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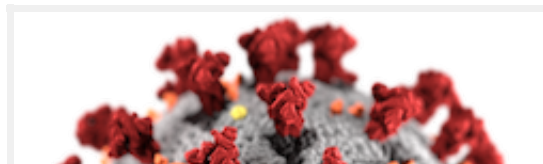
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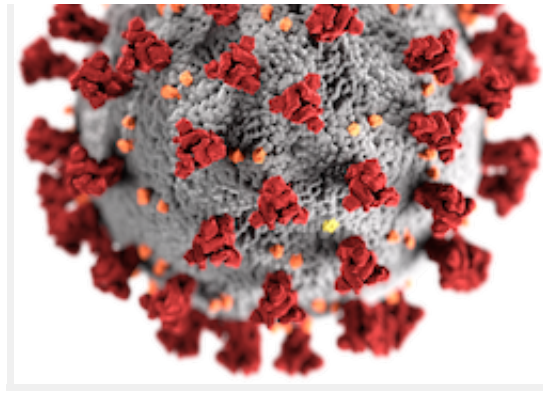
Coronavirus Special Report from Israel

יהוה הוא האלהים

צדק צדק תרדוף

For my house shall be called a house of prayer for ALL Peoples
כי ביתי בית תפלה יקרא לכל העמים





The Coronavirus - A Report for Members of UIWU

As the world faces the challenges of understanding the challenges presented by the Coronavirus, we wanted to send out this special Bulletin.

I am presently in Israel with my wife Bridget and several other friends of United Israel. Bridget and I recently participated in another successful Tabor-Nichols Tour. By the conclusion of the tour, it was becoming more apparent that the response to this virus would cause major disruptions in the lives of most of the world's inhabitants as experts around our troubled planet work tirelessly to contain the spread of the virus.

My original plan was to lead a second tour with Jono Vandor for the Australian Jewish Association and Israel News Talk Radio. Among the participants of this tour was our own Executive Vice President, Ralph Buntyn. Days after the conclusion of the Tabor-Nichols Tour, the Israeli government determined to require a mandatory self quarantine for anyone who entered Israel, and as a result of this decision, the scheduled tour was forced to face the inevitable cancellation.

David and Patty Tyler had arrived in Israel just prior to the mandatory quarantine period, but due to the uncertainty of the situation determined to return to the United States. I too began to work with the EL AL to secure a return flight. Initially I was informed that my flight scheduled to return via Boston on March 26th was cancelled and I was not able to schedule another flight. Just yesterday however, I was able to re-schedule on a flight via JFK for me and Bridget. We leave at 1:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 18.

Jono Vandor has been informed that all flights back to Australia at this time are cancelled and he is not sure when he will be able to return home. The same applies to two other friends of United Israel. Zack and Yvonne Zlyden (also a member of our Hebrew Torah Reading Team) will remain at Biblical Tamar Park until the travel restrictions are eased allowing passage home to Australia.

Australia.

If all goes according to plan, Bridget and I will be back home late Wednesday night. I intend to resume my work at the United Israel World Union Center South in Saint Francisville early Thursday morning. I plan to teach live via Facebook and YouTube this coming Sabbath at our regularly scheduled time of 10:30 a.m. CST. Due to increasing strictures being placed upon public gatherings and the requirement to comply with social distancing we will not allow people to attend the services in person. My intention is to teach live from the UI Center South without a local congregation.

Additionally, our leadership team has elected to cancel our upcoming UIWU conference scheduled for the last weekend of April 2020. This precautionary measure was reached due to the uncertainty of the situation and with the safety of all of you in mind. We are presently considering alternatives such as online presentations, but final determinations will be communicated at a later date in a future edition of the United Israel Bulletin. Everyone should cancel their reserved accommodations at the DoubleTree or wherever you planned to stay during the conference. The direct phone number for the DoubleTree is 704-364-2400.

We understand that these are trying times. Our prayer is that all of you remain healthy and that the impact of this crisis to your family is minimal.

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