

Covid-19 Response Proposal to Har Shalom Board

1. Cancel all face-to-face events until end of April and assess need to continue by 3rd week of April (yep, no seder 4/10 or climate convo 3/24) I've written to Jeremy Smith (copied) to solicit his thoughts about Atidaynu. Note: CDC recommendations keep changing, so we need to track them.
2. Stream Friday and Saturday services (not interactive like zoom). Begin this week, Friday March 20? I can set it up or?
3. Torah study, beit midrash, pastoral appointments by zoom. I have a personal zoom room by subscription that Har Shalom can use OR Har Shalom can get its own. (URJ offers discounted zoom licenses for its members)
4. Institute a virtual "Lunch with the Rabbi" one day/week by zoom, either a thematic discussion or just shmooze, TBD. Or more frequent Circles of Support?
5. Virtual seder by zoom? Sign up for a time slot on one of three nights: 1st, 2nd and last (zoom will support approx 20-25 participants at once, I anast I checked). We can accommodate 60-75 people this way!
6. Issue statement from rabbi and board about our changes, maybe even a mailed Pesach card with an explanatory, inspirational enclosure? This kind of thoughtful contact with our members and supporters is invaluable for maintaining relationship.
7. Focus on a future face-to-face event/holiday as a celebration of renewal of community contact, for example: Erev Shavuot Th May 28, or Shabbat Shavuot May 29-30, but that may be too soon. Or Micah's B-mitz July 4?