From the desk of Rabbi David Chernoff

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Shalom in the Messiah!

As the world is going through this global coronavirus crisis and we are all wondering where this is going, I want to give you, our congregation and friends, a word of encouragement.

We know that prophetically we are in the Endtimes before the Messiah Yeshua returns. Therefore, we know that many catastrophic things are going to happen as well as wonderful "Book of Acts" revival events.

While we have never faced a situation quite like this before God has given us many promises to protect us. "No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling: for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways" (Ps. 91:10).

Beyond protection, we have many promises for victory in times like this. Yeshua said, "Behold, I give you authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:17).

Just as in biblical times, we as a congregation are making adjustments so that we can all move forward in victory and be stronger when this is all over. We are aware of the rules and guidelines set up by our national leaders and medical experts and we are complying with them particularly in the area of "social distancing".

REBOOTING THE MINISTRY OF CBY FOR THIS SEASON

We are still going to be quite active as a congregation during this crisis:

SERVICES -we will not be holding regular services for at least the next two weeks (March 20th & 21st and March 27th & 28th) or longer, but instead there will be a link at <u>cby.org</u> where we will be livestreaming a televised service with no on-site audience. This will occur every week at 10:30 am Saturday from the synagogue until further notice. We will have worship and praise, prayers and a message; this week I will be giving a special message concerning the "Coronavirus and the Endtimes"

WEEKLY MESSAGES FROM THE RABBI - these will be 15 minute updates from me on special issues regarding this time in which we live

PRAYER - we are increasing prayer immediately by establishing (a) a prayer chain, (b) an online prayer portal, (c) small prayer groups and (d) intercession by prayer requests being sent into the office. If you need prayer we are available to pray with you over the phone between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at 215-477-2706

OFFICE HOURS - the office will be open from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday through Friday during this period

PHONE - an automated phone message and text messages will be sent out periodically to keep you informed about our situation

WEBSITE, ETC. - information about CBY will be available on our website <u>cby.org</u>, APP and Facebook

VARIOUS MINISTRIES - certain ministries are going to continue by using the internet i.e. youth, children, home groups, MLT, etc.

SMALL GROUPS - depending on the length of this situation we will be able to have certain small group bible studies, prayer meetings, etc.

Obviously, everyone is concerned about their health and their finances. Yochanan the Shaliach (John the apostle) said, "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper and be in good health just as your soul prospers" (III Yohanan 2).

God wants to continue to bless everyone of us and CBY during this crisis. I would encourage you all to (a) continue to tithe and give (b) start tithing if you haven't been and (c) start using our website to give on-line at <u>cby.org</u> and if you are able to, give on a recurring basis. By giving on-line and recurring CBY will move forward strongly during this time.

Remember, that Isaac sowed in drought and famine and received a hundred-fold blessing from God for his obedience. We can all receive a similar blessing if we put God first in our finances at this time.

"Yet, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37)

In Our Messiah Yeshua's Name,

Rabbi David Chernoff

P.S. Please consider sending your tithes and offerings on-line. Visit our website for weekly updates. Please remember CBY is sustained by tithes and offerings. You can use the Give button on our website or <u>click here</u>, send by mail or call the synagogue office and we can receive them by phone.