



## **Kiddush and No Masks for the Vaccinated!**

*Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Bazeh – All Israel is responsible for one another.*

This Talmudic teaching (Shevuot 39a) is as applicable today as when it was first written. As a community, we are responsible for one another.

With that in mind, and with direction from the CDC and the OZ Health Task Force, in addition to Rabbi Bolton's interpretation of Jewish law that mandates that we safeguard our health to the fullest extent possible, it is recommended that all those who are eligible be vaccinated against COVID-19. Those who are not vaccinated pose a risk to themselves and the community.

Acknowledging that infection rates in New York City, and in our immediate neighborhood, are now very low, we are pleased to take the following important steps to further ease some protective measures imposed during recent months.

- All vaccinated people are welcome to attend Shabbat and daily services unmasked, if they so choose. That includes our service readers and leaders. However, we ask that you have a mask available and wear it when outside the Sanctuary, i.e., in the elevators, stairwells, and restrooms.
- Those who are not vaccinated are welcome to attend Shabbat and daily services but *must wear masks and maintain social distancing at all times throughout the building.*
- We will continue requiring preregistration for services. If you are willing to let us know, please indicate your vaccination status on the registration form. It will be helpful information as we consider further reopening steps. We will not require proof of vaccination.
- ***In addition, we are delighted to announce that Kiddush will re-start as of this Shabbat. If, weather permitting, it is on the roof, outdoors, everyone is welcome to participate. When we hold Kiddush indoors, only those who are vaccinated may attend.***
- We will continue to monitor related circumstances and relevant guidelines, and will update the Congregation as to any revised policies as warranted.

*The above policies will also apply for social programs and learning events or class in the Or Zarua building.*