



Re-opening and Re-starting Services

Thank you for your continued support over the past three months since we announced our Shul's temporary closure on 19th March. It has been a tough and challenging time but thanks to you, our valued community, and the hard work of our dedicated volunteers, we have been able to continue operating throughout with Zoom classes and Pre-Shabbat Kabbalat services, as well as delivering Seder Night Boxes, Shavuot cheesecake and Challahs.

Following the government's announcement about the re-opening of Places of Worship, we will be open for Shabbat morning service on **Saturday 4th July**. Initially, we will be running our services with certain safety measures in place, as highlighted below.

Whilst we have done everything we can to minimise the risk of passing on the infection, the advice remains that there is risk involved in going to any communal building. By attending you are agreeing that you are responsible for your own safety. Do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions prior to attending.

Lastly, we ask that you are patient and kind to each other on your first visit back to the Shul, as we will all be doing our best to adjust to the new ways of operating. We look forward to welcoming you back in Shul very soon!

With everybody's welfare in mind, we have implemented the following safety measures:

- Compulsory hand washing and hand sanitiser upon entering the Shul.
- Masks and gloves will be available if you would like to use them.
- Coats and jackets are to be hung in the men's and ladies' cloakrooms by the main entrance before entering the main Shul hall.
- Please avoid congregating or standing in the vicinity of doorways and entranceways.
- You will be allocated a seat, Siddur and Chumash. Please do not change seats or swap books during the service.
- Please notify us in advance if you need us to provide you with a Tallit or any other items.
- Following the advice of Rabbi Blum, we are implementing social distancing procedures for Aliyah call-ups using a Perspex screen. Please follow the guidance if you are called up to the Bimma.
- Following government advice there will be no singing apart from the person leading the service.
- There will be no handshaking and no kissing the Sefer Torah.
- Although all contact points will be cleaned before and after every service, please avoid touching surfaces such as banisters and door handles unless you need to.
- Please do not attend if you or anyone in your household has any Covid-19 symptoms.

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