



Dear Friends,

In our March 6 e-mail, we promised to keep you informed of changes in our TBI practices in light of the rapidly changing coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. We are writing to you again now to let you know about significant changes we are implementing with respect to Temple activities.

A synagogue is much more than a building; a synagogue is a community of Jews and our loved ones seeking to live our lives in community, to study Torah and celebrate life's glorious moments and hold each other as we manage life's challenges. A synagogue is a place where we strive together to repair our broken world. One of the most important Jewish values is how we care for one another - especially our most vulnerable. As the coronavirus continues to have a growing impact on our country, our goal must be to care for each other and keep ourselves and our most vulnerable healthy.

Accordingly, out of an abundance of caution, the TBI leadership is sharply limiting activities in our Temple building. We will continue to hold Shabbat services on Friday evenings and Shabbat mornings for those who choose to attend – even as we will encourage all to maintain social distance and refrain from shaking hands, kissing and hugging, etc. and using verbal greetings instead. The Temple office will be open during regular office hours with a reduced staff so that we can respond to the needs of our members. No other scheduled activities will take place in our building at least until the end of March.

Rabbi Weinberg will be available via phone, text, email, or Facetime for pastoral needs. In the event of a death or other emergency please do not hesitate to contact Rabbi Weinberg at the Temple office: 847-675-0951 or by cell phone: 847-275-6759 or at home: 847-673-1987 or by email: rabbi@tbiskokie.org.

The TBI leadership will stay in touch with you to keep you posted as the situation continues to develop and as we continue to assess how best to address it.

We pray for the health and welfare of all our members and all their loved ones and our greater community. May God protect all of us during this difficult time.

Shalom,

Marc Raven, Chair of Safety and Security

Helene Levine, President

Rabbi Michael A. Weinberg

P.S. We are planning to send out an additional mailing soon with responses to what we imagine will be Frequently Asked Questions.

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