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We would like to provide you with an update regarding the safeguards that have been implemented effective immediately to hopefully avoid the spread of COVID-19 while at the same time allowing TAY to move forward with its mission. In addition to the recommendations and implementations that were made last week, the following additional safeguards were discussed at length yesterday afternoon during a staff meeting in which I participated and endorsed last evening by the Ritual Committee:

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- a. Shabbat morning services will be conducted in the Goldberg Sanctuary beginning this Saturday which will afford us the ability to implement Social Distancing. The readers table together with the Torah stands that are on either side of the ark will be moved from the Miron Chapel into the Goldberg Sanctuary to allow us to keep that sense of community while allowing us to spread out a bit more. We strongly encourage you to try and keep at least 6' away from one another;
- b. To the extent you own a tallit, you are encouraged it to wear it rather than what TAY provides;
- c. If you are going to wear a TAY provided tallit, please do not kiss it;
- d. If you have an Aliyah, please do not kiss the tallit or the Torah scroll – Rabbi Zehavi will provide us with his insight about an equally meaningful alternative;
- e. To the extent there is a processional with the Torah before or after the conclusion of the Torah service, please refrain from kissing the Torah;
- f. For those who will be reading Torah, we encourage you to bring your own yad;
- g. Kiddush will be modified again; and
- h. Daily weekday minyanim and breakfast will continue for now – everyone will be encouraged to adhere to Social Distancing and the various other practices listed above.

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It is important to reiterate that in addition to the precautions listed above, please avoid shaking hands and kissing one another. A warm smile goes a long way. If you are feeling ill, please stay home.