



Magen David Sephardic Congregation Beit Eliahu Synagogue

The Sephardic Synagogue of the Nation's Capital



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Dear Members and Friends of Magen David,

We are all dealing with challenging rapidly evolving circumstances, but we hope that everyone is healthy and able to take a moment to enjoy the sunshine today, even if just for a few minutes.

This is a reminder that Magen David has made the decision to suspend all in-person activities until further notice. This includes daily minyanim, as well as Friday night and Shabbat morning and afternoon services, educational classes, meals, and Talmud Torah classes.

We join many other Jewish communities and institutions across the nation in looking for innovative ways for our community to keep in touch. On Wednesday morning at 7am we will begin offering daily Shacharit online.

- In order to prepare for these online programs please download the Zoom app to your computer or tablet.
- If you're not familiar with Zoom, here's a short tutorial.

Later this week, we will have digital programs available for various age groups beginning with:

- Hafrashat Challa, Thursday at 6pm. Some mitzvot are directed primarily towards women. Separating challah from dough is a beautiful example of such a mitzvah. The Torah tells us (Bamidbar 15:20) "From the first of your dough you shall set apart challah". This program will be led by Naomi Elimelech.

It's important that we keep in touch, and we will be contacting members to check in from time to time. You can also contact Andrea in the office (office@magendavidsephardic.org).

And remember, if you or anyone you know needs assistance during this time with anything at all, please reach out to the members of the MDSC COVID-19 Task Force, who are available to help or coordinate assistance in any way they can. Their names and contact information appear below.

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Please note that this is a rapidly evolving situation and, as things change, we will update the community accordingly.

Stay safe and healthy!

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