

CHAT COMMENTS FROM AUGUST 3, 2020

DISCUSSION OF CONSIDERATION OF REOPENING SYNAGOGUES

- 13:04:10 From Lora Zygmant : Thank you Amy! Have been saying that since day one.
- 13:06:47 From Susan Sosnow : What was done about reopening in 1918? They managed to get through a pandemic without any of the tech we're relying on.
- 13:09:08 From Amy Asin (she/her/hers) : All of the resources from today, including the recording, will be shared after the webinar
- 13:11:44 From Amy Asin (she/her/hers) : You can find this document at:
<https://cdn.fedweb.org/fed-91/2/Back%2520in%2520Business%2520White%2520Paper.pdf>
- 13:12:11 From Amy Asin (she/her/hers) : These are all at:
<https://securecommunitynetwork.org/resumption-of-operations-and-organizational-reopening-working-group>
- 13:15:56 From Debbie Rudt : SOOOO Helpful! Thank you Brad.
- 13:16:17 From Ed Yudin : Hi Brad. can you give us your email again?
- 13:16:18 From tessa kean : help. too much too quickly
- 13:16:45 From Jessica Chasen : borsini@securecommunitynetwork.org
- 13:19:27 From Amy Asin (she/her/hers) : If you have questions, please type them here in the chat. If possible, do not private message me with questions. It will make it harder to answer them
- 13:19:54 From Andrea Bradley : Is there a summary of the changes in the revised Cross Movement Guide from the initial document?
- 13:19:58 From Gaia Goldman : What are Jack's qualifications? Just curious, as I am taking notes for my board.
- 13:20:16 From brad orsini : Brad Orsini. borsini@securecommunitynetwork.org
- 13:20:34 From Jay Silverberg : Can you give more details about the survey ... 40% said they won't return without a vaccine; 40% until treatment is better ... what about the other 60% ... what did they say ... are the results publicly available
- 13:20:45 From Amy Asin (she/her/hers) : Jack is president of the National Association of Temple Administrators
- 13:20:46 From Abigail Goldberg Spiegel : Jack is the executive director of Temple Sinai in Atlanta and president of the national association for temple administration(NATA)
- 13:20:57 From Allison Gelman : President of NATA (National Association of Temple Administration) and Executive Director of Temple Sinai in Atlanta, GA
- 13:21:25 From Gregory Hubbs : will the chats also be available?

13:22:01 From URJ Zoom Large Meeting : Yes - chats will be available when the recording is made available

13:23:59 From Adina Davies : What UV lights is he getting and to put there? My phone rang so he might have said it but I missed it.

13:24:39 From Marcia Stirch : Repeat the best source, health medrics.....

13:24:49 From Abigail Goldberg Spiegel : healthdata.org

13:25:09 From Debbie Rudt : interesting... so just because one area of operations returns, does not mean ALL areas of operations opens.

13:25:10 From Hilary Stecklein Kobrin : Which website has his 4 phase document?

13:25:21 From Mitchell Singer : Jack can you provide a link to your synagogues plan

13:26:08 From Cantor George Henschel : Could you please send out a link to the recording of this webinar, so our board can watch it later?

13:26:22 From Cantor George Henschel : I know you don't have the link yet, but when you do. . .

13:28:05 From URJ Zoom Large Meeting to Cantor George Henschel(Privately) : That's the plan!

13:28:14 From tessa kean to URJ Zoom Large Meeting(Privately) : What do you consider a small temple?

13:28:33 From URJ Zoom Large Meeting to tessa kean(Privately) : Did you want that to go to Everyone?

13:28:35 From Karen Hoffman : This is the strategy plan link Jack referred to. It's extraordinary and super helpful! <https://www.templesinaiatlanta.org/covid19.html#Reopening>

13:28:54 From URJ Zoom Large Meeting to tessa kean(Privately) : Usually under 150 families is considered small

13:28:59 From Ed Yudin : what about congregations like ours where we rent space from another organization that is not that careful about reopening?

13:29:26 From Betsy Frank : We are the only show in town, 30 families, mostly older. Our administrative assistant only person on-site daily. All services virtual

13:31:32 From JUNE MARA : Is ACC making recorded music available to congregations?

13:31:40 From Sonya Starr : 16pt aerosol is how far in feet?

13:33:07 From Amy Abrams : What about singing behind a plexiglas shield?

13:33:37 From John Perry : Our medical advisor we use on my Covid team says 24 feet spacing is average, but, the aerosol can linger and potentially float further.. we are having a production company do most of our High Holidays,

13:33:39 From Rachel Roth : Here is the link: <https://www.accantors.org/high-holy-day-recordings-2020>

13:33:41 From Nina Mandel : is there agreement about how far away is enough to stand

13:34:13 From Jill Israel : <https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2020/07/why-arent-we-talking-more-about-airborne-transmission/614737/>

13:34:14 From Kim Beame : Would plexiglass make a difference for singing? The plexiglass would only be on the sides and in front of the Cantor but not an enclosed box

13:35:07 From Marcia Stirch : Lots of anxiety in our communities

13:36:06 From Maggie Freed : our cantor in the sanctuary, rabbi in his office, via zoom

13:36:37 From Maggie Freed : only the tech person as well

13:36:49 From Rachel Roth : The ACC had a wonderful session with Dr. Ed Septimus regarding singing risks and mitigation. I'll make sure a version gets to the organizers of this session to get to all attendees.

13:36:59 From Judy Cohen : can you give us your websight again, Cantor Weiss

13:37:18 From Rachel Roth : The ACC website is [accantors.org](https://www.accantors.org)

13:38:27 From Cantor Steven Weiss : WWW.ACCANTORS.ORG

13:39:54 From Jessica Chasen : I'm sorry - I missed it - what are Leonard Deonarine's credentials?

13:40:47 From Amy Asin (she/her/hers) : • Leonard Deonarine is Senior Director of Emergency Preparedness with Hillard Heintze, a Jensen Hughes Company. Leonard is a professional risk manager that is certified in health & safety. Hillard Heintze is a partner organization of the Secure Community Network

13:42:37 From Debbie Rudt : Whats an example of additional venitallation tools?

13:42:45 From Ed Yudin : What do you do about issues like signage or air circulation if you are renting space?

13:47:50 From Doree : We are distributing prayer books in ad vance of High Holy Days.... each family is keeping their books and will return after YK concludes.

13:48:13 From Jessica Chasen : Haven't heard anyone mention congregant speaking or low volume chanting with mask on OUTSIDE. Inside, I understand the issues - OUTSIDE I'm unsure

13:48:33 From Andrea Bradley : So is the Torah off limits until we have a vaccine? Because we can't protect against droplet transmission on the surface?

13:49:07 From Jessica Chasen : We are creating a plexiglass covering that will sit ABOVE our torah. We also have enough torahs in our large congregation to rotate them

13:49:20 From Erin Katz : Singing with a mask on was discussed. It has been said to be potentially dangerous for the person singing.

13:49:38 From Jessica Chasen : Thank you Erin Katz for your input

13:49:43 From Marcia Stirch : Leonard, thank you for your honesty and straightforwardness.

13:49:50 From Cantor Steven Weiss : That is correct....it is not safe to sing with a mask on

13:49:54 From Michael Koss : How long should we be concerned with droplet transmission? If a torah is touched on Friday. When is it safe to touch again?

13:51:08 From Michael Koss : What is the minimum number of times for indoor air circulation happen in an hour?

13:51:11 From Debbie Rudt : I have been told by our HVAC componay that they can't tell us about the air circualtions per minute (or hour). Who/What type of companies can do such analysis in our buildings.

13:51:28 From Matt Korn : has anyone considered placing a facemark on the end of a shofar — even if its being blown from 20-50 feet away — might the mask catch aerosol and make it even safer to allow congregants to listen from across a parking lot? Or should we skip blowing shofar all together?

13:51:36 From Lisa Goldstein : Do you recommend a plexiglass shield for cantor?

13:52:19 From Lora Zygmán, Congregation Or Shalom : We are doing shofar blowing on congregants driveways. Distanced of course

13:52:30 From Adina Davies : Did he say he was going to send us an HVAC recommendation?

13:52:40 From Matt Korn : I believe CDC is recommending having air systems that can filter the air in a space 4-5 times per hour.

13:53:52 From Heidi Mover : Has anyone experimented with using an air compressor to blow the shofar?

13:55:10 From Jay Silverberg : please ask the Torah question ... if it's touched should it be put aside for a period of time and then cleaned

13:55:39 From Cantor George Henschel to URJ Zoom Large Meeting(Privately) : We're planning to do a "Shofarmobile" to about 6-7 outdoor locations around Baltimore, based on where our members are---sounding the shofar outdoors, well-distanced from everyone.

13:57:43 From Ira Spector : what feedback have we received in terms of personal enjoyment of a service under these conditions.

13:58:10 From Raymond Ruble : You mention not humming or singing; what about communal prayer?

13:58:30 From Janet Liss : parchment?

13:59:01 From Marci Bloch : many congregations are letting people in by family to go to ark during HHD time ...I assume bad idea from

13:59:04 From Marci Bloch : this call!

13:59:43 From Allan Hoberman : NYC DOE just issued guidance regarding the use of plexiglass separator. as per code 2606, Plexiglass is combustable and DOE recommends that Polycarbonate be used.

14:00:11 From Lora Zygmán, Congregation Or Shalom : @Marci-we are planning the same. Just not allowing people to touch anything.

14:01:08 From Betsy Frank : You could send prayer books home with congregants and you bring back

14:01:23 From Judy Cohen : is there any financial body that would help small synagogues to prepare of opening.

14:01:29 From Amy Abrams : is anyone holding in person services now?

14:01:46 From Rabbi Goldman-Wartell : @Marci - we are considering doing it during Elul, spaced in time and not between or during the HHDays.

14:02:40 From Lora Zygmán, Congregation Or Shalom : @Amy-we are holding in person BM. Up to 30 people. Re-evaluated as needed, by our task force Rabbi is in separate room

14:03:26 From Judith Goldberg : what's bk?

14:03:27 From Marcia Storch : Where can we find this recording and slides?

14:03:40 From Jessica Chasen : We held our first OUTSIDE Saturday morning service in our courtyard with NO SINGING, NO CHANTING - only spoken. We separated our courtyard into 20 spaces, each spaced 7 feet apart and 25 feet from the gazebo that we used as our bima space. ALL PEOPLE WORE MASKS, including clergy. All other services have been limited to clergy only, distanced and broadcast to our members

14:03:47 From Allison Gelman : In the Safety and Security group in the Tent.

14:04:00 From Amy Abrams : We are doing lifecycle events in person - weddings, BM and babynamings. Limiting to 50 people with masks and social distancing.

14:04:15 From Phil Feinberg : We are holding B/M outside with immediate families with masks. No more than 10 people

14:04:33 From Gregory Hubbs : So we have a YMCA childcare center at our site for children of essential workers. Do children need masks inside and or outside? Our facility is closed to our members.

14:04:33 From Betsy Frank : What about just one person in building only

14:04:40 From Marci Bloch : thank you!

14:04:45 From Ed Yudin : what if your landlord has some safety measures in place but insufficient for our safety needs? Our landlord was bringing in some students with special needs and their teachers contrary to what they told us.

14:04:53 From Judith Goldberg : what's bm?

14:05:10 From Erin Katz : B'nai Mitzvah is BM

14:05:11 From Amy Asin (she/her/hers) : BM = Bar or bat mitzvah

14:05:17 From Betsy Frank : What if you don't have a/c in sanctuary

14:05:18 From Doree : Anyone else having concerns with insurance? Our insurance won't protect against COVID-related law suits AND they don't even have a rider to protect us. How is everyone else handling financial risks?

14:05:50 From Glenn Wasserman : we are in the midst of discussing and formulating plans for b'nai mitzvah in person. only single family unit (same domicile) in sanctuary + rabbi, masks, barriers. Also grandparents in secondary room, socially distant. That's it. Outdoors, more people, more flexible, and still working on details

14:06:46 From Abigail Goldberg Spiegel : I heard the recommendation regarding airflow. Any merit to not have air on at all so that flow doesn't penetrate the building beyond the space being used?

14:07:23 From Susan Berger : can you speak to some congregations allowing 50 people for life cycle events. Given that many states are seeing a rise in cases, is this a bad idea for now?

14:07:38 From Debra Lytle : How much of break between guests in the sanctuary?

14:07:52 From Rita Appel : what about the increasing risk for the custodial and support staff?

14:08:57 From Michael Koss : Cantor Weiss has a clear picture of the many facets needing consideration. Thank you.

14:09:58 From Ed Yudin : would you insure all your employees who occasionally coming into our building are insured? In Canada, everyone has medical insurance, but what if someone gets Covid-19 and is off work for say two months?

14:11:28 From Linda Peck : is that MERV ?

14:11:35 From Doree : MERV 13 recommended for Central Air - but recycled Central Air concerning. Window AC brings outside air in. CA can also have ultra violet in intake

14:12:34 From Rachel Lefkowitz : @Doree Window ACs do not necessarily bring in outside air

14:12:52 From Erin Katz : Does everyone temperature check employees coming in to work? Even with smaller staff? Are masks worn the entire time and what other protocols do congregations have in place?

14:13:32 From Rachel Lefkowitz : No temperature checks at our site.

14:13:40 From Betsy Frank : We have one person only and no one comes in. She doesn't need mask alone in building

14:13:55 From Rachel Lefkowitz : Our HVAC tried to sell us ionizers. Ionizers are not recommended by EPA

14:14:04 From Klara Bode : staff only in building - temperature check every morning.

14:14:08 From Maggie Freed : so many asymptomatic - it may not be so useful

14:14:11 From Steve Brownstein : No temperature checks- no masks in individual offices but masks once you leave the office

14:14:12 From Jack Feldman : MERV = Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value....

14:15:05 From Jessica Chasen : Yes for temperature checks and symptom and travel checks - signed by every visitor and employee every day they come in. We all wear masks unless directly in own office space. Wear masks in hallways, etc. Sanitize down each space in morning and throughout the day - especially for shared equipment space like copier.

14:15:29 From Amy Abrams : We are doing the same as Jessica notes above

14:15:35 From Judy Ackerman : Shouldn't be in a rush to reopen if it takes away from carrying out our essential missions and supporting our congregants.

14:16:44 From Jessica Chasen : We have had one employee who returned to working from home for 2 weeks because of a potential exposure until received COVID-19 testing

14:16:53 From Amy Packer : our preschool is open. temperature and health checks done in their cars before kids enter the building

14:17:53 From Jessica Chasen : Only primary staff are in building right now. Visitors must schedule in advance. Our Preschool is anticipating opening in September and our Religious School is likely to remain online only.

14:17:54 From Rachel Lefkowitz : My office shares air with other offices, so if anyone else is in the building, I wear my mask

14:18:39 From Karen Hoffman : What are larger congregations planning for restroom protocol? Cleaning frequency? # people inside a multi-stall restroom, for example?

14:19:16 From Amy Abrams : We are allowing up to 3 people in restroom at one time. Restroom has 15 stalls.

14:19:46 From Karen Hoffman : Thank you, Amy. And how often will the restroom be cleaned?

14:19:59 From Amy Abrams : cleaned at end of each event

14:20:18 From Jessica Chasen : We changed our restrooms to Maximum number based on 1-2 and cleaning hourly is planned once we reopen. Right now with just 5-6 staff in building, we haven't had a problem with us cleaning behind ourselves too, but when we reopen for more, this is a concern

14:20:19 From Erin Katz : We are open to clergy, myself and maintenance at the moment. We do not do temperature checks at the moment, but do wear masks in all common space. We also do not go into offices and wipe down/sanitize and encourage hand washing often. We also have separated

bathrooms so that staff has their own restroom to use, limiting the contamination and spread of germs. We also make any vendors sign a form when they enter the building so we can track any potential exposure to the virus.

14:20:21 From Rachel Gross : Also curious about protocol for restroom use & cleaning... we've seen some plans (1 person at a time, cleaned in between uses) that are not practical

14:21:00 From Marci Greenstein Adat Shalom Bethesda MD : Amy Abrams - where are you and what is the size of your synagogue?

14:21:03 From Erin Katz : We luckily have 4 individual restrooms so we have them assigned to individual staff members. We clean after ourselves as well as have maintenance clean.

14:21:12 From Amy Abrams : In PA, 1000 families

14:21:18 From Judi Kern : Do you have data on the effectivity of hydrogen peroxide on COVID?

14:22:24 From Ed Yudin : what if the only bathrooms available are single unit bathrooms?

14:23:31 From Ellen Franklin : Can you post a link to Jack's reopening plan, please?

14:23:50 From Ed Yudin : Amy you are doing an amazing job managing this session!

14:24:26 From Debbie Vinocur : Thought you might want to mention it. :-)

14:24:30 From Larry Richek : In New Jersey Governor Murphy changed cap on indoor gatherings to 25% of capacity, maximum of 25 people. Not sure if it also applies to religious institutions.

14:24:37 From Karen Hoffman : <https://www.temple Sinai Atlanta.org/covid19.html#Reopening>

14:25:17 From Doree : YES!

14:25:28 From Joanie Calem : So many details. I am in awe of everything that has already been thought out. Thank you to all of you.

14:26:01 From Amy Bigman : Excellent webinar! Thanks to all who have put this together behind the scenes and to all of the presenters today!

14:26:03 From Maggie Freed : our county, los angeles, closed down all religious services except outdoor, and we dont have the space to do that.

14:26:04 From Jessica Chasen : NJ just changed while we were on this zoom!

14:26:47 From Erin Katz : It was the same thing in California. We opened too soon because we wanted to be open, and now things are shutting down. It is so important to separate the want from the need. Thank you everyone for this webinar - it is SO helpful!

14:29:37 From JUNE MARA : This was excellent. Thank you so much!

14:29:40 From Liz Fear - she : So grateful to you all, thank you!

14:29:46 From Jennah Scher : THIS was so WONDERFULLY helpful

14:29:55 From Jennah Scher : thank you all for your time and expertise

14:29:57 From Russell Finer : Thank you all for the sane answers to all the questions and concerns

14:30:00 From Paul Shatz : Thank you, this was great!

14:30:01 From Liza Wilson : Very informative. Thank you All!

14:30:02 From Jerome Becker : thank you to all!

14:30:04 From Andrea Bradley : Thank you for this wonderful webinar. Much appreciated

14:30:04 From Klara Bode : Thank you.

14:30:07 From Sharon Shemesh : Thank you - this was good.

14:30:07 From Maggie Freed : thanks to everyone, this was very helpful

14:30:08 From Karen Hoffman : Thank you all so much!

14:30:12 From Mitchell Singer : Thank you, this was very helpful

14:30:13 From Raymond Ruble : Thank you all

14:30:14 From Holly Krakow : Thank you as always!! So meaningful and helpful!!

14:30:18 From Rachel Gross : Excellent webinar - thank you to all the speakers and organizers!

14:30:20 From Stuart Litwin : Thank you all.

14:30:23 From rjones : Great information!! thanks

14:30:24 From Lora Zygmant, Congregation Or Shalom : Thank you for making this available. Very useful and thought provoking.

14:30:29 From Judy Cohen : didn't realize the scope fo reopening. Quite a job.thank you so much for helping me

14:30:29 From Jennifer Levin-Tavares : great job

14:30:44 From Ira Spector : Congregation Ner Tamid in Henderson NV thanks you all Greatly!!


14:30:46 From Jane Sable-Friedman : Excellent webinar, thanks everyone

14:30:54 From Micky Baer : Thank you so much!

14:30:54 From Patty Rehfus : Thank you everyone!!

14:30:58 From Paul Sidlofsky : Thank you to everyone!

14:30:58 From Rina Liebeskind : Thank you

14:31:01 From Vicky Farhi : Yasher koach!

14:31:02 From Ira Spector : learned lots!!

14:31:03 From ann : THANKS! This was so informative

14:31:04 From Andy Lincoln : Thank you all