

## **Amendment No. 2 to “Back to Shul” Plan**

The Board continues to evaluate the state of the COVID-19 pandemic in an effort to relax the temple’s health and safety protocols where appropriate. The Board has adopted the following changes, effective immediately:

1. **Eliminate the requirement for masks inside if an individual is fully vaccinated (i.e., two weeks past the second dose).** Anyone who is not fully vaccinated must still wear a mask inside, as well as at outside in-person events when they are not able to be physically distant from others. We ask for compliance with these rules out of respect for other members, particularly children who are not yet eligible for vaccinations and medically vulnerable adults.

**There are several important caveats to the elimination of the mask requirement.** It is being eliminated at the present time based on government guidance and current conditions, but with the recognition of the very real possibility that future developments may require an immediate reinstatement of the mask requirement. In addition, the board has not yet made a decision about masks for the High Holidays, when the sanctuary is likely to be filled with many members in close proximity to each other. Finally, members who are fully vaccinated and wish to continue wearing a mask for any reason whatsoever should certainly feel free to do so without judgment or criticism by others.

2. **Provide additional flexibility for b’nai mitzvah lessons.** Amendment No. 1 allows in-person b’nai mitzvah lessons in the Lehrman Chapel for students who are fully vaccinated. The board is now also allowing Mrs. Hutteman and the family to jointly agree to other appropriate arrangements for lessons, such as holding them outside, based on the comfort level of all involved.

The Board will continue to re-evaluate and revise all temple policies that have been adopted during the pandemic as appropriate and notify the membership of those changes.

*Approved by the Board of Trustees, July 13, 2021*