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### Coronavirus/ Covid 19

Eternal Our God, Source of our life and our Sovereign, be a shield about us, turning away every disease and destruction. Grant us hope and a future of *shalom*, peace. Be merciful over us and grant recovery to everyone, because You are the compassionate Sovereign of all the worlds.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה שׁוֹמֵעַ תְּפִלָּה

Blessed are You, who listens to the prayers. *Amen.*

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:

God, we beseech You, save us now!  
God, we beseech You, let us prosper!

אָנָּה יְהוָה, הוֹשִׁיעָה נָּא!

אָנָּה יְהוָה, הַצְּלִיחָה נָּא!

Dear All

Coronavirus/ Covid 19

Your Council met this week and I need to let you know that the following further decisions have been reached:

#### **The Shul Building Closes – Contacts Continue**

The Shul building is being closed for operational purposes as from the end of tomorrow. Please note that you will still be able to contact the Shul office during office hours on the regular phone number, (01273 735343) or email as usual ([accounts@bh-rs.org](mailto:accounts@bh-rs.org) / [office@bh-rs.org](mailto:office@bh-rs.org)). The answer phone will be active out of office hours. Rabbi is still available for contact by phone, Skype, FaceTime or similar. The Welfare team will still be operational as usual. Also, please be aware that there is a new community support group. This will be the subject of separate communication. Please do respond if you would like help or can volunteer?

#### **Services and Streaming**

Until further notice (and we all pray that will not be so far away) services are being suspended. However, we will start streaming of services as soon as possible. Please do participate. I will have to ask you to be patient with this service. It is new for us. We will do our best, but there could be teething problems as we get more experienced with this. I ask you to bear with us. As a new user of the streaming service, there can be frustrations as you try to pick up the service and “tune in”. Nearly everyone experiences this. So, let me repeat – please be patient. And please persevere. If you are having difficulty in connecting, do call someone or call the office and we’ll find someone to get back to you. So, look out for more communications on this.

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### **2nd Night Communal Seder**

Of course, we have to cancel our plans for the annual 2nd night Communal Seder. This, in addition to everything else, is so disappointing. Let's look forward to the restoration of normality.

### **Weekly Bulletin**

We are going to introduce a weekly bulletin (by email). We would love you to make contributions. Any short article which you think may interest others. Messages to others. Difficulties overcome. Amusing episodes (surely there will be some!). In fact, anything which you think may be worth publishing. Please send any contributions to the office. And, don't forget to include photos also.

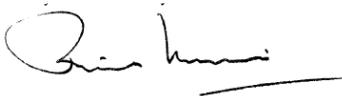
In these days of great challenge, we need to support each other. Your Rabbi and Council will do all we possibly can to ensure that the Synagogue and its functions continue to be actively present as part of our lives, albeit through different ways and means.

Please do observe the government guidelines as they evolve. We all wish you and all your families well.

Yours sincerely

*Rh. Anshelwe 27710"22*

**Rabbi Andrea Zanardo**



**Michael Harris**



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