



# Magen Avot

Hi

We are very excited to be davening all together on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

As we did last year, we have again taken formal and expert medical advice to provide as safe an environment as possible in these unprecedented circumstances. We are extremely grateful to NRPS school and Od Yosef Chai in making the playground available to us, and as you know, we are erecting a marquee, which will allow us to sing and come together for as normal a Tefillah as possible.

To ensure all of our safety, we do need to flag some measures which we are putting in place:

- Following United Synagogue guidance, we are asking all attendees to please take a lateral flow test on erev Yom Tov. Those who receive a positive result, must not attend and should book a PCR test for pre or post Yom Tov.
- All seats are pre-assigned. Please make your way to your seat as directly as possible and do not move the chairs, as these will be carefully measured out to achieve social distancing.
- Please use the anti-bacterial hand gel provided on arrival.
- Please do not move around the marquee unless called up. This is to avoid as much physical interaction as possible.
- Just as for the adults, it is absolutely critical that children do not move around in the marquee. Please do not bring children to Shul who cannot stay in their assigned seat.
- We will keep the marquee sides completely open, even if it's cold and wet. This will create a very rapid air change. Please come dressed taking this into account.
- Although masks are not **required**, as we are outside, we would request nonetheless that masks be worn by as many as possible, as an added safety measure. **If you want to sing, it will be much safer to do so when wearing a mask. Please do not sing too loudly, to protect those around you.**
- The amount of time required for the davening will be somewhat shortened. We will be starting from Pesukei De Zimrah at 8.30am. As was the case last year, some of the additional piyyutim will be left out.
- There will be a kiddush on both days Rosh Hashanah which will be served in a manner which complies with appropriate guidelines.
- Although a cleaner will be in attendance the whole time, everyone should please wipe down their own chairs and tables. For the sake of maintaining cleanliness and hygiene there will be no tablecloths used. Anti-bac wipes will be readily available, but please feel free to bring your own;
- On leaving, everyone will be asked to exit row by row to avoid congestion.
- Anyone with COVID or flu-like symptoms should NOT come to shul. **Keeping everyone safe must be our absolute priority.**

These precautions follow specific medical advice for Magen Avot in these circumstances and each one is designed for all our safety. We ask you to help us in complying and also ask for your understanding. We apologise in advance for any annoyance caused. Looking forward to celebrating with you what we are sure will be a wonderful Rosh Hashana.

Warm best wishes for a ketivah veChatima Tova and a Shana Tova  
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PS: Here is a link to Simon Bentley's pre-Chag YouTube message: <https://youtu.be/CmfQfvwmWS0>