



March 20, 2020

Dear friends,

First, I hope this message finds everyone safe and well!

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

Where We Are Today

As we wind down the first week after closing Shaarey Zedek to the public, I felt it important to advise where we are today.

We are continuing to operate with a skeleton staff. Clergy, Maintenance, Catering and Administrative staff are all operational but on a very limited basis. I can't thank our staff enough for their dedication and cooperation.

The building itself remains open but operating on a limited staff basis. We are still receiving mail and some deliveries, but for the most part activities are at a minimum.

The reduced operating hours for the building will be 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM.

Our Rabbis and Lay Clergy will now be here on a limited basis. However, they can be contacted directly as noted below.

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 - 5:00 PM, and close on Fridays at 3:00 PM. If you have any questions please contact us at hello@szwinnipeg.ca or 204-452-3711

Executive Director Ian Staniloff can be reached at ian@szwinnipeg.ca or 204-975-3482.

Catering

Our Catering department remains open for 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. He is trying to retain a good selection of items available for takeout including Wally's famous pastries, so please contact Joel for any food requirements.

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Synagogue Dues

We ask all those who are paying your synagogue dues on a regularly scheduled basis (monthly) using your credit cards on file to allow us to continue processing these payments. Even though we have drastically reduced our expenses we still have obligations that need to be addressed. If you haven't made arrangements to pay your 2020 Membership dues, and are in a position to do so, we ask that you please contact our CFO, Eduardo Saveliovsky to arrange for payment. He can be contacted at eduardo@szwinnipeg.ca or 204-287-5137.

Synagogue Donations

We are still accepting donations to the synagogue. This very important source of revenue can still be used to honour a loved one or commemorate any occasion, whether it be a Birthday, Anniversary or even a beloved's Yahrzeit. Please contact the synagogue at hello@szwinnipeg.ca or 204-452-3711 to donate, or you can donate immediately online by [clicking here](#) (Instant Tax Receipt). All donations at this time are greatly appreciated.

How long will we be closed?

Once again this remains an unknown. At present we will continue to reassess our current status and maintain at least some type of communication with you our congregants and the community at large. Although this will be reviewed weekly, we will be determining best practices on an ongoing basis.

Services

To date we have received a fantastic response to our online Services Broadcasts. Yasher Koach to Rabbi Anibal Mass, Rabbi Matthew Leibl, Bill Weissmann and Bonnie Robinson for their dedicated and inspiring leadership. They are becoming virtual "superstars". Please let all your friends and relatives know that we are live online twice daily for Minyan and of course on Shabbat morning.

You can follow online at www.szwinnipeg.ca.

Daily Minyan services are held Sundays at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM; Monday to Thursdays at 7:30 AM and 6:00 PM; Fridays at 7:30 AM and 5:30 PM; Shabbat Services at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

Family Services are cancelled until further notice.

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B'nai Mitzvah and Hebrew Lessons

All students have been contacted at this point and alternate arrangements have been put in place. Once again, if you have any specific questions please contact Rabbi Leibl at rabbimatthew@szwinnipeg.ca or 204-287-5132

SZ Programs

As advised earlier all current scheduled have been postponed or cancelled. We will of course advise you when our programming begins again. If you have any questions regarding specific programs please contact Education and Engagement Director Rena Secter 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.

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

As mentioned above, 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

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](#)
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Be assured that our main concern is the health and well-being of our congregants and staff. 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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