



ISRAEL CONGREGATION OF MANCHESTER

Rituals of Israel Congregation for Shabbat and Festivals

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Israel Congregation on Shabbat and festivals is a place where sacred time is observed. To consecrate ICM during sacred time, the following rituals apply:

1 | Shabbat Time is Sacred Time

- A. Definition of Shabbat Time: Shabbat time begins with candle lighting at 6:30 unless a Friday service begins earlier or later for any reason; Shabbat time extends through sundown Saturday evening. The building is available only for Shabbat purposes during these hours (anything related to the observance of Shabbat).
- B. Usage of personal electronic devices (smartphones, flip phones, etc.) is prohibited in the synagogue during Shabbat time as defined in (1A) above. Congregants and guests should refrain from all functions during Shabbat Time: texting, photos, emails, web browsing. For emergency personnel (e.g. medical doctor) the device may be put on vibrate and the call should be taken outside of the sanctuary.
- C. Photography and videography in the sanctuary and building is prohibited during Shabbat time.
- D. Candles for non-ritual purposes may be lit during Shabbat time only by non-Jewish employee(s) of Israel Congregation.

2 | Festival Time

- A. Festival time (Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Passover, Shavuot) begins with candle lighting in the evening and concludes at sundown the following day. Seventh day of Sukkot and Passover are also festival time, beginning with sundown the evening prior and concluding at sundown the next day. The building is available only for observance of festival purposes during these hours (anything related to the observance of the Festival.)
- B. Rosh Hashanah (two days) begins at sundown and concludes at sundown following the *second* day. The building is available only for the observance of Rosh Hashanah.
- C. Ritual policies for Shabbat Time extend to Festival Time (B, C, D above).