

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chaverim (Friends):

*Hava nagila venismecha!* Let's rejoice and be happy! Ohavi Zedek is now running in-person events both outdoors and indoors, including all our Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat services. In-person Shabbat morning services will resume on July 17. And we will have a B Mitzvah every Saturday afternoon in August. Check the online calendar regularly, since more meetings, classes, and services will move back to our building every week.

Our COVID Taskforce has settled the rules that apply to all these gatherings. The rules will change over time, but as of now they are as follows:

1. Everyone above the age of 2 who is not fully vaccinated must wear a properly fitted mask at all times at both indoor and outdoor events, except when eating. (This includes all children ages 3-11.)
2. All indoor events will require advance signup through the OZ website.
3. Only fully vaccinated people are permitted in the yurt.
4. When singing, people wearing masks must stay in their pods.
5. While eating outdoors everyone must stay in their pods.
6. No eating will be permitted indoors, but pre-packed goodie bags may be distributed indoors for eating outdoors.

Of course, you are always welcome to wear a mask and socially distance for your own safety. In addition, please honor the decisions other congregants make about wearing masks and socially distancing. The essence of our community is protecting and respecting one another.

When you attend *outdoor* events on our lawn or at other sites, please bring your own picnic blanket or lawn chairs if possible. And before attending *indoor* events, please sign up online in advance. (If you have any difficulties with signup, our Administrator Andie Lowe can help you; email her at [office@ohavizedek.org](mailto:office@ohavizedek.org) for support.) If you cannot or prefer not to come to OZ, do not worry! We will continue to offer Zoom access to most indoor events. As always, the links will be on the website.

Finally, please bear in mind that, although the building is open, parts of it are currently inaccessible. The Lost Shul Mural is undergoing professional restoration. As a result, the lobby, Samuelson-Saiger sanctuary, and office are closed (except to clergy and staff) through the start of 2022. Since our office is not open, please do not stop by the building unannounced.

I look forward to seeing you in person very soon!

L'Shalom (In Peace),

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