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Dear Friends,

What a time to arrive to be with you. What a time the whole world is experiencing. Having been in Gloucester Road for a little over a week, we are settling in as best as possible given the circumstances.

All of us are impacted by the coronavirus; some are currently suffering from its effects, others are enduring a difficult set of lockdown living conditions and members have also lost loved ones to the complications of the disease. We hope that during this difficult time we will stay connected as a shul community.

We would like to update you on what is happening in the community to manage the coronavirus.

Please note: for more frequent updates subscribe to:

WhatsApp Barnet Shul group:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/EHRjo8S3W086RCLIY3gp4f

Facebook Barnet Shul page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/BarnetShul/

YouTube Barnet Broadcasting Community channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGC0e6fHNLGUONDWcXIsyuQ

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Barnet Cares:

An incredible and dedicated team of volunteers and workers are supporting the vulnerable and isolated members of our community. From phone calls to shopping help, from filling prescriptions to fetching challahs - Barnet Cares is helping when there is no one else. If you know of anyone that needs some support, please let us know. Similarly, if you are able to help - with a friendly phone call or shopping help - be in touch: barnetcares@barnetsynagogue.org.uk

Online programming:

A rich and varied educational, social and spiritual programme is being published daily online. We have another fantastic team of volunteers providing technical help and development ideas for this. Please do see the other email going out this evening for the new programme till Pesach. Highlights include 'Adult Seder – locking in the heart of an eternal night' and 'Keeping sane over a 3-day Yom Tov'.

The online forum is the best way to receive updates, messages and thoughts from the shul – please do make use of this service.

The Big Barnet Pesach Message and the Big Barnet Haggadah:

The two initiatives will bring us closer and enrich the upcoming festival (again see the separate mailings for full details). We are creating a community video message to wish each other well for Yom Tov. We are also compiling a treasury of Haggadah insights, reflections, jokes and stories, by the community – for the community. We hope that this will keep us nourished over the Yom Tov.

Bereavements:

Owing to the restrictions on social contact, we are sadly unable to host public funerals or shivas. If you would like to send a message to someone who is currently in the shiva period or who has lost a relative, please send your message to

<u>administrator@barnetsynagogue.org.uk</u>, with the name of the recipient in the subject line, and we will collate and forward your message to those who have suffered a bereavement.

Simchas:

Unfortunately, we are unable to host simchas until the government's social distancing rules are updated. We will be in touch with you personally if you have a simcha in the upcoming weeks and months to discuss contingency plans.

Be in touch:

We are your rabbinic couple and we want to be in touch with you. Our contact details are:

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Please do not hesitate to give us a call or send us a message. We are here for you.

Rabbi and Shoshana Landau