



SHIR CHADASH CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATION

Synagogue Services Protocol

“Every Jew is responsible for every other Jew” - BT Sanhedrin 27b

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Our services protocol is based on recommendations from our Health Committee, CDC guidelines, and information from the Louisiana Department of Health. This protocol will be strictly adhered to so we can keep each other and our staff as safe as possible.

- Only those who are members may register for services. If you are not a member, we invite you to join us for services virtually. Please visit our website (www.shirchadash.org) for details.
- Requests to attend services must be made either online via the synagogue's website or by calling the synagogue office at (504) 889-1144.
- Each service will last no more than two hours, and up to 36 people will be allowed in the building at any given time. Due to the limited seating, we may not be able to accommodate all requests.
- There are numerous members of our community who are at risk for developing more severe disease from COVID-19. These at risk groups include:
 - Those who are 65 or older
 - Those living in a nursing home or long-term care facility
 - Those with underlying health conditions such as:
 - ◊ asthma or chronic lung disease
 - ◊ a compromised immune system
 - ◊ diabetes
 - ◊ serious heart disease
 - ◊ chronic kidney or liver disease
 - ◊ severe obesity



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If you fall into one of the at risk groups, you are encouraged to take advantage of our online services from the safety and comfort of your home. Please contact the office with any technology needs.

- **By registering to attend, you are acknowledging that you understand and accept the risks associated with coronavirus and COVID-19, that you will not hold Shir Chadash responsible, and that you agree to abide by all provisions of this protocol.**
- **Each week, services assignments will be finalized by 12 PM (noon) on Thursday.** The office will send confirmation of your registration by 12 PM (noon) on Friday. Only those with confirmed registrations will be allowed to attend services. **Please do not "show up" without a confirmed registration and expect to attend services. You will not be permitted to enter the building.**

Coming to services

- Please bring your own face mask, *kippah*, and *tallit*.
- If you have your own *siddur* (prayer book), please bring it as well.
- Wait in line to enter the building according to the designated socially distanced spaces.
- A greeter will be at the front door. Please follow their instructions:
 - ◊ Put on your mask (a mask will be provided if you forgot yours).
 - ◊ Clean your hands with the sanitizer provided.
 - ◊ You will be asked to complete a symptom checklist, and your temperature will be taken.

While in the synagogue

- **Masks must be worn at all times.** It must cover your mouth and nose and fit snugly against the face.
- Do not touch the *mezuzot* on and within the building.



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- Bathrooms will be available, but water fountains will be closed, and no food or refreshments will be served. You may bring bottled water with you if necessary, but no outside food is allowed.
- **Maintain 6 feet of distance** from others unless they are members of your household.
- Services will be held in the Sanctuary to best accommodate the need for social distancing. In addition, whenever possible, windows and doors will be opened to maximize ventilation.
- Proceed directly to one of the available seats and remain there for the duration of the service.
- Please do not congregate outside the Sanctuary (e.g. in the hallways, bathrooms, or foyer).
- If you need a *kippah*, one will be available. We will also have some *siddurim* (prayer books) available for you. If you borrow our books, please do not share them during services.
- Please follow Rabbi Silver's directions for ritual observance during services.

Leaving the synagogue

At the end of services, please follow the directions for dismissal. Leave any borrowed books on your seat. Leave any borrowed *kippot* in the designated receptacle.

Thank you for helping us keep the Shir Chadash community safe!



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