

COVID POLICY UPDATE
from Eric Weiss, President
and the JCA Board of Directors

As the Covid-19 pandemic situation continues to evolve and change, the JCA board and senior leadership have continued to work together to ensure that our covid policies are updated regularly to maximize our ability to come together in community, guided by the values of *pikuach nefesh* (saving lives), and *Kol Yisrael arevim zeh la-zeh* (responsibility for each other).

During the last two years we have made many infrastructure improvements to our building to support safe, in-person gatherings, including updating the HVAC system to enhance air exchange capacity, adding air purifiers to the main sanctuary, social hall, and classrooms, and providing hand sanitizer throughout the building. In addition, a tent has been erected in the courtyard to support increased outdoor community gatherings.

We have now updated our Covid policies to relax some of the restrictions that were in place, and hope to see many of you at in-person events in the coming months. Services will continue to be available through Zoom for those who are not able to, or choose not to attend in person, and we continue to explore ways to improve our online presence, and increase the accessibility of our programs and services for everybody.

COVID POLICIES

- Members and visitors who are ill, have tested positive for Covid-19, have been in close contact with someone with covid within the last 72 hours, or are experiencing symptoms of the virus should not attend in-person events at the JCA.
- Indoor religious services and community events are open to all individuals who are fully vaccinated (and boosted, for those eligible), as well as to young children who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated, and those with medical conditions which should be discussed in confidence with the rabbi or a member of the executive committee.
- Masking - We strongly recommend you wear a good quality N95 or N94 mask but masks are now optional at JCA events.

- Food is now allowed both inside and outside the JCA, however, we do not have kitchen staff at this time. If the kitchen and social hall are used for a potluck kiddush, they need to be cleaned up by members.
- If you test positive for Covid-19 within 72 hours of attending a JCA event or program, please notify the JCA office, and do your best to inform those you may have been in close contact with. Because our events are open to the public, and we do not take attendance, we are unable to engage in comprehensive contact tracing efforts.