



## ADATH JESHURUN CONGREGATION

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### **Adath Jeshurun's building is closed as of Monday, March 16, 2020**

In keeping with the announcement from Governor Walz today (3-15-20), and based on the guidance of public health experts, Adath Jeshurun's building will be closed as of tomorrow **March 16, 2020 until at least Monday, March 30, 2020.**

### **Adath Jeshurun's Gan Shelanu will be closed as of Monday morning March 16, 2020.**

The Gan will make every effort to make child care accommodations for Gan parents who are health care workers, first responders, and teachers, if they cannot make other arrangements. Please contact Janice Schachtman at 952.239.8092.

### **Daily Virtual Minyan**

As of tomorrow, **Monday, March 16 2020** our Daily Minyan is convening virtually on zoom.com at our regular minyan times (Weekday 7:20am and 5:45pm).

Go to <https://zoom.us/j/2895780575> or dial (646) 558 8656

Enter meeting ID: 289 578 0575

[Here is a simple video describing how to "join a zoom gathering](#)

**This will be a virtual minyan** by which people will be able **to pray together and to recite Kaddish**. It will **not include a Torah reading**. We **will read our list of names** of those who are remembered and allow people to add names. This virtual minyan will **require us to have at least ten Jews whose faces we can see on the videoconference**. This follows the Jewish legal principle that there are times of crisis (*sha'at dechak*) that require special approaches to observing Judaism. The COVID-19 pandemic is such a time.

Adath's Virtual Daily Minyan will function, as minyan always has, as a place where people can check in with each other morning and evening.

### **Adath's Mission**

Adath Jeshurun Congregation is committed to fulfilling our mission to serve our community during this crisis. We are significantly modifying how we achieve our mission. Adath staff and volunteer leaders have been working together diligently to assess and determine our response.

We take very seriously the real dangers posed and we are determined to support our community in living out our Jewish values. You will be hearing from us regularly as we make decisions to protect public health and to support our vibrant Jewish community at this trying time.

### **Coronavirus/COVID-19 Advisory Committee**

To make wise decisions about the many ways our congregation is affected, Adath Jeshurun has established a Coronavirus/COVID-19 Advisory Committee made up of staff and volunteer leaders, and people who have expertise in the area of medicine and public health. It includes Dr. Victor Sandler, Patricia Segal Freeman and our Congregational Nurse Elaine Savick, as well as our clergy team Rabbis Harold Kravitz and Aaron Weininger, Hazzan Joanna Dulkan, Executive Director Miranda Weisbuch and Adath President Barb Fishman.

### **Communication**

The situation is changing by the hour, but it is important that we provide you with an update on where we are as of today. We will communicate as decisions are revisited and refined to meet this serious public health threat. We will be updating our [website](#) regularly. Please follow us on [facebook](#), [twitter](#) and [instagram](#) for real-time updates.

### **AS OF TODAY:**

**All individual appointments with clergy and staff will be cancelled, or will be done virtually, until March 30, 2020.**

**For programs please contact the appropriate staff:**

#### **Children and Youth Programs:**

Contact Sue Leon [suel@adath.net](mailto:suel@adath.net) 818.599.1785 or Risa Kessler [risak@adath.net](mailto:risak@adath.net) 763.670.6167

- **B'Yachad** (Sunday School) is cancelled through Pesach.
- **SMP** Shabbat Morning Program is cancelled through Pesach.
- **USY** and **TEN at Adath** is cancelled through April 7, 2020

## **Shabbat Services**

**Friday night March 20, 2020** – [Join our clergy online](#) for a live musical Shabbat experience.

**Shabbat Morning Saturday March 21, 2020** – Our clergy are working on plans for how we will offer a Shabbat morning experience.

## **Adult Learning**

Contact Anna Simon annas@adath.net 763.458.6874. Anna will send out the Zoom for each class. Again [here is a simple video describing how to “join a zoom gathering](#)

- **Intro to Mussar Monday, March 16** by Zoom Cantor Audrey Abrams aabrams@bethelsynagogue.org is the substituting for Rabbi Kravitz
- **Continuing Mussar Monday, March 16** by Zoom with Rabbi Kravitz
- **Etzion Senior Study Group** with Reb Jim Sherman has cancelled
- **Tuesday Torah Study March 17** will meet only on Zoom, 12:00 pm. All congregants are welcome to attend this session with Hazzan Dulkan who will do a tutorial on how to use that videoconferencing platform. (Sorry the potluck lunch is cancelled, but people can eat in front of their screens!)
- **Downtown Study Group Tuesday, March 17** members are welcome to join the Tuesday Torah Study described above that will include learning and a Zoom tutorial.
- **Soul Sisters Class Thursday, March 19** will meet on Zoom at 10:30 am with Hazzan Dulkan
- **Keruv Salon Sunday, March 22** is cancelled and may be rescheduled
- **Jewish Studies for a Better World March 22 session** “The Civic Role of Faith Leaders,” moderated by Rabbi Weininger,” will be rescheduled.

## **Bikkur Cholim**

Please continue to inform our clergy (email our Clergy Assistant Darlene Davis darlened@adath.net ) of those who are ill so we can provide support in ways that are consistent with best public health practices.

## **End of Life**

Our clergy are committed to continuing to support families who experience a loss. Funerals will be held graveside and we will ask that a limit be placed on large gatherings.

We will invite mourners to attend our virtual daily minyan or we will assist them in setting up a dedicated zoom meeting for Shiva.

We will work with families to determine how we can best provide meaningful support.

## **Questions and Concerns**

Please email any questions or concerns related to COVID-19 to [adathresponse@adath.net](mailto:adathresponse@adath.net).

Staff will continue to check their voicemail which can be reached at our main number 952.545.2424. Whenever the building is closed our voicemail has prompts for emergency calls.

## **Gratitude and Blessings**

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this uncertain time. We will keep you updated while we work together to ensure the health and safety of our community. May we continue to take to heart the words of Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky of Los Angeles:

*Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place. Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern. Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another, must become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, should the need arise.*

As we face the uncertainty of this time, let us turn to one another and to the Holy One of Blessing to find the hope and strength we need.

Barb Fishman - *President*

Rabbi Harold J. Kravitz - *Senior Rabbi*

Rabbi Aaron Weininger - *Associate Rabbi*

Hazzan Joanna Dulkan - *Hazzan*

Miranda Weisbuch - *Executive Director*