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Dear Friends,

Over decades spanning the 20th and 21st centuries, we have joined hands across oceans and mountains, to dance and celebrate together during moments of great achievement and miraculous rescue and to support, console and strengthen each other in times of distress, war and disruption.

We all now face a shared enemy and common concerns. New restrictions on regular daily life in many countries bring our families and our communities together to face new realities that are all at once global and local.

These are unusual, exceptionally unsettling times for all of us.

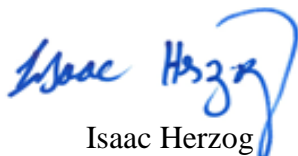
As communities are forced to cancel gatherings, prayer services, educational programs and even Shabbat meals together, as our communities move to an increasingly virtual existence, this is the time to double-down on looking out for each other, supporting and feeling very much part of the wider Jewish family.

From Jerusalem and from our professionals and leadership across Israel, North America and around the globe, like so many times before, we stretch our hand out to you and yours, to your communities – with deepest hope and prayer for speedy improvement in the situation, to good health and safety for us all.

The Jewish Agency for Israel, working with its global partners, is assisting communities under particular strain during this crisis and stands ready to assist whenever and wherever needed.

We send you continued strength and courage as you guide your loved ones and your communities through these unfamiliar and uncertain times.

Sincerely,



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