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Leadership in Reentry

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RA's Jewish Values Regarding Physical Reopening of Our Institutions [click here](#)

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Leadership can be understood, in part, as about disappointing your own people at a rate they can absorb as you get them to face the need to make tough trade-offs.

Leviticus 18:5

וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם אֶת-חֻקֹּתַי וְאֶת-מִשְׁפָּטַי אֲשֶׁר יַעֲשֶׂה אֲתֶם הָאָדָם וְחַי בָּהֶם.

You shall keep My statutes and My ordinances, which a person shall do **and live by them**.

Talmud Yoma 85b

וחי בהם ולא שימות בהם.

“And **live** by them” (Leviticus 18:5), and not that they should die by them.



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Leviticus 19:18

וְאָהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כְּמֹוֹךְ אָנִי ה':

Love your fellow as yourself: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:14

לֹא־תִקְלַל חֵרֵשׁ וְלִפְנֵי עִוֵּר לֹא תִתֵּן מְכֻשָׁל וְיִרְאֵת מֵאַלְהֵיךָ אָנִי ה':

Do not curse a deaf person, and do not put a stumbling block in front of a blind person; you shall fear your God, I am the LORD.



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Numbers 11:11-16 (selected verses)

וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־ה' לָמָּה הִרְעִיתָ לְעַבְדְּךָ וְלָמָּה לֹא־מָצִיתִי חַן בְּעֵינֶיךָ לְשׁוּם אֶת־מִשָּׁא כָּל־הָעָם הַזֶּה עָלַי...לֹא־אוּכַל אֲנֹכִי לְבַדִּי לְשִׂאת אֶת־כָּל־הָעָם הַזֶּה כִּי כָבֵד מְמֹנִי...וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל־מֹשֶׁה אֶסְפֶּה־לִּי שִׁבְעִים אִישׁ מִזְקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר יָדַעְתָּ כִּי־הֵם זִקְנֵי הָעָם וְשִׁטְרֵיו וְלִקְחָתָּ אֹתָם אֶל־אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וְהָתִיצְבוּ שָׁם עִמָּךְ:

And Moses said to the LORD, “Why have You dealt ill with Your servant, and why have I not enjoyed Your favor, that You have laid the burden of all this people upon me...I cannot carry all this people by myself, for it is too much for me...Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for Me seventy of Israel’s elders of whom you have experience as elders and officers of the people, and bring them to the Tent of Meeting and let them take their place there with you...”

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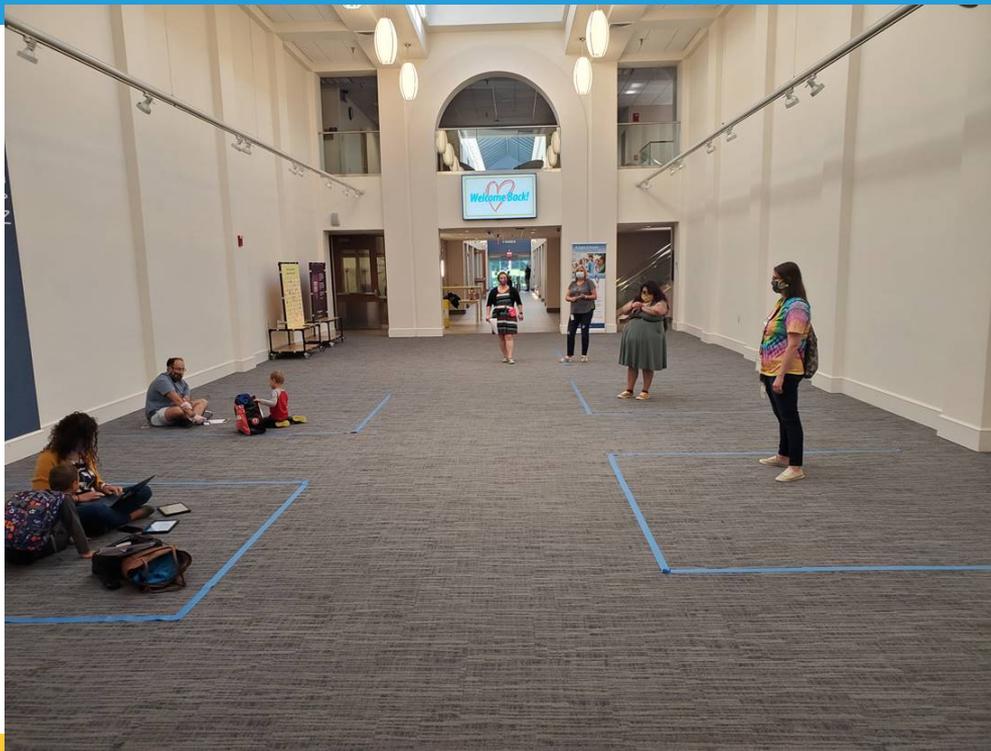
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Kol yisrael aravim zeh la zeh

The entire Jewish community is responsible for one another and as we continue in this period of prolonged uncertainty, we urge stakeholders from all sectors of the Atlanta Jewish community to come together to consider how our decisions related to re-opening impact one another. As a community, we are deeply interconnected and we must balance our different contexts with our mutual responsibility.



The Big Question

- How do we appropriately minimize risk recognizing that there are multiple goods that different organizations are trying to realize?
- Given the facts, which good ought to take priority?

Two Related Work Groups

- Cross-Sector of Jewish Community Professionals
- Expert Panel of Public Health Professionals, Ethicist and Economist



More Specific Questions

- How do we determine what assembly is appropriate based on where we are in the sequence of phased openings? What dataset do we use?
- How do we communicate with each other in a way that honors the privacy of individuals while notifying each other of cases among those in the community?
- Do we have baseline Jewish community practices related to symptom screening, social distancing, universal compliance and enforcement of masks, upgraded cleaning and disinfecting?