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Following up on the email announcement we sent yesterday afternoon, Governor Wolf has announced a COVID-19 mitigation effort for Montgomery County to reduce the spread of the virus. In compliance with the Wolf Administration's guidance, **Or Hadash will cancel all in-person group meetings, events and school activities at least for the next 14 days.**

Groups, committees and others who typically plan to meet at Or Hadash during this time should consider meeting virtually rather than in person; using Zoom, Skype or some other web platform.

Please stay tuned as we are coming up with a variety of ways to support each other and celebrate Shabbat together. **To quote our Reconstructionist colleague in Seattle, Rabbi David Basior, "we cancel events – not community."** Please watch your email and phones over the next several days for contact from our wonderful Chesed (caring committee) Co-Chairs, Caroly Savitzky and Edith Lane. And we also encourage you to join our public Facebook page if you haven't already done so: <https://www.facebook.com/OrHadashPA/> as well as our member's only space: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/136646944182/>, as these will also be methods of disseminating information in the coming weeks.

### **This Shabbat, we are *going virtual!***

Friday night, March 13<sup>th</sup>, we will gather via Facebook Live (open your web browser to the [OH Facebook page](#)) at 7:30pm to light our Shabbat candles together and for a live-streamed Shabbat service. On Shabbat morning, Torah study will be held via Conference Call.

The call in numbers are: (712) 832-8330 or (717)275-8940, access code: 791 021.

### **SMILE School**

Morah Barbara is emailing separately to inform school families about plans to continue SMILE school activities during this closure.

### **The synagogue office will maintain regular hours.**

At this incredibly challenging and scary time in which so much is changing rapidly and we are being encouraged to distance ourselves from others, please know that you are never more than a few moments away from being able to connect with community. However you are being personally impacted by COVID-19, if you are in need of support, please let Rabbi Alanna know. She can be reached rapidly by text or call on her cell phone: 202-421-3817, or by email at [rabbi@orhadash.com](mailto:rabbi@orhadash.com).

If you have any questions or concerns about our response to COVID-19, please feel free to email Phil at [president@orhadash.com](mailto:president@orhadash.com). We hope everyone stays safe and healthy, and connected during this challenging time.

L'Shalom,

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