

Well, it's finally here! An in-person gathering for Shabbat morning on June 19th at 10 am at the synagogue.

June 3

The RSL committee (Ritual and Spiritual Life) and the Executive Committee met to discuss plans for upcoming services. We all want to be thoughtful about the physical safety and emotional wellbeing of our community and we have waited for the guidelines to give us direction about how to proceed. Now that the CDC has issued its relaxed rules we feel that we can begin the process of in person gatherings under certain conditions. We will also continue to offer worship, learning and social opportunities on Zoom, understanding that not everyone is comfortable to return to in person events at this time.

If you plan to come on Saturday, June 19th and you are fully vaccinated (with two weeks from either second or J and J vaccine) you do not need to wear a mask. If you prefer, of course, you can wear a mask. Please be aware that there will be vaccinated people who will not be wearing masks and social distancing may be difficult. I and others will also be singing without masks. We will have the windows open and fans on to enhance air flow in the sanctuary.

If you have not been vaccinated or are not in the safe two week post-vaccination time period you will be required to wear a mask. We rely on our community's concern for each other in the honoring of these rules.

If you are not comfortable to gather in person we will continue Friday candle lighting services, Wednesday Coffee and Conversation and Sunday Study and Creative Arts sessions on Zoom. High Holy Days are being planned with Zoom and in person options.

This time of returning to in person gathering will bring challenges and feelings in all of us and I would welcome hearing from you with any thoughts you have. No one will be left without ways to be together...either on Zoom or in person or both and we hope you feel taken care of no matter what your personal choices are.

With love and hopes for wellness for all, Barbara