

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



**March 12, 2020**

Dear Shames JCC Members & Participants,

We have been closely monitoring the information being shared by local, state, and federal officials about the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Westchester County. This afternoon, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that beginning Friday, March 13, at 5:00 PM, the state would ban all gatherings of more than 500 people, and that any gathering of fewer than 500 would have to reduce capacity by 50 percent.

Based on these recent developments, combined with the increasing impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community, the Shames JCC Leadership has made the decision to CLOSE THE SHAMES JCC BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 13th, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. This includes the Children's Garden Center early childhood program at Temple Beth Abraham. In addition, all field trips, rentals, and special events are cancelled.

This has been a difficult decision. We understand that closing our facilities will have a significant impact on our members and program participants. We want to be able to continue providing you the services and support that you have come to rely on. Ultimately, the health, safety and welfare of our employees, members and the community at large is our priority now and always.

We appreciate your time and understanding during this very difficult situation and we promise to reach out with additional information as it becomes available. Please also visit our website for updates regarding the closure. For specific questions or concerns, please email us at [lmeyers@shamesjcc.org](mailto:lmeyers@shamesjcc.org).

Wishing you and your families good health and comfort in these challenging times,

Leslie Meyers, Executive Director and Peter Boritz, Chair, Board of Governors

Thank you,

Leslie Meyers  
Executive Director

