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The Jewish Federation
OF FLORIDA'S GULF COAST

Dear Friend,

Pirkei Avot 2:4 - Hillel says: Do not separate yourself from the community.

In order to be safe we do need to separate ourselves from the community *physically*, but we should be spending as much time as possible

being in touch with each other socially through video calls, phone calls, texts and email.

We have the technology to stay connected to our community throughout this national and global crisis; we each have the power to make a difference in the lives of our family members and friends by committing to connecting to each other each and every day.

Technology also gives us so many - actually, an overwhelming number of - ways to learn and/or be entertained as we spend more and more time confined to our homes. We thought we would share just a few we think you might enjoy:

- **Zoom:** Many individuals and organizations are using Zoom for video calls and classes. If you would like to use this program but don't know how, you can learn more from [this link](#).
- **PJ Library** has wonderful ideas for projects and crafts to keep families busy; check out those details from [this site](#).
- **Jewish Community Centers** around the

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & PARTNERS

[American Israel Public Affairs Committee \(AIPAC\)](#)

[Anti-Defamation League](#)

[Empath Health](#)

[Florida Holocaust Museum](#)

[Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services](#)

[Hillels of the Florida Suncoast](#)

[Israel Bonds](#)

[Jewish Alliance to End Domestic Abuse of Tampa Bay \(JAEDA\)](#)

[Jewish Burial Society & Chapel Hill Memorial Park](#)

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[Jewish National Fund: Tampa Bay Region](#)

[Jewish Press of Pinellas County](#)

[Jewish Women International \(JWI\)](#)

country are offering all sorts of online engagement opportunities; check out the details from [this site](#).

- Do you like to play **Mahjong**? If yes, check out this [cool online version](#) offering many free games a day.
- Love watching **Broadway shows**? [Broadway HD](#) is offering a 7-day free trial you might want to check out.

Remember we each have a responsibility to help flatten that COVID-19 curve.

Wash your hands. Disinfect all surfaces touched in your home and, if you are going to work, there as well (don't forget about light switches and thermostats along with all the other surfaces). Stay home if possible - a minimum of 6' from others if you leave your home.

We know that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought incredible stress into all of our lives. While the Jewish Federation is currently closed in regards to in-person meetings and programs through **May 3**, our staff members are still working in the office and remotely, and are available to help members of our community in any and all ways we are able.

We will get through this TOGETHER, as a community.

Please contact our Interim Executive Director [Maxine Kaufman](#) if you need help or know of other members of our Jewish community who may be in need of assistance.

L'Shalom,
Maxine, Diana, Lucé, Alex, Rabbi Dani, Lisa and David

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[Lylah Pinellas Chapter of Hadassah](#)

[Menorah Manor](#)

[Philip Benjamin Tower](#)

[PJ Library of Florida's Gulf Coast](#)

[St. Petersburg Chapter of Hadassah](#)

[Suncoast Hospice](#)

["The Sunday Simcha" Radio Program on 88.5 WMNF](#)

[TampaBay-Job-Links](#)

[Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival](#)

["Third Opinion" Radio Program on 88.5 WMNF](#)

[TOP Jewish Foundation](#)

ORGANIZATIONS BY REGION

(Click to visit the organization's website)

North County, Pasco & Hernando

[Chabad of Pinellas County](#)

[Chabad Jewish Center of West Pasco](#)

[Jewish Community Center of West Pasco](#)

[Temple Ahavat Shalom](#)

[Temple Beth David](#)

Mid-County

[Chabad of Clearwater](#)

[Congregation Beth Shalom](#)

[Temple B'nai Israel](#)

Pinellas County Emergency Operations Center
[Updates: COVID-19 Coronavirus](#)

We encourage you to adhere to the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state and local public health agencies.

South County

[Chabad Jewish Center of Greater St. Petersburg](#)

[Congregation B'nai Israel](#)

[Congregation Beth Sholom](#)

[Temple Beth-El](#)

Pinellas County Emergency Operations Center

[Updates: COVID-19 Coronavirus](#)

Coronavirus: No-Panic Helpguide

[Download the Ebook here](#)



We are still here to serve, listen, and help you through this time of uncertainty.

Gulf Coast JFCS has temporarily closed office locations throughout the state in order to safeguard the public and employees from the spread of COVID-19. Gulf Coast JFCS employees are working remotely and still available to assist in meeting your needs via telephone and email.

Our main number 727-495-1800 is being answered Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm. We are also available via email at info@gcjfcs.org.

There are signs at all locations advising anyone who arrives how to reach a

Gulf Coast JFCS staff member for assistance.

We are....

- Practicing physical separation, not social isolation. We are staying in contact with all our clients, but have temporarily eliminated all face-to-face contact.
- Continuing to monitor and respond to intake calls.
- Serving clients in Counseling Services by Licensed Clinicians through telehealth.
- Communicating with clients via text, email, telephone, video chat, zoom etc.
- Wishing everyone good health at this time!

If you are able to contribute to expanding our capacity to serve the most vulnerable populations due to COVID-19, donations can be made at our website: gcjfcc.org/donate

Or by mailing a check to our main office 14041 Icot Blvd Clearwater Fl 33760.

Please indicate "COVID-19 support" on your check or in the notes section of the webform.

Our Mission

Inspired by Jewish values, we protect the vulnerable and help people achieve fulfilling lives by empowering individuals and strengthening families.

Digital Activities with Partnership2Gether

#FacingCorona2Gether



More information: <https://www.facebook.com/P2GHaderaEironSE/>

Join us on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/3702605205>

Date	Day	Time EST	Time ISR	Activity	Description	Facilitator
March 26th	Thursday	11:00 AM	5:00 PM	Dancing2Gether	Moving body parts	Noam Harari
March 26th	Thursday	1:00 PM	7:00 PM	Food in Bidud	Cooking Workshop	Alon Moller
March 29th	Sunday	10:00 AM	5:00 PM	Back to the Cheider	Hebrew/English class for 5th-7th grade	Tzvia Zeidler
March 29th	Sunday	1:00 PM	8:00 PM	Talking B'etzavta	Israeli & American Teens	Professor Gil Troy
March 29th	Sunday	2:30 PM	9:30 PM	Teachers' Talking	Educator Exchange Alumni Reunion	Jill Abel
March 30th	Monday	12:00 PM	7:00 PM	Food in Bidud	Cooking Workshop	Einav Orgal
April 1st	Wednesday	10:00 AM	5:00 PM	P2G Professionals Group	Updates	Maya Shoham
April 2nd	Thursday	11:00 AM	6:00 PM	P2G Whole Group	Steering Committee Zoom Call	Jill & Maya
April 2nd	Thursday	12:00 PM	7:00 PM	Food in Bidud	Cooking Workshop	Roi Talmor
April 5th	Sunday	10:00 AM	5:00 PM	Back to the Cheider	Hebrew/English class for 5th-7th grade	Neta Zilberg
April 5th	Sunday	12:00 PM	7:00 PM	Online Passover	An Interactive Seder	P2G Leadership
Passover Vacation Office Closed between April 6th-April 19th						
April 19th	Sunday	10:00 AM	5:00 PM	Back to the Cheider	Hebrew/English class for 5th-7th grade	
April 19th	Sunday	10:00 AM	5:00 PM	Cafe Hafooch	Seniors & Teens Discussion	
April 19th	Sunday	1:00 PM	8:00 PM	Remember2Gether	Yom Hashoah	



FEDERATION INCLUSION STATEMENT

The Jewish Federation of Florida's Gulf Coast actively promotes and recognizes all participants across intersections of observance, faith, ancestry, marital status, national origin, citizenship, sexual orientation, gender identity, social class, economic class, ethnicity, race, age, disability, and all other identifying factors represented among our diverse community.

By appreciating the importance of inclusion, we acknowledge that the collective and individual talents, skills, and perspectives of our community members and partners foster a culture of belonging, collaborative practice, innovation and mutual respect.

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