

## **Gan Covid Safety Protocols**

In response to the Covid-19 Delta variant, and our value of pikuach nefesh (preserving human life), all people over the age of 12 are required to show proof of vaccination in order to attend all indoors, in-person, Temple Beth Am services, events and activities including The Gan. Please see the details below.

- Every staff member, madrich (assistant teacher) and students over 12 years of age must be fully vaccinated in order to participate in-person.
- If you turn 12 during a Shmita, you must receive at least your first vaccination before the next Shmita begins to continue coming in-person.
- Masks are required at all times for everyone, even those that are vaccinated, both indoors and outdoors. The only exception is outdoors while seated and eating or drinking.
- Although we are not requiring testing for The Gan, if you believe you have been exposed to Covid or are experiencing any symptoms of Covid, PLEASE do not come to in-person learning. Students displaying any Covid symptoms will be immediately sent home.

For students under 12 years old who are currently unable to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, we are doing the following:

- Creating grade-level learning pods of 6 or fewer students (and where possible connecting these by family relationships) to limit contact with other unvaccinated children from week to week.
- Using the best health and safety practices and guidelines such as masks and social distancing and adding tents to our courtyard to enable year-round outdoor learning.
- Only students will be allowed inside the buildings during Gan times. There will be no other parent or congregant activities happening inside simultaneously.
- Only well ventilated, outdoor spaces and rooms with upgraded HVAC in Temple Beth Am and UPrep will be used for socially distanced podded learning groups.

If your student or someone in your household has tested positive for Covid:

1. If your child is diagnosed with Covid, please notify Temple Beth Am as soon as possible and we will then inform the members of your child's pod.
2. If someone in household other than your child who is enrolled in The Gan is diagnosed with Covid we ask that your household follows quarantine protocols, not come in and notify us but we will not notify other families in your student's pod.

If your student is experiencing cold, flu or Covid like symptoms, we ask that they do not attend in-person classes until they are feeling better.