

Congregation K.I.N.S. Minyanim Guidelines as of February 27, 2021

COMPLIANCE:

We have formulated the following updated guidelines to be observed by all minyan participants, based upon consultation with Rabbinic leadership, lay leadership and medical health experts. These guidelines must be followed, without exception. Those who are unable to follow these guidelines will be asked not to participate in K.I.N.S. minyanim for the time being.

LOCATIONS:

Davening will take place in up to one of four designated areas: (1) the Main Sanctuary; (2) the Beit Midrash; (3) the Social Hall; and (4) the large basement room downstairs (most recently used by our boys Shabbat morning groups and Momma Chef's Soup Kitchen at Congregation K.I.N.S.).

REGISTRATION:

Advance registration is not required to attend regular weekday services. **Advance registration remains required for attendance on Shabbat and Yom Tov.** The registration website may be accessed by visiting www.congkins.org. You may also download the "SignUpGenius" app for your iPhone or Android (to find the KINS minyan signup in the app, search by entering "minyan@congkins.org"). When signing up for a minyan, you will be prompted to provide your name, mobile phone number, and e-mail address to allow us to contact you with any changes that may arise.

Please do not register for a minyan unless you fully intend to come on time and remain at the minyan until its conclusion. **We will expand or contract the minyan locations and times, as necessary.** If a minyan that you signed up for will not meet, you will be notified in advance via email and/or text.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Per the most recently updated CRC guidelines, children are permitted to attend minyanim with their parents, ***provided that they are able to sit with their family throughout the entire davening and abide by all of the shul's guidelines (including mask wearing and maintaining social distance at all times).*** We request that everyone please wait until Thursday at 9PM to sign up your children for Shabbat minyanim, in order to ensure that there is adequate capacity and that those over Bar/Bat Mitzvah have the ability to sign up.
- Please be advised that each of the rooms where indoor minyanim take place possesses its own ventilation system. People over 65 are urged to consult with their physician to affirm that attending a minyan will not present significant risk to their health. We intend to revise these guidelines as CRC guidelines change.
- Priority will be given to those who have a chiyuv due to aveilut or a yahrzeit. If you have a chiyuv due to aveilut or observance of a yahrzeit, please note the sign-up form accordingly.

- **Anyone who is experiencing any symptoms of illness (fever, coughing, aches, etc.), has testing pending, or lives with someone who is ill or has testing pending, may not attend.** If a participant suddenly feels ill or cannot attend for other reasons, please send an email to minyan@congkins.org immediately, and that captain will find a replacement if necessary.
- Anyone who is under quarantine must remain in quarantine and may not attend.
- At this time, anyone who is considered by the CDC to be “high risk” is encouraged not to attend. This includes those with high blood pressure, asthma/COPD, heart disease, diabetes, obesity, and weakened immune systems.
- All participants must abide by the COVID symptom & quarantine related guidelines set forth in the most recent CRC synagogue guidelines letter dated November 2020.

GENERAL PROCEDURES:

- For weekday services, all participants may enter the building from the North side (parking lot) or South side (Northshore) entrance. For Shabbat services, all participants must enter the building from the North side (parking lot) entrance only and check in with the guard upon entry. Participants may exit the building from either the North or South doors.
- Participants will enter the door code posted on the wall on the digital keypad (or manual lock, on Shabbat) to enter the building at the appointed time.
- All participants, including *Shlichei Tzibur* and *Ba'alei Keriah*, must wear masks that cover their nose and mouth at all times, and they must keep them secured upon their nose and mouth throughout the entire time that they are located within the shul.
- All participants must wash their hands with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer immediately upon entering the building. Hand sanitizer stations will be located inside the main doors and at each minyan door, for your convenience.
- Participants must keep a distance of six (6) feet between themselves and others at all times, other than between family members from the same household.
- Each minyan will have a designated captain who will be responsible for making certain that each participant complies with these guidelines.
- Participants must remain in their seats without leaving their designated location until minyan is over.
- There can be no walking around/meandering during services.
- Available seating will be marked accordingly.
- Shul siddurim and chumashim will be available, but are not being disinfected between uses. We therefore encourage participants using shul siddurim or chumashim to use hand sanitizer before and after.
- The length of minyanim will be kept to a minimum.
- Davening must be done in a quieter fashion without projecting one's voice. Any singing must be muted so that it is done in no louder than a conversational voice. Vigorous singing will not be permitted.
- The *Shaliach Tzibbur* and *Ba'al Koreh* will perform their functions in a low-key voice.
- There will be no communal kiddushim nor any food or beverage served or otherwise shared among minyan participants.
- There will be no on-site playgroups or other activities.

- Once davening is complete, please leave the shul as quickly as possible, so that we may prepare for the next minyan. While it may be difficult to resist socializing with others, please avoid doing so while in and near the shul.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we attempt to navigate this situation.

May Hashem continue to watch over our community, keeping us safe and well, and may we merit to see the positive resolution of these challenging times very soon.

Sincerely,

KINS Reopening Committee

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