



# All Of Israel, Is Responsible One To The Other.

Beloved Friends,

On behalf of all of us here, we are sending our most heartfelt prayers for your well-being and health. May God be with each of you. My friends, we are already significantly into our “shelter in place” orders and with everyone sequestered at home, Temple has proven to be a fairly quiet place. The phones aren’t ringing and the hallways aren’t filled with our family members, young and old alike, dropping in, sharing conversations, or running with laughter between classes. It’s almost like going through empty-nest-syndrome all over again.

Nevertheless, we have all been working – truly around the clock – to develop ways to stay in touch and to be the best spiritual resource that we can be during this shattering time in our nation’s history.

All of this shared, due to imminent ramifications of the COVID 19 pandemic, our temple board, in solemn fulfillment of their charge to preserve the economic viability of our congregation, has unanimously voted critical resolutions into action; actions, felt necessary, to guarantee the future existence of our congregation. Since the board’s vote last Thursday, government assistance, for individuals, small businesses and non-profits, is now on the table. Local and private sources of assistance are also beginning to appear. We are vigorously exploring each of them. But we also recognize, it may take a long time to see the fruit of such requests.

One of our presidential team, Hannah Cohen, will be addressing our congregation tonight, during our live stream, beginning at 6:00 pm. The service and address will be available to view after the service ends as well. You need simply go to our website [www.adatshalom.com](http://www.adatshalom.com) and click on the live stream icon to be present. She will be addressing what is happening and how we have prepared ourselves to reconcile this period of extreme economic stress with our sacred values of community by forging together our creativity, unbounding dedication and undying love. Note: the service will not be made available on Facebook.

Following the address, beginning on Saturday, our presidents Hannah Cohen and Elizabeth Klein, as well as myself, will make ourselves available through email or phone to answer any questions that you may have. I hope to assemble each of the questions you may pose, and afterwards assemble them as a whole, with responses, in a broad email, so that each of us can be as much a part of the conversation as possible.

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Until then, please know that we think about and pray over you daily.

We are strong. We are Temple Adat Shalom Strong. And that is a strength that knows no equal.

Praying you God’s grace, I remain faithfully,

Rabbi David Castiglione