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Subject: Re: Covid & Beth El
Date: April 19, 2022 at 10:21 PM
To: Karen Blumenfeld kblumenfeld100@gmail.com
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Hi Jan,

Here's what I remember: We closed abruptly on March 12, 2020, after a long discussion at a board meeting. I believe we remained closed (services on Zoom) until June, 2021, when we re-opened with no masks, no food and no musical instruments. Later in the summer we went back to masks, I think. We were able to have our Sept High Holidays in person, as well as a gala farewell weekend at the end of September to honor our retiring Cantor. That weekend we allowed no food inside, but the weather was good enough that we had a huge tent in the parking lot where we had a reception Friday evening, a lunch on Saturday and a dinner Saturday night. (It was wonderful.) There was a program in the building that Saturday night that required masks. Everything last fall was also on Zoom (except the meals outdoors). We continued to meet in person and on Zoom until in December, it was required that all in person attendees be fully vaccinated. (No vaccination questions had been asked before.) We made masks optional a few weeks ago.

Judy

On Tue, Apr 19, 2022 at 9:32 PM Karen Blumenfeld <kblumenfeld100@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jan,

I think Judy will be able to answer your questions, and if not, she can probably connect you with an appropriate person at Beth El. I'm copying Judy on this email.

Karen

> On Apr 19, 2022, at 9:14 PM, YON - Jan C. Hardenbergh <jch@jch.com> wrote:

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> Hi Karen,

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> Totally different topic. Would you be willing to send me a timeline or a narrative how Covid affects the Beth El services? Or put me in touch with someone else?

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> Did you have services on Zoom or YouTube?

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> Both First Parish and MCC followed the same pattern:

> Switch service to Zoom in March 2020

> In September, we came back to worship in person and still using Zoom

> In December we stopped in person worship due to Omicron

> In February, we came back in-person?

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> Thank you!

> -Jan