

# COVID PROTOCOLS

- **All eligible persons, entering the synagogue facility, must be fully up to date in their vaccination series, (includes booster shots).**
- **Masks at services and synagogue events are optional.**
- **No food, drink or schnapps is permitted or served on premises, unless planned and presented in a covid friendly manner.**
- **Kissing or physically touching the mezuzot on and within the building is not allowed. A symbolic gesture in that direction is recommended instead.**
- **Kissing, hugging or any other contact among non-family / outside cohort participants is discouraged.**
- **We require that you bring your own kippot, tallit & woman's head covering, if required.**
- **Congregants are required to sign a liability waiver (one time) and have it on file in the office. Proof of vaccination is also recommended to be on file.**
- **A liability wavier is required to be signed by all guests, 18 years and older, and submitted 2 days prior to the event.**
- **Rabbi conducts services in person and or via remote mode(s).\***
- **Once the Torah is taken from the ark, the Torah will be placed on a long table in the middle of the Bima.**
- **Persons receiving an Aliyah, who are in the sanctuary, may come to the Bima from the Cantors side, or by standing at your seats, or via zoom.**
- **Once the Aliyah has been completed, if they are in the sanctuary and came to the Torah, the person(s) must return to their seats before the next Aliyah.**
- **Only one family from the same cohort is recommended to be in the restroom(s) at a time. Bathroom will be periodically sanitized.**
- **If there is a simcha, "regulars" will be advised and attendance by them will be at their own discretion.**

\*Safety protocols will be observed at the podium(s).

**This policy is subject to change without notice, as determined by the Rabbi, president and/or the board of Melville JC, to be necessary or appropriate to protect the congregation in accordance with Jewish law and public health directives.**