

Simchat Torah 2020 (to the tune of Land of Hope and Glory)

Simchat Torah and Covid really do not mix
As your two Chatanim we find ourselves in a fix
We cannot have singing or dancing, no biscuits, whisky or wine
But we shan't be downhearted, we're here to have a good time.
No we shan't be downhearted, we're here to have a good time.

Seven times round with the sefer. Oy! you'll need to be strong
The same person's needed tomorrow, to swap sifrei torah is wrong
No children under the tallit, that really is a shame
Let's pray they'll be here by Pesach, that surely must be our aim
Our children here by Pesach, that surely must be our aim

*But let's celebrate Simchat Torah, time to let down our hair
As long as we self-distance with plenty of fresh air
Can't have singing or dancing, no socialising or food
But we CAN wave our arms together, to get us all in the mood
Yes, we can wave our arms together, to get us all in the mood*

Let's thank the Rabbi and Abi and zoom technology
With pep-talks from Pesach to Succot, and positive psychology
They kept us feeling together despite self-isolation
It helped to get us through lockdown, so much appreciation.
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Jonny Mindell is our Chairman, his communications are clear
If Boris was only half like him we'd have much less to fear.
You managed to get the shul open with chairs spaced two by two
The Rabbi created a video, showing us all what to do.
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Gerald and Nigel our wardens, our services they run
With rotas, dictats and PPE, it can't be very much fun
Plans for the Yomim Noraim must have caused a headache or two
But you managed it all superbly, our thanks to both of you.
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David Lawson's chief layener, he really is very clear
Alyot have their instructions, they mustn't stand too near
Hagbah and gelilah, only one person may touch.
All of us must sanitise, can never wash hands too much
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The executive and the council have all gone that extra mile
Lisa with lists in the doorway greeting us all with a smile
Shereen's as efficient as ever, always behind the scenes
And Jon is usually Sober whenever he's counting the beans
Yes Jon is usually Sober whenever he's counting the beans

Keeping us safe, our caretakers, disguised in full PPE
Annette Florien and Simon, they're hardworking all three
Security team is outstanding, their rota must be a pain
Always here to protect us through the wind and the rain
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