

Rabbi Albert I. Gordon Religious School/Chai385

During Religious School/Chai385 hours, the synagogue is prioritizing school to insure access to all outdoor and large indoor spaces for enhanced safety and programming. Classrooms are arranged for a maximum of 12 children, with each desk a minimum of 3' apart from every other desk in every direction. Teachers and students will continue to have full access to our technology for enhanced in-person learning opportunities.

ENTRANCES TO THE BUILDING WILL BE FLOOR-SPECIFIC:

- For **GRADES 3-8**, entry will be through the **Ward Street (front) door**.
- For **GRADES K-2**, entry will be through the **Ashford Road (side) door**.

PLEASE NOTE: There are **Blue Zones on both Ward Street and Ashford Road** to facilitate drop-off and pick-up at these doors. These are for **live parking only during posted hours**.

Here are the Covid-19 safety protocols that will be in place during Religious School/Chai385 hours:

- **Masks/face coverings will be OPTIONAL** for ALL students and staff beginning March 8, 2022, with some exceptions**. If your child will not be masking, we still ask that they please bring a mask in their bag or pocket. Masks will be available to any child who needs but does not have one.
- ****Special activities such as music and dance will be held either outdoors or in our largest spaces**, with small groups and well more than the recommended social distance. Masks will continue to be required while singing.
- Out of respect to those who are more comfortable continuing to mask, **no food or drink will be consumed in the building during school hours**.
- **Sanitizers** will be outside every classroom.
- **HEALTH CHECK emails will be sent the day before each class session to remind you to CAREFULLY ASSESS YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH PRIOR TO ATTENDING SCHOOL.**
- **Each student will have their own individual box of materials and books.**
- **Students will primarily remain with their own class or grade.** Working in partners or small groups will be permitted. School-wide gatherings will be in spaces with ample room for distanced seating.

The success of this plan will be greatly enhanced by each family's willingness to honor the following guidelines:

- Please **DO NOT send your child to school with any of the following symptoms:** sneezing, coughing, nausea, headache, stomachache, fever, body aches.
- Please **INFORM US** of your child's absence or illness.
- Please **let us know IMMEDIATELY of any positive test for Covid-19 in your household** so we can assess exposure in the school.

****Masks will be required for students returning on days 5-10 post-COVID-19 infection.**

- **REMINDER:** Vaccination for all who are age-eligible is a requirement to attend Religious School/Chai385.
- Finally, here is **the most important message that we will be conveying to the students and which we ask your help in reinforcing:** While the transition to a mask-optional policy will be a time of great excitement and freedom for some, it may also be a time of anxiety and stress for others. **This will be a time when the utmost of menschlichkeit will be needed by all.** Whether one chooses to continue masking or not, caring for and respecting each other will be of the highest value as we continue to build and strengthen our community moving forward.