

*Dear Friends and Members of Chabad of Plano*

*We are very pleased to be able to share with you the good news that we are opening our doors once again for services. These past few months have shown us the importance of a place for our community to join together in prayer and Torah. The ability for Chabad of Plano to remain open will in large part be a communal effort. We all need to do our best to follow the recommendations and guidelines of the CDC and the State of Texas.*

*This **Shabbat morning, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we will start Phase one of opening the Shul for the following Services – Monday and Thursday morning and Friday night, Shabbos Morning and Shabbos afternoon.*

*The conditions of our reopening are as follows:*

- 1) The Sanctuary seating will be reconfigured to facilitate social distance seating.*
- 2) Everyone in attendance will be required to wear a facial mask from the time you enter the building. If you do not have your own, masks will be available in the lobby of the Shul.*
- 3) Everyone is asked to sanitize their hands by using the hand sanitizer that will be provided by the Chabad Center as you enter.*
- 4) If you have your own Tallit please bring it with you for both weekday and Shabbat services. If you don't own one we will make one available to you at the Shul.*

5) *If you have your own Siddur please bring it with you for both weekday and Shabbat. If you don't own one; for the weekday the Shul will provide you with one with your name on it, only for you to use all week. On Shabbat, prayer books will be used only once over the weekend. The Shul will provide a fresh Siddur for every person in attendance for the three Shabbat services.*

6) *There will be no kissing of Torah and the Mezuzot. We will express our love and respect for the Torah by adhering to these precautions.*

7) *Unfortunately we cannot yet accommodate children under 12 years at any of these services. Any children 12+ must stay with the adults during the whole service. We understand how important it is for children to be able to come to Shul. Please understand that this is a temporary measure and we are hoping to be able to welcome children back to Shul at the earliest possible time.*

8) *There will be no Shabbat Kiddushim or Seudah Shlishit at this time.*

9) *Please touch as few surfaces as possible with your bare hands. Surfaces will be disinfected daily and as many doors as possible will remain open, thus minimizing the need for direct contact with door handles.*

*The above conditions are **mandatory** and will be enforced respectfully and firmly.*

*We are actively working on a plan that would allow families to attend Shul for Shavuot. We will be in touch regarding this, in the near future.*

***If you experiencing any flu symptoms, fever (over 100.4), are not feeling well or have been exposed to someone who has Covid like symptoms please do not attend.***

***We encourage all those who are elderly or have underlying medical conditions to please consider the risks very carefully before you come to Shul or any public space, even with the above precautions.***

*All of the above conditions will be subject to frequent review and modifications as the COVID-19 situation evolves.*

*We are grateful that we are able to reopen and look forward to the time when we can resume all programs and activities without the above precautions. Until then, we ask you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring that our families and community remain safe and healthy.*

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Howard Kussman Dr. Velvel Kantor and Dr. Oren Zebaida for so generously giving of their time to help guide us through the reopening of Chabad.*

*With our heartfelt wishes for a time when all sickness will be removed from our world with the coming of our complete redemption speedily in our time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Rabbi Menachem Block*

*Rabbi Yehuda Horowitz*