



## PROTOCOLS FOR REOPENING OF ADAS SERVICES

### "שִׂמַחְתִּי בְּאִמְרֵי לֵי בֵּית ה' נִלְךְ" (תהלים קכב) *"I rejoiced when they said to me, let us go to the House of God" (Psalms 122)*

As synagogues across the world were shuttered, and the voices of collective prayer silenced, we have waited with great anticipation for the day that we could once again return to the House of God.

Halacha regards the sanctity of human life as a paramount value. From the earliest stages of COVID-19, the Adas Israel has taken proactive, cautionary, measures to insure the health and safety of our community.

Recognizing the still prevalent health risks of COVID-19, our congregation has been in consultation with medical professionals, infectious disease specialists, and Public Health to explore ways that we could conduct services while protecting the health and safety of worshippers.

After careful deliberation, and monitoring reentry plans of synagogues across North America, the Adas has decided to recommence services for Kabbalat Shabbat, on Friday, June 12th, by adopting the protocols below.

The Adas will have staff and volunteers on site, at every service, to monitor that all worshippers adhere to these guidelines. Individuals who are unable to follow the guidelines will be asked to leave.

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#### Registration & Admission Criteria:

- All attendees must register for services by [clicking here](#). Space is limited.
- Registration is critical to ensuring we have the correct number of seats for all worshippers, as well as for tracking purposes. Anyone not registered, will be asked to register online and attend a service at a later date.
- Those who wish to attend must be symptom-free. If you do not feel well, please stay home.
- When registering, you will be asked a short series of questions to ensure you are healthy.

- When you arrive at shul, a greeter will ask you about your health, as well as those you live with.
- If symptoms suggest the possibility of COVID-19, the individual will not be allowed to attend services and it will be suggested that the congregant be screened for COVID-19 testing.
- Any individual who is required by Public Health to be in quarantine or self isolation - due to a diagnosis of COVID-19, exposure to COVID-19, or travel - will not be allowed to attend services until completion of the full duration of the isolation period
- Children under the age of 12 will not be admitted at this time.
- Congregants above 65 years of age, those who are immunocompromised or diagnosed with chronic illnesses (heart or lung disease, cancer or diabetes) are identified as "HIGHER RISK". All those in risk categories, are asked to consider the risks and benefits prior to attending and, if necessary, consult their physicians for advice.

**Development of Symptoms:** Should you develop symptoms, or have exposure to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, PLEASE CALL PUBLIC HEALTH HAMILTON at 905-974-9848. Please follow Public Health guidelines ( [www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus](http://www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus) ) and remain at home.

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### Building Protocols

- **Doors:** All doors will be propped open to avoid having to touch handles.
  - **Restrooms:** Public restrooms are currently closed. While we assess protocols, the restrooms on site will be closed and inaccessible. Please keep this in mind before arriving at shul.
  - **Distancing:** Six feet distancing will be required at all times, including entering and exiting, in all hallways, outdoor walkways, and aisles. Be mindful not to instinctively shake hands or touch in any way.
  - **Entry:** Cline Avenue South will be the sole entry point. Please do not access the building through other points, even if you are a current key holder.
  - **Floor Decals:** Please follow the arrows and physical distancing when walking in the building.
  - **Exit:** Each seat will be assigned an exit door. All worshipers are urged to leave the building immediately at the conclusion of the service.
  - **Loitering:** Before, during, and after services, there will be no loitering of any kind in the hallways, halls, or small chapel. Those who need a break are asked to do so outside of the property.
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### Seating :

- Upon registration, attendees will receive designated seat numbers. Please only sit in your designated seat.
- Members of the same family, who live together, are encouraged to sit together.
- Seating areas will be clearly designated with "reserved" signs.
- Whenever possible, worshipers will be assigned the same seat for every service. Please do not change your assigned seat.

**Hygiene:** Attendees will be required to disinfect their hands with hand sanitizer upon entry to the building.

**Masks:** Everyone will be required to wear a mask that covers their mouth and nose, before entering the Adas building and during the entire duration of the service. Masks will not be provided. (For more information about face coverings and masks [click here](#) .)

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### Services Protocols:

- All services will be held in the Main Sanctuary.
- **Length of service will be modified:**
  - Morning service will begin at "Hodu."

- Torah Reading will be done by one person, who will read all the aliyot (including maftir and haftarah) as well as hagbah and gelilah.
- There will be one mourner's kaddish recited at the end of the service, from each person's seat.
  
- **Siddur & Chumash:** Attendees are asked to bring their own siddur and chumash. If you do not have a siddur or chumash, we will supply you with one, upon request, and label it with your name for your exclusive use at the Adas.
  
- **Kippot and Talitot:** Every person must bring their own kippah and tallit. None will be available on site.
  
- **Food:** No food may be brought or eaten on the premises. In addition, no food will be served anywhere on the premises.

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To register for services, please [click here](#) . Space is limited.

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