

Beth Hillel Temple (BHT) Visitor Policy

Overview

Beth Hillel Temple remains a friendly community that welcomes non-members, including member guests and unaffiliated visitors. The current climate of violence and antisemitism coupled with the need to protect our members and our synagogue have led us to create a more stringent visitor policy.

Visitor Definition

A visitor is defined as a person entering our synagogue who has not been invited by a member of BHT.

Guest Definition

A guest is defined as a person entering our synagogue who has been invited by a member. This includes Shabbat, holidays, and events. Members are asked to provide a guest list for life events such as a B’Nai Mitzvah. Guests are expected to comply with BHT’s COVID policy.

Visitor Registration Requirement

All visitors must register with the office in advance. Visitors are expected to comply with BHT’s COVID policy.

Update BHT Voice Message

BHT office phone message to include the following:

“If you are interested in visiting Beth Hillel Temple, advance registration is required. You will be asked to comply with Beth Hillel Temple’s COVID policy.”

Visitor Attendance Policy

- Visitor attendance is limited to regularly scheduled services. Visitors are not allowed to attend events such as B’Nai Mitzvah, life events, family services, and special occasions (i.e. Temple Picnic, Sukkot Dinner, Chanukah Dinner). An exception is a new family with kids considering membership at BHT is allowed to attend family services.
- If a visitor requests a visit when an event is taking place, they will be told it is a member only event and offered alternative dates and times to visit.
- Visitors must register in advance with the office.
- If an unregistered visitor shows up at BHT, they will be advised of the registration requirement and asked to come back another time as a registered visitor.
- If an unregistered visitor shows up at BHT and the greeter at the door knows who they are, they may use their discretion if there are no known issues with the visitor.

Policy Administration

Office

- The office will conduct an initial phone screening and make a judgment call when deciding to register the visitor. The initial screening will include advising the visitor of BHT's COVID policy.
- The office will retain a file of visitor registration contact information including their email address and phone number.
- A list of registered visitors and the date/service they are approved to attend will be left in the office for the greeters to use to confirm registration prior to buzzing them in.

Greeters

- Greeters will confirm the name of everyone at the door prior to buzzing them in.
- Unregistered visitors will be advised of the registration requirement and asked to come back on another day after completing the registration process.



Beth Hillel
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Rabbi Hillel said: ...The more Torah, the more life...The more righteousness, the more peace...

הוא היה אומר: ... מרבה תורה, מרבה חיים...מרבה
צדקה, מרבה שלום...

Pirke Avot: 2:7

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