

Temple Beth El Covid 19 Response

Here at Temple Beth El, we are working hard to do our part. Protecting the health of our community and the broader world is our first priority. In keeping with the national effort to flatten the curve of the Covid 19 pandemic, all in-person programs and services will be modified or suspended beginning Saturday March 14 for the foreseeable future.

~ Instead of holding an in-person community Passover Seder, we will be sending you a link to our innovative on-line Seder experience.

~ The Santa Cruz Jewish Film Festival will be postponed. Given how rapidly the situation is changing, we are holding off on announcing the new date.

~ Temple School is moving to zoom virtual classrooms and online learning.

~ Rock Shabbat this month will be online only. We have a wonderful service planned and will send you the link.

~ Simcha pre-school is still open. Families have been asked to be vigilant and not send children if there is any risk of virus or virus exposure in the home. Although we are very sad that our community will not be gathering in person, this opens the possibility of finding creative ways to stay connected and enrich our experiences.

We have just celebrated Purim, a holiday which honors radical reversals of fortune and the resilience of the Jewish people. We carry with us both the hope that transformative moments are always possible, and the insight to plan and prepare for challenging times.

For specific events and ongoing updates please go to the TBE Calendar.

Read a prayer for Coronavirus Medical Scientists below.

Coronavirus: A Prayer for Medical Scientists

God of wisdom,
Bless medical scientists and researchers around the world
With insight and skill, dedication and fortitude,
As they combat coronavirus,
So that their work yields knowledge and understanding,
Speedily finding a vaccine, treatments and deterrents to its spread.

Source of life,
Grant public health and government officials
The strength to act swiftly and decisively,
With compassion and understanding,
In service to humankind,
Fighting this outbreak
And the other diseases that still plague the planet,
Diseases threatening the lives of our brothers and sisters,
Nations and communities,
Young and old.

Rock of Ages,
Bring an end to disease and suffering,
So that all may know
Your compassion and Your grace.

Praised are You, God, healer of flesh, maker of wonders.

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