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Dear Connecting with Community Lunch Participants,

We have great news! Effective June 17, Federation will resume it's Connecting with Community kosher lunch, once a week, outdoors under a large, shady tent for the remainder of the summer.

To provide everyone with the safest, most enjoyable, and inclusive experience possible, the following guidelines will be strictly enforced.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:**

- Picnic style meals will take place on Thursdays under the tent at Knesset Israel.
- You **MUST MAKE A RESERVATION** by 9:00 AM the same day as the meal. This will be enforced. You are welcome to call sooner too!
- Please do not arrive before 11:45 AM
- While masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals, we highly encourage those who feel they are vulnerable to continue masking.
- Unvaccinated individuals must wear a properly fitted mask that covers from the bridge of the nose to the chin at all times while on the premises unless seated at the socially distanced table(s) specially reserved for unvaccinated individuals. Failure to abide by this requirement will result in exclusion from future participation.
- Unvaccinated individuals may choose to pick up their meal at the kitchen door or if they meet Elder Services intake requirement, may qualify for Meals on Wheels to be delivered.
- If you are feeling unwell or think you may have been exposed to any communicable illness, please remain at home and cancel your reservation.
- There will be a maximum of 6 people to a table. We cannot allow rearranging of chairs to accommodate more than the 6 permitted per table.
- Beginning in July we are planning to add live music as part of the experience.
- Maximum time for meals including programming and socializing is 2 hours.
- All meals will be individually packaged and labeled with your name. It will contain personal cutlery, condiments and a beverage. There is no sharing of any items.

- As the tent is on the lawn, footing may not be level so please proceed with caution.
- Any person who wishes may just pick up their meal and go.
- In the event of inclement weather, anyone who has ordered a picnic meal will be responsible for picking up their own meal at the kitchen door unless you have called by 9:00 am to make alternative arrangements.
- Your name and phone number will be kept to affect contact tracing if it is needed. Please keep us updated if anything changes.
- A staff person will be on site with participants monitoring that safety protocols are being followed.
- KI's bathrooms will be accessible via a key fob, that will allow one person at a time in the building

We are further considering indoor meals heading into the fall and winter as KI policy and current health standards and safety allows! We will be discontinuing extra delivery options over the coming months as we return to more in person meals.

**We look forward to seeing you in person very soon!** If you have any questions or concerns, please call Cindy Bell-Deane at (413) 442-2200 on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday between 9:00 am to noon, or leave a message and she will get back to you.

B'Shalom,

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