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54 Steamboat Road
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Dear Community Members,

November 5, 2020

Unfortunately, in the past few weeks we have seen a growing number of positive COVID cases in our area and within the community. We feel it is imperative to make the following requests and policy changes to stay ahead of the situation and prevent it from getting any worse. Please be aware that all decisions have been discussed with the Medical Advisory Committee, our Religious Council, our Synagogue Boards, and elders within our community to be sure there is a common consensus.

Regarding Weddings and Parties

- It is of **utmost importance** that all people attending wear masks and adhere to social distancing at all times without exception.
- We encourage those planning parties to keep their guest lists to the bare minimum and adhere to the applicable legal capacity requirements imposed by local government authorities and the CDC.
- Please limit the number of people in the Ketubah room and under the Chupah to the absolute minimum required.
- Anyone who has attended a wedding, bar-mitzvah or large social gathering should not attend Synagogue Minyamim including Shabbat for a period of 7 days to give time for the potential onset of symptoms.

Regarding Synagogue and Shiras

- Again, it is of **utmost importance** that all people attending wear masks and adhere to social distancing at all times without exception.
- As of this Shabbat and until further notice, there will be no Shiras allowed in our Synagogues, except for bar-mitzvah torah reading for the immediate family only.
- As of this Shabbat, all minyans will adhere to a capacity limit of 33% indoors. We have extended the tent minyans and will have them available throughout the rest of the year and encourage everyone to only attend outdoor minyanim if possible.
- Only light refreshments and light snacks will be provided outdoors. We ask that socializing be limited, and everyone kindly go home after services are over.
- Anyone who may have been exposed to the virus or is awaiting test results should not attend any minyan or social gathering until they have tested negative or after the required waiting period.

Our intention first and foremost is to protect the health and well-being of our community. We would also like to take all steps necessary to prevent another potential lock-down which can have a hurtful financial impact on many community members. We are asking for everyone's cooperation, old and young, to please think beyond yourselves. We need to err on the side of caution and protect those among us that are most vulnerable.

With the help of Hashem we will get through this together. Thank you.

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