



ח' בכסלו תשפ"א

Tue, 24 November 2020
8th of Kislev, 5781

For this service of giving is not only supplying the needs of the kedoshim but is also overflowing with many thanksgivings to God. (2 Cor. 9:12).

Dear Tikvat Mishpocha (Family),

On behalf of the Leadership, and the Board of Elders of our congregation: Shalom, Chesed V'rachamim be yours in the Name of Yeshua our Messiah, Ben Elohim, Whose Father has blessed us all with all we need for life and Salvation in this World and Who has sealed us for the World to Come, by His Blood which is our Atonement; and sustained us and brought us to this season, Amen and Thanksgiving Greetings to you all!

As we continue to monitor the Covid condition of our congregation, we've been notified by a few of our members that have attended the last two weeks stating they have now contracted the virus. We have also been contacted by other members who have similar symptoms. They are being tested for Covid at this time. Unfortunately, other members currently know of people outside of Tikvat, who are now showing similar symptoms.

In other words, the Board of Elders are now aware of an increase in Covid cases in our congregation and those around us. We are also concerned with the fact that we are still facing several holidays, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year which are within the next 5 weeks. The likelihood of additional cases of the normal flu and/or the virus is an additional concern for the Board of Elders. While many members of our synagogue are considered to be in the high-risk category, various members of all age groups have expressed their recent growing concerns to us.

Our overriding concern is for the spiritual and physical health and wellbeing of our entire Tikvat family. Therefore, the Board of Elders has decided to suspend in person services at the building for the next 5 weeks and will re-evaluate the situation after the New Year. Of course, we will have weekly Shabbat services Livestream (as we've been doing), on our website, YouTube, and Facebook. We are optimistic that we will open early in the New Year if the conditions improve. We encourage you to continue to attend online services, Zoom Prayer meetings and Zoom Bible Studies offered during the week. We also ask you to continue your support of Tikvat Yisrael in your tithes and offerings. Please send us your prayer requests online here: <https://tikvatyisrael.typeform.com/to/oJkvN4> or call the office as our Intercessors continue to pray together for you all. The leadership is committed to ministering to the needs of the Tikvat family by making ourselves available by appointment via phone and zoom meetings. Feel free to contact us as needed 216-297-9929. Pray for God's mercy and deliverance from the plague, pray for the body, and the nation, and for Israel.

Blessings and peace in His Great Name-the Sar Shalom-Prince of Peace,

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is "Eric D. Lakatos" and the second is "Elliott Katz".

Eric D. Lakatos
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