

HINENI GUIDELINES

The word “Hineni” means “Here I am” in a spiritual sense, which is what Abraham says to God to indicate his readiness when he is called upon.

At Congregation Beth Jacob, Hineni is a service that provides help from congregants to congregants, when needed. Typically this entails being available to drive congregants to medical appointments, Temple services and/or meetings when they do not have family members or friends available to assist them.

Below are the recommended guidelines for the operation of the Hineni program.

For Hineni drivers:

- Commitment may be once a week, month or year. It is suggested that the participant be available on an at least an occasional basis.
- The commitment to drive is only for specific appointments on specific days and times, which are prearranged.
- A driver is not required to drive the person to other activities before or after the appointment.
- If the appointment requires travel out of the Plymouth area, or an excessive amount of waiting time, reimbursement may be given.

For those using the services of Hineni:

- To make an appointment for a Hineni driver, you must directly contact the Hineni Chair, Ed Sore. His contact information is below. He will coordinate with Hineni drivers to make arrangements.
- Hineni drivers are volunteers. It often takes time to find drivers for specific dates and times. Hineni asks that you give 2 weeks notice for a date.
- We understand that times for outpatient procedures are often not available until 24 hours before the procedure. Generally, Hineni drivers are there to take the person to outpatient surgery and drive them home afterwards.
- Your Hineni driver will contact you the night before your appointment to confirm the date, time and location of the appointment.

- The Hineni driver will arrive at your home, or an agreed upon pick-up location approximately 15 - 30 minutes before the appointment, depending upon the location and distance of the appointment. You are asked to be ready to go when they arrive.
- The Hineni driver will bring you to your appointment and wait for you, or return to pick you up at an agreed upon time. They will then deliver you directly home.
- Hineni is in place to help Congregants in a one off situation. We are not to replace, nor are we qualified to provide, care that needs to be given on a regular basis. The Town of Plymouth has a full range of Social Service agencies to take care of residents with on-going illnesses or elder care. Persons who need monthly (or more often) rides should go through Social Services or hire someone to fill those needs.
- Since emergencies do arise, it is the discretion of the Hineni Chair to decide whether or not a request can be met.
- **All Congregant requests will be maintained in the strictest of confidentiality!**

Hineni Contacts:

Chair: Ed Sore 617-620-9310 (cell)
774-338-5209 (home)

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND WELCOMED!!!