



Jewish Community
Council of Montreal

Conseil de la Communauté
Juive de Montréal

ועד העיר דמונטריאל

September 22, 2020

ד' תשרי תשפ"א

6825 Decarie Blvd,
Montreal, Quebec,
H3W 3E4
Tel: (514) 739-6363
Fax: (514) 739-7024
Web: www.mk.ca

Rabbi Saul Emanuel
Executive Director

PRAESIDIUM
Leibi Goldberger
Alan Katznelson
Leonard Mintz
Juda Leib Pal
Yoel Weber

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
Yochanan Kuhnreich
Martin Labow

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
Saul Deitcher

VICE PRESIDENT
Fred Pfeiffer

SECRETARY
Chaim Fruchter

TREASURER
Yehuda Pfeiffer

Dear Friend,

Re: Traveling with Lulav and Esrog to the United States during COVID19

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (Department of Homeland Security) have made inspectors at border posts between Canada and the United States aware of the upcoming Succos Holiday. They have kindly arranged that there will be agricultural specialists available throughout the Yom Tov traveling period.

It is recommended that travelers traveling by car use the Champlain Border (Lacolle), as this border post will have more inspectors available. However, all border crossings between Canada and the United States have been briefed accordingly.

At the same time, arrangements have also been made at Montreal's Pierre Elliot Trudeau International Airport.

People who are traveling with Lulav and Esrog will be questioned as to these items, which can be brought into the United States for personal use only. Once these items have been cleared and are free of pests and/or diseases, they will be released. Members of border inspection are sensitive to the handling of these items, and will ensure at all times that the passenger opens, unwraps and rewraps the Lulav (*including Hadassim & Aravos*) & Esrog. In order to avoid delays, the Lulav and Esrog should be easily accessible. We kindly ask that travelers respect all rules of social distancing and all regulations pertaining to COVID19.

We have been asked to remind all travelers to have all of their travel documents well prepared and up to date, and that they are in compliant with the COVID19 travel restriction laws. US citizens, who are traveling by car, with birth certificates and not passports, should please ensure that these are original or a very clear, legible copy. Please be aware that inspectors will process passengers as quickly as they can, but delays could occur with unclear documentation.

We take this opportunity of wishing you and your families a good Yom Tov.

Yours Sincerely,

Rabbi Saul Emanuel
Executive Director