

Protocols/Procedures

Masks

All adults who are in our building are required to wear masks. Children are required to wear masks. Each classroom exists as a “pod”, remaining together throughout the day without overlapping or sharing equipment with other pods. The research supports this model for limiting exposure to the virus and promoting social and cognitive growth.

Drop off/Pick up/Visitors

Only temple staff and students are in the building during the day. No visitors are allowed in designated “pre-school spaces” and only limited guests are allowed in the Temple office. Drop off and pick up is at the curb (office entrance) for students in private classes. Children in the public classes are dropped off at the curb by the sanctuary entrance. Waivers regarding home exposure and current health will be on Remini for parents to fill in before coming to school in the morning and temperature will be taken and logged before children are taken inside by a member of the teaching team.

Indoor Spaces

Children are in their classrooms without socially distancing (**but with masks on**). A routinized cleaning schedule will be in place for hand washing and disinfecting of materials as children move throughout the classroom centers. Children will have their own material boxes including markers, crayons, glue sticks etc. Shared tools will be wiped down with alcohol wipes in between uses. Children and staff will wash hands often. Bathrooms will be disinfected after every use. Our full- time custodian (this is in addition to our building/custodial manager) and our teaching staff will have cleaning responsibilities. Checklists are posted and signed off on.

Outdoor Spaces

We have identified separate outdoor spaces that are equipped with fun and engaging materials/activities so that children can have extended time learning and exploring outside throughout the year. We have also identified many large spaces within the building for times when children cannot be outdoors to limit the overlapping of indoor play spaces.

Music/Sports

We have created curriculum that can be done either virtually or with our existing staff. Music will be more instrument and movement based. Sports will be conducted by our own teachers utilizing the same principles as our former enrichment offering.

Shabbat (For Private Students Only)

Shabbat occurs in the art gallery space (doors open) with the cantor and/or rabbi. Parents will be able to zoom into the classroom to read stories. Teachers will take video and pictures to share with families.

Technology

We are equipping the classrooms with cameras/laptops/monitors to create the opportunity for children to join the class virtually if they are required to stay home when class is in person. They will be able to participate in things like circle time, show and tell and project time.

Quarantine

In the event we are quarantined again, we have created a plan to transition right into virtual learning from day 1. Classes will have daily meetings and shared experiences, like Shabbat, will continue with no delays.

Parent Communication

There will be frequent full school updates in addition to a daily class update via Remini. We will be utilizing the full capabilities of the app to ensure parents feel informed and updated about everything that is going on at school. Remini tutorials are available prior to the start of school for parents, in small groups. We have designated a staff member to provide tech support when needed.

Illness

We follow the department of health guidelines which are extremely stringent. Children will not be allowed into the building with any sign of illness. Children who develop symptoms while at school will be isolated with me until they are picked up. All students in that pod will be moved to an alternate space (like the Beit Midrash) for the rest of the day, to ensure proper disinfection of the room. The department of health will provide guidance on COVID positive protocols, if needed. We will follow the state mandated guidelines regarding children with symptoms and time they need to be home.

Staffing

Staff will be limited to their own classes. They will not be able to move between classrooms. I will be greeting them daily from the doorways and during outdoor play