Dear Friends,

Being together is literally what we're all about. So, at a time of uncertainty such as this, when some people may be experiencing fear, all the more so, we feel that our role as spiritual leaders is to bring people together. The very phrase "social distancing," which we are now being advised to practice, feels antithetical to everything we do at the JCCH. We hope that by reading the following, you continue to feel close to the community, even from a distance, and we very much look forward to being together in person in the coming weeks, if not days.

At the JCCH we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely and remain in contact with our fellow area synagogues and with the Westchester Jewish Council which has served as a remarkable clearinghouse for information from the CDC, the Westchester County Department of Health, and other agencies.

We continue to vigorously clean and disinfect throughout the building, with particular focus on "touch points" such as doors, faucets and flushers, tabletops and counters, and so forth.

At this time, we are not aware of any member of the JCCH community actually infected with the coronavirus. Nevertheless, we have taken certain precautions at the synagogue.

PLEASE NOTE:

**Kehilah School**

The Kehilah School was closed this past Tuesday and Wednesday and will be closed this coming Sunday, March 15 and for the following week. A determination as to in-person Kehilah School attendance for Sunday, March 22 and onward will be made and communicated at the end of next week. We are currently considering on-line, live-streaming, and other virtual mechanisms to bring us together as a community as a part of the Kehilah School curriculum, adult education, and even services.
Programs and Activities at the JCCH
Most of the programs and activities that regularly take place at the JCCH were put on hold this week and will be cancelled this coming week as well, including mahjong, game night, and our Thursday morning classes.

Services at the JCCH
In the interest of our community's health, Shabbat services on Friday evening, March 13, and Saturday morning, March 14 are cancelled as is our Sunday morning minyan.

JCCH Office
For now, the JCCH office will remain open during regular business hours.

We once again stress that if you are not feeling well in any way, or have reason to believe you may have been exposed, please stay home. Likewise if you have recently traveled to any of the high-risk countries (China, Iran, Italy, South Korea) or if you live in a community that has closed schools or other activities.

If you are self-quarantined, please let us know. If you need any assistance, our professional team and lay volunteers are ready to help. The synagogue office will remain open during business hours until further notice.

In the spirit of community, please check on neighbors and especially on the elderly, infirm, and housebound.

We wish you all a healthy Shabbat Shalom.

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