



March 16, 2020

Dear friends,

Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding during the ongoing and rapidly evolving COVID 19 virus.

Where We Are Today

In consultation with staff and our Board Executive, it has been decided that as a precautionary measure we will be Closing Congregation Shaarey Zedek effective immediately for all Services and Programs scheduled to be held in our synagogue.

The building itself will remain open but operating on a limited staff basis. The reduced operating hours for the building will be 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Our Rabbis and Lay Clergy will be here for consultation and can be reached as follows:

Rabbi Anibal Mass - rabbianibal@szwinnipeg.ca 204-287-5138
Rabbi Matthew Leibl - rabbimatthew@szwinnipeg.ca 204-287-5132
Bill Weissmann - billw@szwinnipeg.ca 204-287-5133
Bonnie Robinson - bonnie@szwinnipeg.ca 204-287-5134

The general office will be open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Fridays to 3:00 PM. If you have any questions please contact us at hello@szwinnipeg.ca or 204-452-3711.

What Does this Mean for You?

How Long will We be Closed?

At present we are looking one month into the future (April 19th) as a guide point. Although this will be assessed weekly, we will be determining best practices on an ongoing basis.

Services

Daily Minyan and Shabbat Services will be conducted online. Our ritual team led by Rabbi Leibl and Rabbi Mass will continue to lead all services. You can follow online at www.szwinnipeg.ca.

Daily Minyan services will be held Monday to Thursday at 7:30 AM and 6:00 PM, Friday at 7:30 AM and 5:30 PM, Shabbat Services at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM, and Sunday Services at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

Family Services will be cancelled until further notice.

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Catering

Our Catering department remains open for all your take-out food requirements. Please contact Executive Chef, Joel Lafond, at joel@szwinnipeg.ca or 204-975-3485 for any information regarding Shaarey Zedek Catering.

B'nai Mitzvah and Hebrew Lessons

At present all B'nai Mitzvah and Hebrew lessons will continue. Appropriate clergy will be contacting all B'nai Mitzvah and Hebrew students to arrange for lessons online. If you have any specific questions please contact Rabbi Leibl at rabbimatthew@szwinnipeg.ca or 204-287-5132

SZ Programs

All Shaarey Zedek programs scheduled to be held in our building have now been cancelled. If you have any questions regarding specific programs please contact Education and Engagement Director, Dr. Rena Selter Elbaze, at rena@szwinnipeg.ca or 204-975-3489.

Upcoming Simchas

For those who have scheduled or are planning to attend an upcoming simcha here at Shaarey Zedek, please be advised that as of today we are not scheduling any additional events up to and including April 19th. As mentioned earlier we will be reassessing the events scheduled beyond April 20th in the coming weeks. If you have specific questions please contact Ritual Secretary, Stacey Bazak, at stacey@szwinnipeg.ca or 204-287-5131.

Shaarey Zedek Congregational Seder Has Been Cancelled

Unfortunately, the Congregational Passover Seder scheduled for Thursday, April 9th has been cancelled. All those who have registered and paid for this event will be receiving refunds.

Should I Attend Services

The short answer is no! We will be conducting all services online and encourage you to follow us at www.szwinnipeg.ca

Online Broadcasting

For those who wish to follow our services (Daily Minyans and Shabbat) live and online we invite and encourage you to join our online services which are all broadcast and available. Please go to www.szwinnipeg.ca.

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Please keep in mind that the provincial and federal guidelines encourage all of us to seek medical attention if you are unwell and display symptoms of COVID-19. We are providing links to the Manitoba and Public Health Agency of Canada's websites for additional, daily updated information.

- [Government of Canada](#)
- [Government of Manitoba](#)

Be assured that our main concern is the health and well-being of our congregants. We will continue to provide updates as the situation evolves.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these uncertain times.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at hello@szwinnipeg.ca.

Shabbat Shalom,

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