



## High Holiday FAQ 5781

### Introduction

The High Holidays at YIP are a special time of year and we hope to continue that tradition despite the challenges of conducting services during Coronavirus. This document describes the plan and policies which will be in effect to help safeguard our members and allow our community to enjoy the holiday season. **Everyone who attends services (including guests) agrees to abide by all items in this document as well as any other announced policies. Anyone who fails to follow these rules will be asked to leave by a designated representative of YIP at each minyan.**

### Policies

- **If you are sick or have any symptoms - STAY HOME.**
- **If you have travelled in the 2 weeks prior to the holidays to any state on this list or internationally, do not come to shul.**  
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>
- **Attendees must be healthy and not have been exposed to a documented case of COVID-19 within two weeks.**
- **If you have existing underlying medical conditions that make contracting Coronavirus a high risk please consult with your physician prior to attending services.**
- **All attendees must wear masks at all times. Please bring your own mask. Some extras will be available in case of emergency.**
- **Masks must be worn properly at all times, that fully cover nose, mouth and chin**
- **BRING YOUR OWN MACHZOR and TALLITOT**
- **BRING YOUR PRINTED TICKET**
- **WE NEED YOU TO ARRIVE PRIOR TO THE START TIME OF YOUR MINYAN SO WE CAN BEGIN PROMPTLY:**
  - **SHACHARIT WILL START WITH Nishmat Kol Chai**
  - **Say Psukei Dzimrah before coming to shul**
  - **Arrive at least 10 minutes before scheduled time**
- Seating is assigned. Do not move from your assigned location or take anyone else's seat
- You must register for seats per the information provided. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated
- Seating in all venues will leave space for social distancing between family groups
- Do not congregate in the hallways. Remain at your seat for the duration of the services
- Hand Sanitizer will be available in all locations

- Restrooms are available with additional disinfecting supplies.
- Additional cleaning will be scheduled to disinfect surfaces
- Unfortunately YIP will not be able to provide programming for children this year
- Children under 10 will not be permitted to attend
- Children over 10 may attend with a reserved seat based on seating availability, but must stay with parents in shul through the duration of services
- All participants should bring their own machzorim, if you don't have a machzor you may borrow one from the shul. Please keep the same machzor for the duration of the holidays.
- Tickets must be paid for at time of registration and are non-refundable

## Ritual

- Rabbi Weissman and the Ritual committee have planned an abbreviated service.
- Prayers will begin at 9:00AM and start from Nishmat Kol Chai (you may want to arrive early to say Psukei Dezimra) and a number of the piyyutim (acrostic poems) will be skipped. Chazanim have been instructed to limit singing. The details of the abbreviated prayers can be found [HERE](#).
- Morning services are expected to be 2-3 hours long
- Baalei Tefilah, Baalei Keriah, Baal Tokea will all stand at the front of minyanim to avoid facing any people while davening
- Interactive singing will be limited
- People receiving aliyot will stand at a designated space or recite the beracha from their seat
- Haftarah will be recited from a designated location or from seat with a mask
- Psicha (Opening the ark) will be performed by one person for the entire service. There will be no Psicha at outdoor minyanim
- No Speeches
- Aliyot
  - In the Main Sanctuary and Beit Midrash there will be a designated location to stand for aliyot. When you are called immediately go to the location and make eye contact with the person reading the Torah then make the beracha. After the concluding beracha please immediately return to your seat.
  - In all other minyanim when called for an aliyah remain at your seat to make the beracha.
- Shofar blowing
  - Done in a designated location to the side of the room
  - A mask of cloth will be placed at the end of the shofar to prevent the spread of droplets
- Birkat Kohanim
  - Kohanim will wash in designated locations at each minyan
  - Leviyim will NOT wash hands this year
  - Kohanim should bring their own bottle of water with them to wash their own hands to avoid contamination of surfaces
- Yizkor
  - **All attendees** (even those accustomed to leaving) should remain at their seats for the entire duration of Yizkor

## Venues

- All morning minyanim will begin at 9 AM
- **Two outdoor Shofar blowings separate from the minyanim will be held**
  - **12:20 PM at the YIP Courtyard**
  - **5:00 PM at the Carol Street Cul-de-sac**
- **A separate Outdoor Yizkor will be held on Yom Kippur after services**
- Minyan Locations:
  - YIP Indoors - Sanctuary and Beit Midrash
  - YIP Outdoors - Courtyard with open-sided tent
  - Shul Backyard 106 Cedar Dr W. - open sided tent
  - Sroka Backyard 100 Southern Pkwy - open sided tent
  - HANC - Auditorium
- **No Mincha/Maariv minyanim at HANC on Rosh Hashanah** - If you responded that you will attend "All minyanim" and are davening at HANC you will be assigned a seat in another venue for Rosh Hashanah Mincha/Maariv.
- **All minyanim will have seats set up - for outdoor minyanim you may bring your own chair prior to Yom Tov and leave it at the venue.**
- Limited coat room space will be provided at each minyan. Please observe social distancing when using coat racks.
- Security personnel will be at all minyanim

## Entry and Exit procedures

### All venues

- All venues will open for shacharit 8:30 AM and for other services 30 minutes prior to scheduled start time. Please arrive over the course of the 30 minute arrival window to help us with spacing.
- All attendees will be required to check in with security when entering the venue for a mask and ticket check
- At the conclusion of services please exit promptly
- Respect social distance of 6 ft when entering and exiting the venues
- Coat racks will be available at each venue, please take turns approaching them.

### Main shul, Beit Midrash and YIP courtyard -

- Enter - All attendees must enter from Oak drive for a mask and ticket check by the security personnel
- Exit -
  - Main Shul - exit to Southern Parkway using the emergency exit door in the mens and womens sections
  - Beit Midrash - exit to Southern Parkway using the Southern Parkway exit
  - Courtyard - Exit to Oak drive



## Portnoy Backyard

- Enter - Attendees must check in at the YIP courtyard with security and may then walk around the corner to 106 Cedar Drive West to enter the backyard
- Exit - to Southern Parkway through alleyway

## Sroka Backyard - 100 Southern Parkway

- Enter - from Southern Parkway to left of house
- Exit - to Southern Parkway

## HANC - 25 Country Drive

- Enter - from Country drive to rear entrance via driveway
- Exit from rear entrance to Country Drive via driveway

## Times for davening

Under development

## Inclement Weather

**All minyanim will run regardless of weather conditions. We need you to attend rain or shine to ensure we have minyanim at all locations.**

## Cleaning

Cleaning personnel will be on premises before, during and after morning services. Outdoor locations will be cleaned as well after each service. There will be a custodian on duty at HANC for each service. Please help us by keeping all spaces clean and sitting only in your designated seat.

## HVAC Changes

YIP has worked with our HVAC contractor to take measures to improve the HVAC system in the shul. Filters have been updated to MERV-13 standard and the system has been cleaned and a special disinfectant has been used on the airconditioning coils. We have also measured and adjusted the inflow of outside air to ensure that the air exchange meets recommended standards.