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To Our Beloved Community,

With gratitude to Hashem, the Vaad Harabanim welcomes the announcement of the Mayor that shuls may open effective today, Erev Shabbos Parshas Shlach, at 50% capacity.

We recognize that not all shuls, given the short notice, may be able to open safely now and we respect the decisions which each shul will undertake.

Those shuls which are able to open in a manner deemed safe may do so already for Shabbos. We ask that no individual make a decision to attend his shul if that disbands the backyard minyan he currently attends leaving his neighbors stranded without a Minyan.

It is understood that all shul attendees must only come to shul if:

- 1) There is no one ill in their household.
- 2) They have washed/sanitized their hands.
- 3) They wear a mask throughout their time in shul.
- 4) They maintain the necessary social distancing.

Thank you to the wonderful kehila of Baltimore who have worked together with all of us over these past months to, with Siyata D'Shmaya, keep our community healthy. May this Bracha continue as we each do our part.

A gutten Shabbos to all,

**Yaakov Hopfer on behalf of the Vaad Harabanim of Baltimore**