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We are committed to counterbalancing physical isolation with social contact. This is the Jewish way. Now is the time to think about the people around us who need contacting and care.

We are alongside all of our communities throughout this difficult and unprecedented time. We are offering resources and advice where appropriate, signposting to others who are doing excellent work and providing support, ideas and services where possible. We also encourage communities to help one another and are helping to share best practice from around the UK.

The government has stated that "gatherings of faith groups" are included within advice to avoid social gatherings. We are therefore asking you to close your doors but not your community. Many of our synagogues have already taken this difficult decision.

Please consider that a minyan can be online rather than in person, and we strongly recommend that we protect our members by not coming together within synagogues at this time.

Even without gatherings, our synagogues can continue to serve our members. It may currently be more important than ever that we do so.

We will be sharing innovative ideas as we hear about them from our communities. In the meantime, streaming services is an excellent way to engage people safely.

We are putting together a practical and ambitious set of ideas, guidance and innovative activities to help our members and communities through this difficult period. Here is a link to all our Covid-19 guidance, updated and expanded throughout the day:
<https://www.reformjudaism.org.uk/covid-19-information/>

I wish everyone well at this difficult time.

Warmly,



Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner
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