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What's Next for our Building and Congregation | Commitment to Public Safety, Community, and Worship/Learning

As this public health crisis has continued to unfold, our response has continued as well. In keeping with our commitment to public safety, our building is now closed to the public through March 31.

Closer to the end of March, we will reevaluate the situation and determine the best course of action from there. Consistent with our values and how we value our employees, we are committed to compensating our entire staff team despite the interruptions to our regular schedule.

In the face of this crisis, we also remain committed to community, worship and learning, even if we cannot meet in person. Shabbat services will continue virtually and can be accessed through our Facebook page or website. Community-Led Torah study on Friday afternoons and Saturday morning Torah Study with Cantor Berger will both take place via Zoom Meeting (see below for details).

We are aware that this situation can be extremely isolating. In the coming days we will communicate with you about additional ways to connect via phone or video. Some of these will focus on music or study, while others will simply be connection points to help us feel a sense of community in the midst of this challenging circumstance.

Beyond that, if you or someone you know in our community are experiencing a particular hardship right now, please reach out to Cantor David Berger or someone on our staff, so we can do our best to support you or them.

In the opening paragraphs of this week’s Torah portion, Vayak‘heil-P’kudei, Moses says, “And let all among you who are skilled come and make all that the Eternal has commanded” (Exodus 35:10). These are trying days - and for each of us, our unique skills will be called upon in the coming weeks and months to help all of us see them through.