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Dear Friends,

The pandemic struck our community approximately three years ago. Together we have worked to keep our Temple and community running using care, reasonable protections and kindness. The world has continued the re-opening process and TIR will as well.

The board with guidance from our re-opening committee (thank you for your hard work and continued effort to keep us safe) has decided that we will return to the pre-pandemic way of life. We strongly suggest those attending events in person be vaccinated since we have an elderly population and by being vaccinated you will be performing a mitzvah of kindness to others. However, if you attend events and are unvaccinated, we ask that you please wear a mask.

If you are feeling under the weather please stay home. Zoom is available so you can still "attend" services without compromising others' health.

For those of you who have been with us on Zoom, have no fear: we will continue to provide that service for the foreseeable future — in addition to allowing us to hold services during the worst of the pandemic, it reconnected us with old friends who have moved away, and also provides an opportunity to those under the weather or with concerns to participate in our services. Rest assured we will respect your right to choose your comfort level and, as always, will try to make everyone feel safe and secure.

Thank you for your continued support.

L'shalom,

Jaime Siegel, President
On behalf of the Board and Rabbi