

Or Shalom Jewish Community

Hello Or Shalom'ers,

Over the past few days, and again this morning, the San Francisco Health Department has asked organizations to cancel non-essential gatherings, as the concern about Community Spread of the corona virus continues to increase. The Southside Collaborative Rabbis and Presidents have wrestled thoroughly with how to handle our upcoming Purim celebration tomorrow night and we have decided that *“the shpiel must not go on!”* Purim is essential to our purpose. However, we want to be responsible and do our part to help protect the vulnerable among us, and to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

We have taken this decision reluctantly, but the health and safety concerns for our community, particularly our elders and those with underlying health conditions, have led us to believe that this is the right thing to do, and that our decision is consistent with Jewish values and our civic responsibility.

For those who wish to fulfill the mitzvah of hearing the reading of megillah, Congregation Ner Tamid (1250 Quintara St) will host a Megillah Reading for Southsiders who would like to come tomorrow night at 7:00pm. There will be no meal or shpiel at this event.

If you are not feeling well or if you have any underlying health conditions, please do not come to the gathering. For the good of all, please stay home and rest.

Be well,

Rabbi Katie