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Dear Members and Friends,

We can all relate to the ongoing struggle to strike the balance between normalcy and safety. As a congregation that struggle is compounded with the fact that we are all different people with different needs and different feelings and opinions. We are very grateful for the very high level of compliance and cooperation we have seen so far. Indeed, it is our sacred duty as members of a congregation to seek what is best for the entire group even at the expense of our own preferences. We thank you all for doing your part.

Now, as health risks continue to decline, and in response to the many congregants who have voiced their interest in having the option to pray without a mask, we have decided to update our COVID policies for Golf Manor Synagogue. We will be dividing the Main Sanctuary into two sections (for both men and women respectively). The lower center section of the Main Sanctuary will be a mask-optional zone, the raised section to the left of the Aron Kodesh will serve as the masks-only section for men. The women's section will be divided in the middle by temporary partitions, the front half of the section will be masks-only and the back half will be masks-optional. We ask that you exercise extra sensitivity to others during this transition and remain mindful of the possibility that your actions may make others feel uncomfortable and unsafe. Specifically, we ask that no one enter the mask-required areas, even temporarily, while unmasked.

Our early Shabbos minyan in the social hall will also be mask-optional.

Masking will still be required in the front lobby and bathrooms.

We will continue to social distance whenever possible during this phase.

Children are welcome to come to Shul but may not roam freely through the building. Please be mindful to limit the children you bring to Shul to those who will be able to stay with an adult while in the building.

May Hashem continue to protect our community, and may we soon reach the point at which COVID-policy will be a thing of the past.

Wishing you a happy and healthy spring and summer season.

Sincerely,
Golf Manor Synagogue

Rabbi Yosef Alt – Rabbi

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