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Conservative/Masorti Movement Statement

March 25, 2020

In this unique and challenging moment, the Conservative/Masorti Movement adheres to guidance provided by government and rabbinical authorities and will adhere to all national and local governmental directives.

We do this based on the Jewish legal principles of *pikuach nefesh* (preserving life), which can nullify the requirements of *shmirat mitzvot*.

Based on prevailing health guidelines and government directives, we will stay at home and maintain physical proximity only with people from our immediate household.

- Public in person prayer gatherings, life cycle events, and other communal activities will follow local directives and remain in their current status.
- People should remain in their own households.
- Burials should follow local guidelines, with as many people as possible (more may attend virtually), using virtual means (e.g., shovels).
- Clergy, professionals, and other leaders should address the spiritual and pastoral needs by virtual means or by phone.

The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has

issue further guidance on [Passover kosher prepara](#)

As we focus our collective prayers and efforts on n
other communities to preserve the mental and phy

- Clergy who are considered at risk (e.g. c
or at other events outside their home.
- Communities should also note that remo
maintain appropriate balance and bound

Jewish life is so dependent on being in community
are particularly difficult, as it is so powerful for fan
together virtually and -- most importantly -- spirit
strength, and blessings in coming days and weeks
to celebrate truly joyous holidays and occasions g

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