



## RITUAL #1

# BREAKING SOCIAL DISTANCE BOUNDARIES

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## CONCEPT

- Kavannot and activities for when we are with others with no mask - personal and/or communal

## RITUAL ACTIONS/BLESSINGS/KAVANOT

- Start service or event outside, at the door. Begin with “Barukh Haba B’shem HaShem” (wedding liturgy). Sing or give opening d’var.
- At the morning service, emphasize חורין/בת חורין or הנותן ליעף כח.
- Communal Birkat HaGomel during Torah service
- 6th blessing of the Amidah: מודים אנחנו לך
  - Finish the Amidah with an English reading of the blessing.
  - Communal conversation about what we’re thankful for, wins we’ve had from the past year.
  - COVID-Keepers
  - E.g. I/we are grateful...
    - For those who protected me as I protected them by wearing mask and keeping distance
    - For those who made it possible to be vaccinated: researchers, scientists, medical volunteers, test subjects, Government policy makers, all who have agreed to get vaccinated

## RITUAL OBJECTS

**Tile Mosaic** (can also be done with masks, if someone sews)

- Decorating tiles or masks with pictures of challenges from this year, perhaps incorporating quotes from Eicha for Tisha B’Av
- Rip or break masks or tiles, talking about the brokenness of the destruction of the Temple (refer to broken glass at weddings as another example)
- The community joins together to put the pieces together as a mosaic or quilt, showing how brokenness can be mended and beautified through community.

## MEKOROT FOR DRASH

**Riff on Ecclesiastes:**

- A season is set for everything, a time for every experience under heaven:
- A time for embracing and a time for shunning embraces
- A time for hiding our faces and a time to reveal our faces (hester panim)

