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Dear Friends,

In light of major developments since we e-mailed you on March 12 regarding the rapidly-unfolding coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, we want to apprise you of further decisions the TBI leadership team has now made with respect to Temple matters.

In order to protect the health of our most vulnerable members and to do our part as citizens to help minimize further spread of COVID-19, we have decided that there will be **no services, classes, programs, events, activities, or meetings will be held in our building through Thursday, April 30**. Among other things, this means:

- You will not be able to attend **Shabbat worship services** at our building. We plan, however, to implement live-streaming of services by video link and expect to have this capability in place by this coming Friday evening, March 20.
- There will be no **Pesach services** at our building. We anticipate, though, that we will be able to live-stream these services as well.
- The **Congregational Second Seder** scheduled for Thursday, April 9 is being cancelled. We are working on alternative plans to help our members who would otherwise have attended this Seder celebrate Pesach in a similar spirit of community. If you have already made a reservation for the Seder, Rebecca from the Temple office will reach out to you soon.
- **Religious school classes** will not meet. Please watch for emails from teachers with grade-specific activities.
- **Adult classes** will not meet. We will offer educational programs via live-streaming video to the extent feasible.
- **Boards and committees** will not meet in person. We will make conference-calling and video-streaming capabilities available to these groups to enable them to hold "virtual" meetings as required. To set up these meetings, please contact Amber in the Temple office to block time and be set up online.
- The **Annual Gala** will not be held on Saturday, April 18. It is to be postponed and held at a later date.

We plan to send you information on our live-streaming capabilities this week. Should you then need technical support, you will be able to call the

Temple office for help.

We will send you information on plans to reschedule any classes, programs, events, activities, or meetings that may be postponed, instead of simply being cancelled, as such information becomes available.

We will update you no later than Thursday, April 16, on whether and to what extent we expect to be able to resume normal activities in May.

In the interim, as stated in our March 12 e-mail, we expect the Temple office to remain open with a reduced staff so we can respond to the needs of our members.

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](mailto:rabbi@tbiskokie.org).

We urge all of you (and especially those most vulnerable to the virus) to do the following:

- Continue to practice “social distancing” and good hygiene.
- Call your doctor and avoid in-person contacts with others if you are ill or believe you may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus.
- Watch for updates on COVID-19 from the [Centers for Disease Control](#), [the Village of Skokie](#), and other responsible authorities.

We continue to 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,

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Helene Levine, President

Rabbi Michael A. Weinberg

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