



Dear Chaverim,

The world around us is beginning to present us with challenge and uncertainty – and we want you to know that we at Temple Chaverim are doing everything we can to ensure safety and continued connection with our community. We turn to one another for strength, love, and hope. And our tradition teaches us that *Pikuach Nefesh*, the preservation of human life, overrides almost all other laws and rituals that we are obligated towards. Our Judaism is bold and certain in saying that we are responsible to help keep one another safe and healthy.

With these values in mind, the Board of Directors met last night to discuss what Temple Chaverim will look like for the foreseeable future. After reviewing the New York State Department of Health Guidelines and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) we have decided to put the following policies into place through March 31st:

1) We will be live-streaming our Shabbat worship services and we hope you will join us, remotely . You can access our livestream through our website by clicking on “Worship” and then “Live Stream” or by typing in: <https://www.templechaverim.org/worship/live-stream/>. Services begin at 7:30 pm.

We recognize that this means we will NOT be gathering together in person, but the clergy is committed to bringing the warmth and spirit of Shabbat to you in your home and your family and beyond.

2) Beginning on March 15th – March 31st, all of our programs will either be postponed or moving to a virtual space. This includes:

- **Religious School**
- **B’nai Mitzvah tutoring**
- **Worship**
- **Programs and Events**

Please refer to our website for more details and keep an eye on your inbox as more instructions and details will be given in the weeks to come.

Debbye Brandell will be reaching out to all Religious School families with more specific information next week about how the teachers will remain in contact with our students to continue their learning in new ways.

Please refrain from entering our building through March 31st. If you have any pastoral needs, we invite you to email the clergy or reach out via phone. Please call (516) 367-6100.

The Board of trustees, clergy and professional staff are focused on keeping our Chaverim family safe.

We look forward to continuing to connect with you, in these uncertain times, virtually and frequently.

If you have any questions please contact either Rabbi Zeller (rabbi@templechaverim.org) or Russell Willens (president@templechaverim.org)

Shabbat Shalom
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