The last months have been painful for us all but we hope tha plans to reopen please G-d will give encouragement to all.

With very best wishes

Sincerely Philip Daniels

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