

BH - Protocols for CBT Shabbat

The following applies equally to the Forest Park and Eunice Drive locations (where applicable).

Public prayer is a contingent - although important, Rabbinic obligation

Guarding one's health is a Biblical obligation of the greatest strictness that supersedes all other mitzvot except Murder, Idol worship and some *Arayot*

Please remember these priorities!

Please follow all directions of the Rabbis and appointed ushers. Ushers will wear some distinguishing marking

Please Note: Please Arrive between 8:45 AM -8:55 AM to have your temperature taken using our new Shabbat thermometer.

Service commences at 9:00 AM

Please sit in the same place you sat last week

I. Building - general

1. For the first Shabbat the building will have been cleaned and not used for a long time. For future Shabbatot a thorough cleaning will be necessary.
2. **All areas we are not using should be taped off and No-one should be going there**
3. We will use the large sanctuary.
4. All travel should be one way, indicated by arrows
5. All but two bathrooms will be taped off, only the two bathrooms at the back of the social hall will be in use. One will be designated for men and the other for women.

Ample soap should be provided and also wipes to clean sink and toilets etc. for the next person. People should wait for the bathroom 8 feet apart in the social hall
For Forest Park protocol please follow directives of Rabbi Wolff and appointed ushers

II. Attendees

1. Anyone over the age of 65 should consult with their doctor before attending Synagogue. Halacha (Jewish law) **requires us** to follow our physician's directive as if it was **"given at Sinai"**
2. *According to the CDC those with the following conditions are encouraged to stay home:*
 - Chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - Serious heart conditions
 - Hypertension
 - Those immunocompromised: Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications
 - People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
 - People with diabetes
 - People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
 - People with liver disease
3. **As per state medical Directives, anyone exhibiting feeling sick or exhibiting the following symptoms should stay home**
 - a) Fever b) Cough c) Shortness of breath d) Chills e) Muscle pain f) Headache g) Sore throat h) New loss of taste or smell
 - i) Anyone potentially been exposed to someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19, then they should not attend services in-person. *A potential exposure*

means having household contact or having close contact (within 6 feet) with an individual with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time (over 10 minutes) while the person is symptomatic or 48 hours before symptoms developed.

4. Children

Children may attend if they can sit with their parents for the duration of the service and not run around or interact with other children. **For many children this may be impossible so please do bear this in mind**General department at Synagogue -in **chronological order:**

Temperature taking begins 8:45 AM. Service -begins 9AM ends about 1030/11 AM -

Please don't come early or stay late

- 1. Upon** entry every person (including children over the age of 2) attending shul must be wearing a face mask provided by themselves that covers the nose and mouth. This must remain in place for the entire service -even when leading the service etc. Please wear mask properly!
- 2. Congregants** will enter one by one or in a family group at the main door to CBT and wait to be admitted. Those waiting behind them should stay eight feet distant
- 3. Upon** entry each individual or family group will find a seat or seats. All individual or family groups must be separated from each other by at least **8 feet distant**
- 4. Ideally -bring your own Siddur and Chumash – if you are in the eruv. Otherwise, All** attendees will be handed a siddur and Chumash and a plastic bag. **This is your siddur.** *It should be left in the bag at your place, and everyone should use the same sitting place every week until further notice.* You will therefore use the same siddur and Chumash every week
- 5. There are only two bathrooms available:** as above
- 6. The Service** will begin with Mizmor shir leyom Hashabbat: Baruch She'amar will be moved to right before that prayer. All prayers until that point should be recited at home
- 7. Those** leading the service and reading the Torah, and being called to the Torah must wear a facemask at all times

8. **Only one person should be on the Bima at a time. Please follow precisely the Rabbi's directions. Hagbah and Gelila will use two members of the same family group**
9. This will be a short as possible service (much shorter than the regular service)
10. *If you need to use the facilities women will exit and re-enter through the main sanctuary entrance, men will exit and re-enter through the side hallway that opens up into the office wing*
11. *Please leave through the two emergency doors at the front of the sanctuary and the doors out of the social hall. Please egress in such a way that no two individuals or family groups are within 8 feet of each other*
12. Please leave promptly after the service, do not stay behind to talk or socialize