



Phased Reopening Plan

June 2021

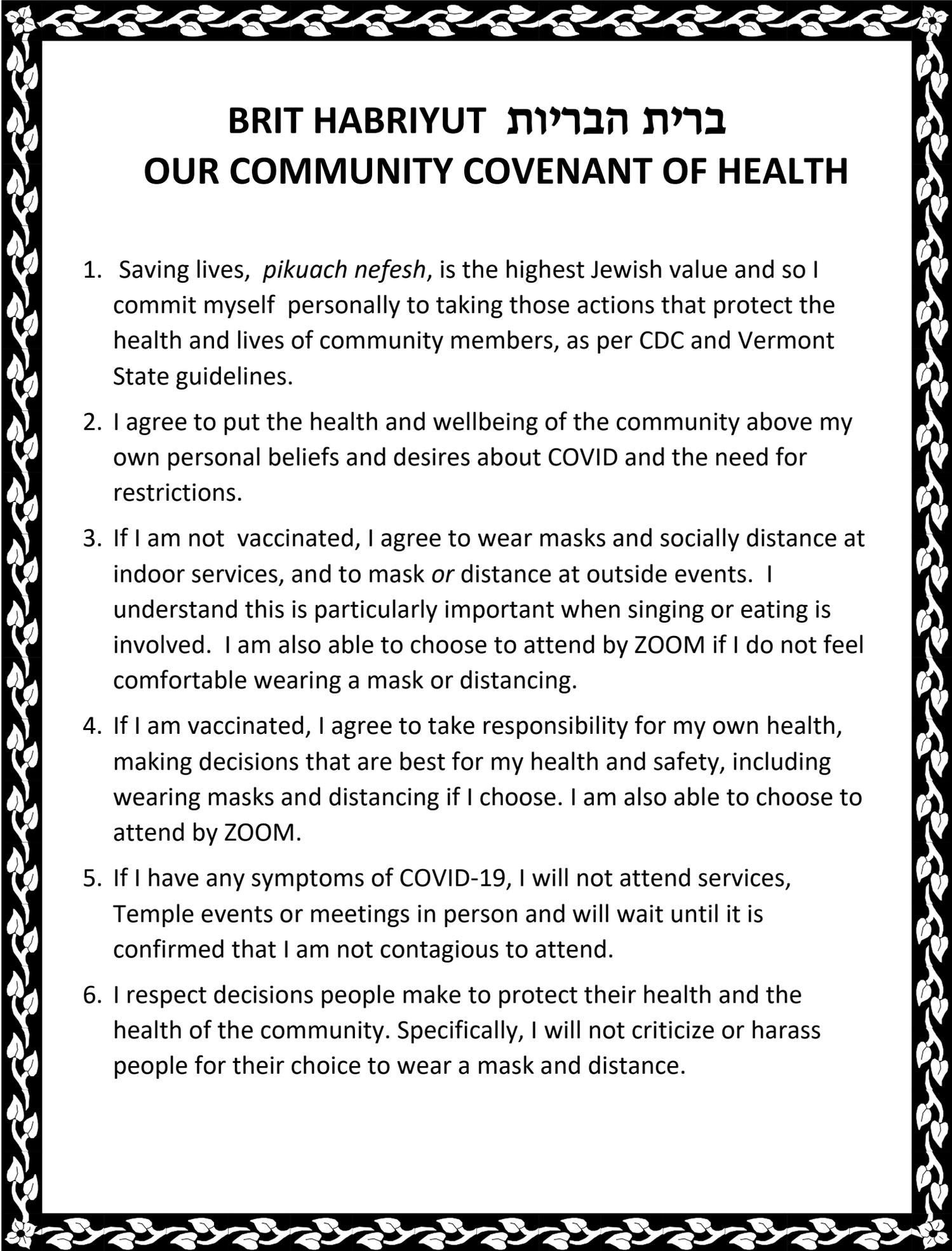
Thanks to expert guidance from our Reopening Committee (Adam Winter, Mark Levine, MD, Mark Greenblatt, MD, and Barbara Hicken) Temple Sinai will implement the following Phased Reopening Plan for returning to in-person Shabbat services and activities this summer. Please be patient and kind as we balance the needs and safety of the congregation. High Holy Day decisions have not yet been made.

Access to services by Zoom will continue

Given the new guidance from the CDC and the State of Vermont, Temple Sinai will begin holding some services and activities indoors beginning on Saturday, May 29th. Please note that the Reopening Plan is dependent upon information about vaccination rates, COVID-19 variants, and changes in infection rates as Vermont reopens, as well as guidance from the CDC and state and local government, and is subject to change.

We have five operational guidelines:

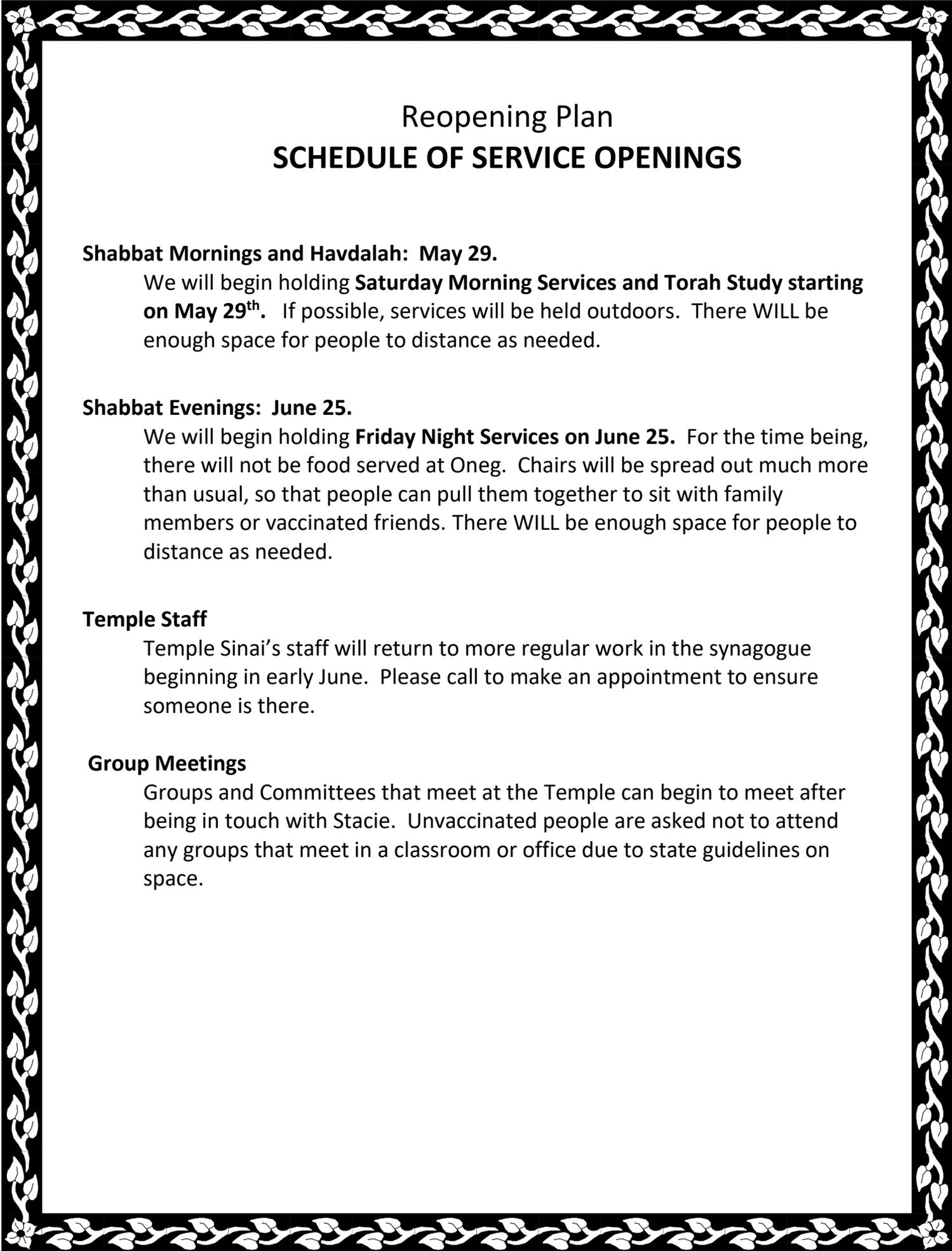
1. The **wall** between the Sanctuary and Social Hall will remain open to maximize space and air circulation. This allows us to stay easily within state guidelines until the High Holy Days.
2. People should make decisions and take precautions as they feel necessary for their health.
3. People who are **fully vaccinated** with any of the federally approved COVID vaccines may attend services inside or outside, **unmasked and sitting together with others**.
4. People who are **not yet fully vaccinated** may attend services indoors **masked and socially distanced**, and outdoors **either** masked or socially distanced. Parents of unvaccinated children are asked to help keep your child socially distanced and masked indoors.
5. Due to state guidelines which limit the number of unvaccinated people by square footage, people who are **not vaccinated** are asked **not to attend any meetings of committees or groups** held in a **classroom, the library, or staff offices**. We will make them available to attend by ZOOM.



BRIT HABRIYUT ברית הבריאות

OUR COMMUNITY COVENANT OF HEALTH

1. Saving lives, *pikuach nefesh*, is the highest Jewish value and so I commit myself personally to taking those actions that protect the health and lives of community members, as per CDC and Vermont State guidelines.
2. I agree to put the health and wellbeing of the community above my own personal beliefs and desires about COVID and the need for restrictions.
3. If I am not vaccinated, I agree to wear masks and socially distance at indoor services, and to mask *or* distance at outside events. I understand this is particularly important when singing or eating is involved. I am also able to choose to attend by ZOOM if I do not feel comfortable wearing a mask or distancing.
4. If I am vaccinated, I agree to take responsibility for my own health, making decisions that are best for my health and safety, including wearing masks and distancing if I choose. I am also able to choose to attend by ZOOM.
5. If I have any symptoms of COVID-19, I will not attend services, Temple events or meetings in person and will wait until it is confirmed that I am not contagious to attend.
6. I respect decisions people make to protect their health and the health of the community. Specifically, I will not criticize or harass people for their choice to wear a mask and distance.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICE OPENINGS

Shabbat Mornings and Havdalah: May 29.

We will begin holding **Saturday Morning Services and Torah Study starting on May 29th**. If possible, services will be held outdoors. There **WILL** be enough space for people to distance as needed.

Shabbat Evenings: June 25.

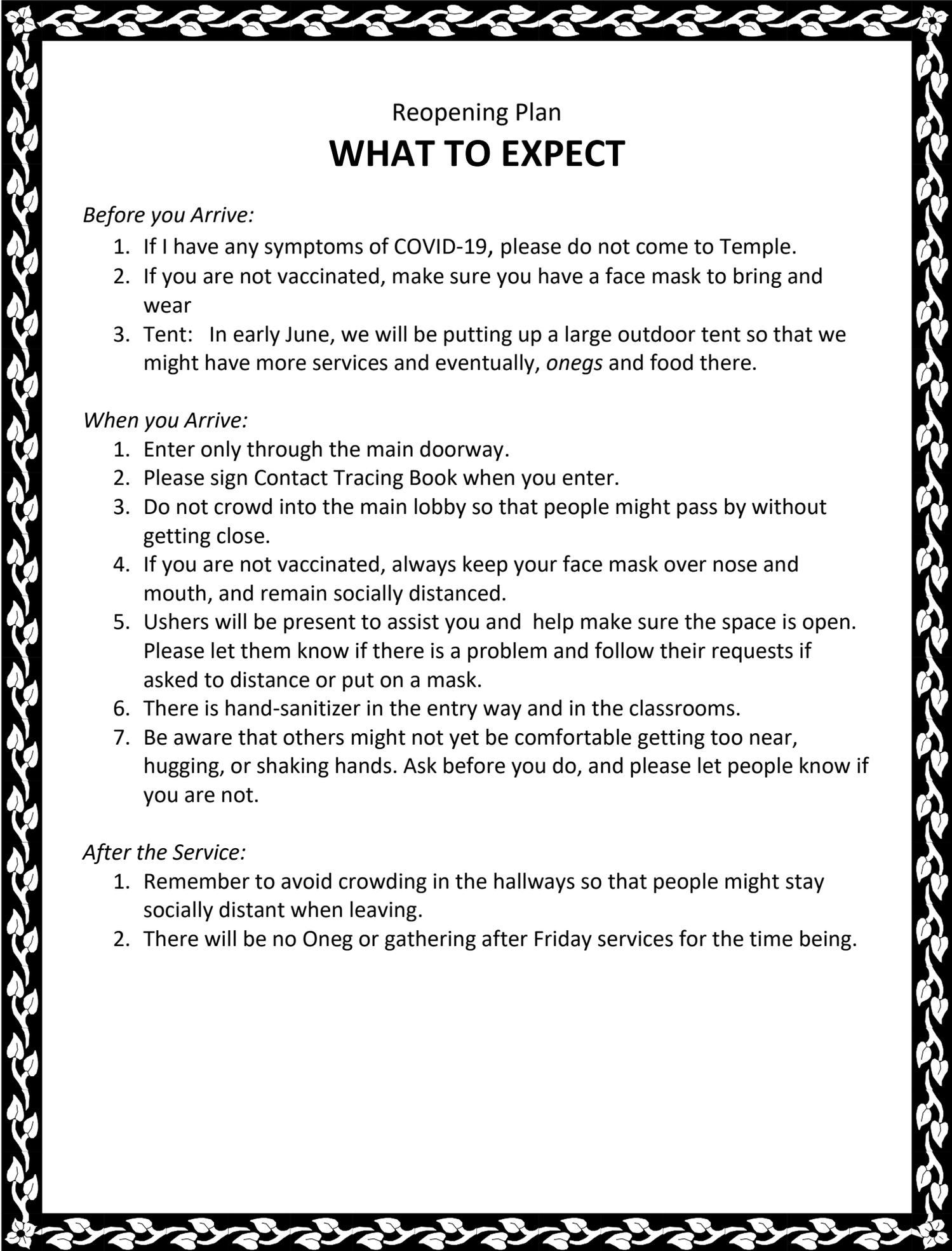
We will begin holding **Friday Night Services on June 25**. For the time being, there will not be food served at Oneg. Chairs will be spread out much more than usual, so that people can pull them together to sit with family members or vaccinated friends. There **WILL** be enough space for people to distance as needed.

Temple Staff

Temple Sinai's staff will return to more regular work in the synagogue beginning in early June. Please call to make an appointment to ensure someone is there.

Group Meetings

Groups and Committees that meet at the Temple can begin to meet after being in touch with Stacie. Unvaccinated people are asked not to attend any groups that meet in a classroom or office due to state guidelines on space.



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WHAT TO EXPECT

Before you Arrive:

1. If I have any symptoms of COVID-19, please do not come to Temple.
2. If you are not vaccinated, make sure you have a face mask to bring and wear
3. Tent: In early June, we will be putting up a large outdoor tent so that we might have more services and eventually, *onegs* and food there.

When you Arrive:

1. Enter only through the main doorway.
2. Please sign Contact Tracing Book when you enter.
3. Do not crowd into the main lobby so that people might pass by without getting close.
4. If you are not vaccinated, always keep your face mask over nose and mouth, and remain socially distanced.
5. Ushers will be present to assist you and help make sure the space is open. Please let them know if there is a problem and follow their requests if asked to distance or put on a mask.
6. There is hand-sanitizer in the entry way and in the classrooms.
7. Be aware that others might not yet be comfortable getting too near, hugging, or shaking hands. Ask before you do, and please let people know if you are not.

After the Service:

1. Remember to avoid crowding in the hallways so that people might stay socially distant when leaving.
2. There will be no Oneg or gathering after Friday services for the time being.