**Yamim Noraim 2021 Covid Protocols**

We are very happy to welcome members and guests back to shul.

We are very aware that people have different feelings and expectations around issues such as social distancing, mask wearing, singing, etc.

Obviously, **we want everyone to feel considered,** included and welcome, while at the same time maintaining key measures to protect our community, to keep each other safe and to minimise the risk of spreading disease.

**Booking**

**In line with our current practice for Shabbat services, we are asking everyone to sign up in advance for the Yamim Noraim services**. As a community, we are not requiring any proof of vaccination or negative tests, but of course no one should come to shul if they feel unwell or suspect that they may have symptoms.

If you show symptoms of COVID after attending any service over the Yamim Noraim, please e-mail immediately our administrator, Elaine (admin@kolnefesh.org.uk), and copy the convenors in your message (convenor@kolnefesh.org.uk). Thank you.

**Masks**

**As for Shabbat services, we would ask everyone to wear masks in the Yamim Noraim** services **and in all indoor areas,** unless they have an exemption.

**Sanitation**

**We will provide hand sanitizers at both the Emanuel Centre and Leonard Sainer.**

**Machzorim**

**You may feel more comfortable bringing your own machzor to shul but, as in previous years, we will provide some of those that belong to the shul.**

**Singing**

Happily, we are now permitted to sing. Continuing to wear masks will allow us to join in with the service and create the *ruach*, the spirit, we all appreciate.

**Social Distancing**

**There is no longer a legal requirement to maintain social distancing, but we have the space at the Emanuel Centre on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Kol Nidre / Yom Kippur which is large enough to accommodate around 200 people. This will allow you to move your seats further away from others if that will make you more comfortable. Please respect any requests from other attendees for social distancing. The sanctuary at Leonard Sainer will continue to be very well ventilated.**

**Kiddush**

**As in previous years, there will be no Kiddush on Rosh Hashanah, but we will be able to break the fast together with food and liquid refreshment in the dining area at the front of the Emanuel Centre.**

**Review**

We will regularly review these policies and keep the community informed of any changes that may be necessitated by the evolving Covid situation and ensuing government guidelines.

**Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing you. Chag Sameach, Philippa and Gabi.**