

Latest Update from Rabbi Binyomin Friedman on the Coronavirus situation

Dear Friends:

As I wrote to you just hours ago, we might come to a point where it will be necessary to cancel services in shul.

As we have been monitoring developments, it seems that this point has been reached sooner than we expected.

Therefore as of tonight, Sunday, March 15 there will be no services at Congregation Ariel until further notice. It is understood that with the shul closing there should be no house minyanim as this will defeat the purpose.

Learning groups should consider remote learning via video chat. The mikvah will remain open. All surfaces are being sanitized after each use.

I do not take this step with a heavy heart. I have consulted with Torah authorities and have received clear instructions.

Now that it has been determined to be necessary to cancel minyanim, it is a mitzvah and we gladly serve Hashem in all circumstances that He presents.

Another message will follow which will present you with options for Torah learning and community involvement. There are infinite pathways to Hashem.

Please be assured that your leadership is fully focused on making the best decisions for our community, and communicating information to you in as timely a manner as possible.