

Letter to Our Community

Special Announcement
March 11, 2020

Dear Congregants,

The Executive Committee of the Board met this week to address the many ramifications for a community such as ours on the anticipated spread of the COVID-19 virus. Our goal is to put procedures into place now that ensure the safety of you, our congregants of all ages, as well as the students in our education programs, and our staff. Here is our plan and commitment to you.

1. Our communication efforts will be multiplied to provide you with updated information through our website, an FAQ page, and a hotline with up to date voicemail about our services.
2. Our staff and officers are working to build continuity and contingency plans for essential business and member services.
3. Rabbi Rein will be able to meet the needs you have for life cycle events and pastoral care, even if the building closes.
4. We will make decisions about events and services on a daily basis if needed, reflecting the information we have from the CDC and local authorities. Committee chairs and officers will be consulted when considering the cancelation of upcoming events. We can always

work together to reschedule when the concerns for the virus in our community have abated.

As of this writing, we plan to hold Shabbat services this Friday and Saturday. However, the kiddush will be for members of the Bar Mitzvah family, not a regular community kiddush.

For today, Religious School has been canceled this evening.

On the advice of the CDC, we ask our senior congregants (over age 60) to consider refraining from attending events and services. We know this is the population which has suffered the most with this virus. We want you to take steps to protect yourselves.

If you are sick (for any reason), please stay home, recuperate and take care of yourself.

As always, please reach out to our staff or board members via phone or email with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Meredith Ludwig, Congregation President