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COVID-19: UPDATE

Over the past days the Jewish Community Council has been in talks with government and Public Health authorities regarding their decision last Sunday, to restrict attendance at shuls and outdoor public gatherings to a maximum of 25 people.

While we are committed to making every effort to minimize the risk of the spreading of COVID-19, we felt that our shuls could safely accommodate larger numbers. **However, their ruling of 25 people currently remains.**

Public Health recommends:

- That vulnerable individuals, including the elderly and those with chronic diseases, should avoid gatherings;
- That outdoor activities are preferable to indoor ones;
- And that distancing measures and mask-wearing should be strictly observed in all gatherings.

It is each individual's responsibility to ensure that if someone in the household is symptomatic, or has been in contact with a COVID positive individual, that all Public Health guidelines are followed, to prevent the spread of this dreadful disease.

We all hope that the situation will improve quickly and these restrictions will be lifted. In the interim, all of us must follow government directives and continue to wear masks, social distance and wash our hands frequently.

We wish you a safe fast and a Gmar Chasima Tova and will keep you advised of any further developments.

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