



Congregation Beth Hallel has reopened our doors for in-person services! We are very excited to welcome you.

We know that everyone has a different level of comfort, so please do what you feel is best for your family. We recommend that those who are at higher risk for severe illness (including older adults and people of all ages with certain underlying medical conditions) limit their exposure risk by attending service virtually. The link is at the top of this page where it says, "Livestream." Whether it is online or in-person, we are excited to worship together as a community!

HERE ARE THE GUIDELINES WE'VE PUT IN PLACE:

- 1.If you are sick or have had close contact with a person with COVID-19, please stay home. Although we've reopened our doors, continued opening is subject to change depending on the public health data and guidance for Cobb and/or Fulton Counties.
- 2.Friday Night Shabbat service will be held in the Synagogue building. Doors will open at 7:30PM. Saturday Shabbat service will be held in the MJCC building. Doors will open at 10:30AM.
- 3.Masks will be optional for our Friday Night Shabbat Service.
- 4.Masks will be mandatory at our Saturday Shabbat Service for all those 4 years old and older, except for those on stage. Your mask must be worn over your mouth and nose at all times while you are in Beth Hallel facilities. This also applies to those with special needs and considerations. We ask that you provide your own mask. You will not be allowed into the facility or to remain in the facility, if you are unable to wear a mask.
- 5.We ask that you do not touch the mezuzot on the doorframes or have any other physical contact with other congregants (shaking hands or hugging).
- 6.Upon entering the sanctuary or seating area, we ask that you use hand sanitizer provided by Beth Hallel.
- 7.An usher will seat you with your immediate family, but you'll be socially distanced from others.
- 8.You'll notice that all Bibles and siddurs have been removed from the pews, along with the community tallitot and kippot. Congregants are encouraged to bring their own.
- 9.If you need to use the restroom in the Synagogue building, we ask that you limit use to only 1 person at a time (unless a parent is accompanying a child). If you need to use the restroom in the MJCC, we ask that you limit use to only 2 people at a time (unless a parent is accompanying a child). If it is at capacity, please kindly wait until someone exits.
- 10.Our Friday Night Shabbat Service will be "mask optional" and children are welcome to attend our Kids' Congregation Class if they are 4-8 years old. Our Saturday Shabbat Service will be "mask required" and children are welcome to attend our Torah Tots Class (4-6 years) every week and Club Maccabee Class (7-9 years) every week except the 1st Saturday of the month. Children in the classes will be socially distanced.
- 11.Tuesday Night Scripture Study will take place every Tuesday evening at 7PM (except the last Tuesday of the month). Classes are available for children 4 years old through college. Our adult study will take place in the Sanctuary. Childcare will be provided for children ages 0-3 years in the Nursery. Masks are optional.
- 12.Childcare will be provided for children ages 0-3 years in the Nursery on Friday and Saturday. The room will be thoroughly disinfected between services.
- 13.The Gift Shop and Library will be closed at this time. We will seek to have these open as soon as possible. Items from the Gift Shop are available for purchase, but an appointment needs to be made with the Gift Shop team during the week.
- 14.We will not be having Oneg at this time, but encourage you to schmooze while maintaining a social distance of 6 feet.
- 15.Please remember to stay 6 feet from those outside of your immediate group.

BETH HALLEL FAQ'S

#1 Is reopening permanent?

Not necessarily. We've reopened our doors, but this is subject to change depending on the public health data and guidance for Cobb and/or Fulton Counties.

#2 What if I'm not yet comfortable attending an in-person Shabbat service?

That is okay! We know everyone has a different level of comfort, so please do what you feel is best for you and your family. We recommend that those who are at higher risk for severe illness (including older adults and people of all ages with certain underlying medical conditions) limit their exposure risk by attending service virtually. Whether it is online or in-person, we will still be worshipping together as a community.

#3 Are you limiting the seating capacity of the Friday Night Shabbat service?

Friday Night Shabbat service will be held in the Synagogue building. We will maintain social distancing by blocking off every other pew. This will be done in order to ensure the health and well-being of our congregation, volunteers and staff. Reservations are no longer required. Doors will open at 7:30 PM.

#4 Are you limiting the seating capacity of the Saturday Shabbat service?

Saturday Shabbat service will be held in the MJCC building. Participants will be socially-distanced 6 feet apart. This will be done in order to ensure the health and well-being of our congregation, volunteers and staff. Doors will open at 10:30 AM. Please use the main doors to the building. Only if you have a physical need and are unable to use the stairwell, please utilize the bottom entrance.

#5 Am I required to wear a mask?

Masks will be optional for our Friday Night Shabbat Service. At our Saturday Shabbat Service, masks will be required for those 4 years of age and older, except for those on stage. The mask should cover your nose and mouth at all times while you are in Beth Hallel facilities. We ask that you provide your own mask. You will not be allowed into the facility, or to remain in the facility, if you are unable to wear a mask.

#6 What if I have a medical condition that prevents me from wearing a mask?

We encourage you to attend our "mask optional" service on Friday evening. Masks will only be required in the MJCC building during our Saturday Shabbat Service for those 4 years of age and older, except for those on stage. This also applies to those with special needs and considerations.

You will not be allowed into the facility, or to remain in the facility, if you are unable to wear a mask.

#7 If I need physical assistance, will someone be available?

Due to physical-distancing requirements, you will need to be able to enter and exit without assistance. If you have a caregiver, you are welcome to attend the in-person service with that individual so that they may provide you physical assistance.

#8 How are the facilities being cleaned and prepared for Shabbat service?

- Hand sanitizer stations will be available for your use upon arrival and throughout your visit.
- We request all interactions be touch-free (e.g., no hugs, hand-shakes, or touching the mezuzot).
- All Bibles and Siddurs have been removed from the pews. There will not be any community tallitot or kippot available. Congregants are encouraged to bring their own.
- MJCC seating will ensure a six-foot distance between family units.
- Cleaning procedures will take place throughout the facility before and after the service.

#9 What will the service be like?

The primary elements of our Shabbat service will remain – live worship, a great message from Rabbi Kevin, Shabbat liturgy, Torah reading, and friendly faces! The Torah Walk and Dance Ministry will be suspended temporarily to maintain physical distancing.

#10 Can I still bring my tithe or offering?

Yes, you may leave your tithe or offering onsite in the tzedakah box, send it directly from your bank through online bill-pay, mail it in to the office, or give online through our website.

#11 Will you provide childcare/programming for infants and children?

Yes! Childcare will be provided for children ages 0-3 years in the Nursery on both Friday and Saturday during Shabbat Service.

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#12 Will the online events still be available?

Yes! Our Friday Night Shabbat Service will be live streamed every week at 8:00 PM and will be available every Saturday morning. You can always find the messages on our CBH YouTube Channel or listen to Rabbi Kevin's messages on our Podcast.

#13 Why did Beth Hallel wait longer than other places of worship to restart their in-person Shabbat service?

Rabbi Kevin, the Beth Hallel staff, shammashim and zakenim have spent many weeks in prayer and discussion deciding what would be best for the members and guests of CBH. Their goal was to fully prepare for a safe, comfortable experience. Keeping everyone safe is our #1 priority.

#14 Will there be Oneg after service?

No, there will not be Oneg after service, but we still encourage you to schmooze while maintaining a social distance of 6 feet. Social distancing does not mean social isolation. Additionally, all drinking fountains will be turned off or covered during this time.

#15 Will I still have access to the restrooms?

Yes, but we ask that you limit the restroom use to one person at a time in the synagogue building and only 2 at a time in the MJCC (unless a parent is accompanying a child). If it is at capacity, please kindly wait until someone exits.

#16 What can I do to keep others safe while I'm at Beth Hallel?

Stay home if you are sick or have had close contact with a person who has Covid-19. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Additionally, if soap and water are not readily available, use the hand sanitizer provided. Wear your mask properly over your mouth and nose at all times. Cover all coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow. Please remember to stay 6 feet from those outside of your immediate group.

#17 Will the Gift Shop or Library be open?

Not at this time. We will seek to have these open as soon as possible. Items from the Gift Shop are available for purchase, but an appointment needs to be made with the Gift Shop team during the week. Please contact the synagogue office to make an appointment.