

## Public Chat From March 22<sup>nd</sup> Presidents' Call

00:53:55 Julie Asplen: Do you have a religious school or a preschool? How are you dealing with these activities?

00:53:55 Lynn Cashell: Most stores, pharmacies, and restaurants are offering "contactless delivery."

00:55:10 Julie Asplen: Financially< who are you still paying?

00:57:07 Shelley Sadowsky: We have a custodial staff of three and have committed to pay them even though they are not working because building is closed. (Adat Shalom, Bethesda, MD)

00:57:25 Evan Pressman: yes, we are in a transition year for our school, with formal establishment later this year. The Rabbi is using Zoom and Amazon Chime for video engagement with students. We have small classes - only started last weekend - so far, working well, once the families are on-line. We also use email for assignment info and reference links

00:57:48 Evan Pressman: Temple Emmanuel of Wakefield, MA

00:58:58 Lila Hanft: I don't think you can really use Zoom for music!

00:59:51 Halle Barnett: Tikva please share with all of us re singing by zoom

00:59:58 Jeffrey Schein: jeffrey in minneapolis... sometimes the audio only you can get from free conference call.com can be adequate

01:01:44 Jeffrey Schein: not internet... direct phone connection

01:01:48 Mark Pinsky: You can set the computer playing the music to broadcast the sound directly. That helps a bit. A friend who runs a dance studio has used that and it works for people working out at home.

01:02:39 Jacob Weinberg: Gotcha, thanks for the clarification

01:03:07 Micah Weiss: honored to be congregants- we love our president

01:04:22 Lissy Medvedow: I'm curious what everyone is doing about upcoming b'nah mitzvot. Thanks.

01:05:45 Halle Barnett: Lissy we have one scheduled 4/4 that is cancelled for now. Still working on one scheduled for 4/18, happy to share when we figure it out

01:07:00 Jeffrey Schein: jeffrey...one congregatin i know is trying to pull a page out of the kibbutz playbook...shifting all spring b'nai mitzvah to a summer group bnai mitzvah celebration

01:07:23 Evan Pressman: we are going thru a bar mitzvah crossroad right now. Right now, we have engaged with our Rabbi Greg and the family. Options include delaying the Bar-Mitzvah to later this year, but allow the Bar Mitzvah to still do his planned Haftorah. All options on the table

01:07:57 Ilene Semiatin: We had a bar mitzvah on zoom yesterday. We also have had shivas and a shiva minyan online. Can share more info if wanted.

01:15:06 Stephen Fox: We are paying all staff including cleaning staff. Since the building is essentially closed, I asked that the cleaner do a deep dive in a number of room, instead of cleaning clean spaces.

01:15:52 Michael Cornell: Thank you - that was brilliant!

01:16:01 Maurice Harris: Wow - that was a remarkable presentation - you have done amazing work.

01:16:06 Jeffrey Schein: will we get a recorded link to share

01:16:27 Mark Pinsky: Thank you, Kol Tzedek!

01:16:28 Ben Bellinson: excellent plan and presentation: the document would be very helpful for us.

01:16:31 Maurice Harris: thank you Jackie - will appreciate having the document

01:16:34 Evan Pressman: Thank-you to share that plan

01:16:49 Lynn Cashell: I am so grateful for all of our medical and other frontline staff.

01:18:05 Lissy Medvedow: I am deeply impressed by the thoughtfulness with which you've approached the myriad issues. Thank you for sharing with all of us.

01:20:14 Evan Pressman: we have an active ad-hoc by-laws comm that review our set each year prior to our Annual meeting

01:20:34 Julie Asplen: We have postponed 4 b'nai mitzvot so far (March and April) on the Friday prior to the service the Rabbi zooms with the candidate, listens to that person chant their portion, offers a blessing and congratulations. I, as president, have called the candidate on the next Sunday again congratulating the student and supporting their commitment to keep the community safe by postponing.

01:23:45 Ilene Semiatin: We are paying everyone on our staff.

01:24:54 Jeffrey Schein: on the learning side i have written an article two new berachot at my website textmejudaism.com and a thought piece about technology in the era of covid 19...jeffrey schein

01:25:19 Halle Barnett: Jeffrey do you want me to share the specific blog post URL?

01:27:08 Elliot Frolichstein-Appel: We are paying our staff as well. Question about pre-school teachers as some peer (JCC) pre-schools are offering refunds and stopping teacher payroll. Trying to figure that out.

01:27:33 Jason Weiss: On the new programming we (Kol Ami in Arlington Va) have added a morning Minyan 4 days a week. it is generally lay led and is attended by about 15-20 people, we have a membership of about 70 families.

01:30:50 Michael Cornell: What are people doing about Passover Sedars?

01:31:34 Lynn Cashell: We are planning a Zoom seder. Working out the details, but happy to share. We'd also love to hear from others.

01:31:36 Lila Hanft: Many of us at Kol HaLev (Cleveland) listened to Bet Am Shalom's streaming Shabbat morning service before we got our own service up this past weekend -- and we appreciated it a lot (Thank you!). 'This past weekend, we had a Zoom torah study, a LIVESTREAMED Shabbat service, and the a Zoom virtual oneg. And many many members mentioned how great it was to see one another's faces and to hear Rabbi Steve's voice. So there's room for both!

01:31:38 Evan Pressman: we cancelled ours, but looking into the viability of virtual seder

01:31:40 Dorothy Lepoff: Here at B'nai Havurah we had a virtual Bar Mitzvah yesterday, which many congregants and family members, from around the world, attended. It

was very successful! the Bar Mitzvah boy and his very immediate family were at the shul, while the Rabbi and musician were at their respective homes. The Gabbai was at the Bar Mitzvah.

01:32:09 Dorothy Lepoff: From Dorothy Lepoff at B'nai Havurah, Denver

01:34:22 Ben Bellinson: Temple Emek Shalom (Ashland, OR) has cancelled our community seder.

01:35:59 Elliot Frolichstein-Appel: JRC in Evanston does not typically have a community seder. We (not me) have a Women's Feminist Seder before pesach that the organizers are scrambling to revamp. The religious school and pre-school also typically do model seders and are figuring out what to do.

01:38:13 Phil Williams: Do you have any online resources (e.g. Haggadah) for Passover that can be shared?

01:38:24 Halle Barnett: Re zoom meeting about online seders -- yes but please don't limit it to separate groups -- execs, rabbis, educators, presidents, all together. Would like to invite our religious practices committee chair too, etc

01:40:26 Lila Hanft: To echo what Halle said, I'm wondering if the Rabbis and educators also have been coming up with ways to do virtual seders and what those ideas are?

01:40:37 Ilene Semiatin: Pesach Sheni is only May 7-8 this year I think - not much help I am afraid. But my family is doing a virtual zoom and planning a time-shift — we may even do a “later Seder” if needed.

01:40:52 Lissy Medvedow: Sixth and I congregation sent out “What It Takes: How to Lead a Virtual Seder” which a Dorshei Tzedek congregant just sent me. Would people like the link?

01:40:53 Ben Bellinson: needing to drop off, thank you and apologies for leaving early.

01:41:12 Margie Ticknor: The folks at haggadot.com offered a Zoom meeting on The Art of Virtual Gathering on Friday to offer tips of a virtual Seder. Perhaps, Recon Jud could reach out to them to see if they could offer another one next week.

01:41:13 Mark Pinsky: Thank you to RJ and everyone presenting and sharing experiences and ideas! This has been very helpful. I look forward to sharing the resources with our community (Minyan Dorshei Derekh in Philadelphia).

01:41:24 Maurice Harris: Hi Lissy - yes please do share the link

01:41:25 Jacob Weinberg: Thank you!

01:41:26 Elliot Frolichstein-Appel: Link would be great!

01:41:26 Phil Williams: Please if you can send the sixth and I link that would be great.

01:42:17 Stephen Fox: Either work for me.

01:42:24 Phil Williams: either is fine for me

01:42:25 Mark Pinsky: Both work.

01:42:25 Evan Pressman: the later time is best for me

01:42:25 Ira May: 3-5 is best for me. Ira

01:42:29 Miriam Braunstein: hard for people working from home. evening or weekend would be better for me

01:42:42 Halle Barnett: either time block fine. Maybe you can send out notes to everyone who can't attend?

01:42:43 Leon Puttler: 3-5 eastern

01:42:46 Elliot Frolichstein-Appel: Weekday much worse here. My weekdays are FULL of both day job and JRC management. Sunday is perfect for this call.

01:42:47 Michael Cornell: 3 - 5 works better ... will have some work conflicts ... how about later on Sunday?

01:43:09 Phil Rosenberg: Later afternoon on Sunday is fine

01:43:11 Halle Barnett: Sunday is fine too -- later

01:43:13 Elliot Frolichstein-Appel: Perhaps a Doodle to figure out times?

01:43:18 Lynn Cashell: I am a teacher and will most likely be teaching online during the weekdays. Alternating between weekdays and Sundays is a good option.

01:43:22 Evan Pressman: Im good with Sunday as well

01:43:29 Lila Hanft: Maybe a doodle for meeting times?

01:43:38 Debra Linick: Echoing thanks for all the ways RJ convenes us and all you're doing creatively in this virtual environment.

01:43:44 Maurice Harris: Stay safe and blessings for health and as much serenity as possible

01:43:50 Tikva Glantz: Thank you everyone!!

01:43:54 Phil Rosenberg: Thank you, everyone

01:44:05 Ronald Schutz: Thanks to all.

01:44:05 Maurice Harris: Thank you Jackie!

01:44:08 Micah Weiss: thank you everyone! you're doing an amazing job.

01:44:10 Phil Williams: Thanks!

01:44:11 Halle Barnett: todah folks

01:44:11 Esther Enkin: I can meet at either time. Thanks for this support

01:44:12 Evan Pressman: Thank-you,all. Stay safe

01:44:16 Julie Asplen: Those of us who are telecommunting need meetings later in the evening. We are still working during the daytime