



THE TEMPLE  
CONGREGATION ACHDUTH VESHOLOM

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*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-Olam asher yatzar et ha'adam bechochma, uvara bo nekavim nekavi, halulim halulim, galui v'yadua lifnei kisei kevodecha, she'im yipateach echad mehem, oh yesatem echad mehem, ee efshar lehitkayem v'la'amod lefanecha. Baruch Ata Adonai, Rofeh kol-basar umafla la'asot*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר יָצַר אֶת  
הָאָדָם בְּחָכְמָה, וּבָרָא בּוֹ נְקִיבִים נְקִיבִים, חֲלוּלִים  
חֲלוּלִים. גָּלוּי וְיָדוּעַ לִפְנֵי כִסֵּא כְבוֹדְךָ, שָׂאֵם  
יִפְתַּח אֶחָד מֵהֶם, אוֹ יִסְתֵּם אֶחָד מֵהֶם, אִי אֶפְשֶׁר  
לְהִתְקַיֵּם וּלְעֲמוֹד לִפְנֵיךָ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, רוֹפֵא כָּל  
בָּשָׂר וּמַפְלִיא לַעֲשׂוֹת.

*Blessed are You, our Eternal God, Creator of the Universe, who has made our bodies in wisdom, creating openings, arteries, glands and organs, marvelous in structure, intricate in design. Should but one of them, by being blocked or opened, fail to function, it would be difficult to stand before You. Wondrous Fashioner and Sustainer of Life, source of our health and our strength, we give You thanks and praise.*

Dear Friends:

This blessing reminds us to be grateful for the way our bodies normally function and what a miracle that is on a daily basis. However, there are times of course when things do not go as they should. Today, due to the COVID-19 viral pandemic, we must both honor our bodies and protect them and those of our local and world community.

To be responsible to our congregational community, our Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to close our building through Saturday, April 18. This means all worship services and all educational and social programs will be either cancelled or held through virtual communication methods as of 4:00 PM today, March 13, 2020. Sadly, this means we will not have a second night Seder nor will we publicly be able to celebrate Leo Powell's Bar Mitzvah.

Please watch for email and Facebook updates on [our congregational page](#) as we put into place online streaming of some worship services and educational programs in the coming weeks. Our website at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org) also will provide updated information.

Rabbi Winnig will also be uploading some short videos to our Facebook page to help people continue learning, worshiping and connecting as a congregation.

All Temple staff will be working remotely during this time that our building is closed and keeping all aspects of the operations of our Temple running. Phones will be forwarded and messages listened to regularly. Email will also be continually monitored.

Clint and Anna will work on disinfecting the building before we reopen. Rabbi Winnig will remain in contact with congregants and will be available if you need her for home visits or virtual visits.

Rabbi Winnig and Bruce Colegrove will be in touch with their Hebrew students to continue teaching them using internet conferencing.

We all need to work hard these next few weeks to stay connected to each other. Please keep in touch with each other. Please reach out to help people who might be in need of food assistance. Please stay calm and peaceful as we heal our bodies and our world in the coming weeks. We thank you in advance for your connection and commitment to our congregation.

Best Wishes



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