



Wednesday, March 11, 2020/15 Adar 5780

Friends,

We want to update you on how the UJC is continuing to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our goal is to educate you on what we are doing.

We are monitoring various informational resources and taking precautions from the Centers for Disease Control ([click here](#)). Rooms are being cleaned and wiped down on a regular basis. There are hand sanitizer dispensers around the building, and we are encouraging everyone who comes into the building to wash their hands as they enter and frequently while they're here.

We are a community of people that love and care about each other. We know that in difficult times, many of us look to find comfort in our faith communities. And the UJC clergy and leadership will be here to provide love and support.

That said, these are challenging and changing times, and these times demand changing behaviors. Above all, the health and safety of our entire community is paramount.

Please note:

Religious School on Wednesdays and Sundays:

Unless we hear and let you know otherwise, there will be Religious School on Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings. If you send snacks/food with your children, all food and beverages must be individually wrapped and may not be shared with other students. Remember, we are a nut-free school. Food may no longer be eaten in the classrooms, only in the Youth Room. Classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms are being cleaned on a regular basis.

Committee Meetings:

Decisions on holding Committee meetings will be made in a timely manner.

Religious Services:

We have been advised that because our attendance numbers tend to be 25 people or less, we will continue to hold our services as usual.

For the time being and foreseeable future, we ask that you sit at least one seat apart from each other and elbow bump rather than hug, shake hands, or kiss. There will not be a Torah hakafah (procession). We will not be sharing food during the oneg shabbat and kiddush, but rather share each other's company. For the time being, children will not be asked to join the Rabbi and Cantor on the bimah for the candle blessing, kiddush, and motzi.

God willing this crisis will be over soon, and we will back to life as normal as possible.

If you have any questions, please call the office (203-748-3355), and we will get back to you.

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