



Dear Colleagues,

It is hard to believe that this has only been one week.

A Week of Civil Unrest -- As protests continue across the United States – and worldwide – more than a week after the death of George Floyd, we continue to share our outrage and sorrow. [Read Federation statements here](#).

Reopening -- Though for some reopening may not seem prudent at this time, we know that many members of our community are looking for answers to basic questions about safety and managing community expectations. This week we launched a 3-part webinar on the topic which have attracted thousands of registrants. A recording of the first one, hosted by SCN on safety and security, can be found [here](#). [SCN also produced a set of resources and guidance on this topic](#). Below is information about the next two webinars.

❖ Thursday, June 11 at 12 PM ET | **Making the Leadership Decision**

Thinking about the needs of a myriad of stakeholders, this session will focus on how to support professionals and board leadership in making decisions around reopening. [REGISTER HERE](#)

❖ Thursday, June 18 at 12 PM ET | **Learning from Israel's Experience**

Israelis face similar issues around reopening but have drawn on a different set of experiences. Learn how they are navigating these decisions. [REGISTER HERE](#)

NEW PPE Purchasing Portal -- You are now able purchase non-medical PPE to prepare for reopening your Jewish communal facilities or offices and to maintain safe operation through JewishTogether. Visit www.jewishtgether.org/ppe-purchasing-portal

Monitoring BDS and Anti-Semitism -- Extremist groups are using this moment to inflame the situation. In Los Angeles [a synagogue was vandalized](#) and anti-Semitic imagery is being circulated online. The Israel Action Network (IAN) is monitoring the situation and encourages communities to remain vigilant. For more information visit this webpage: www.israelactionnetwork.org/toolkit. For additional support contact IAN's Director [Stephanie Hausner](#).

Communicating About Staffing Changes -- Many Federations have undergone or are planning staffing changes as they manage through the economic crisis and budget challenges. For sample communications, please contact [Jessica Balboni](#). (Because of the sensitivity of this issue we are not posting this material online.)

Birthright Israel - Postponement of August 2020 Trips -- All August trips, which were scheduled to depart from North America, have been postponed. However, Birthright is still planning to bring groups from



Austria, the Czech Republic, and Georgia. If you had a community trip scheduled to depart in August, then your partnering Trip Organizer should be in the process of reaching out to discuss what options exist moving forward. Separately, all participants who had been assigned to August trips are now being contacted by their Trip Organizers as well. If you have additional questions, please contact Daniel Kraus at daniel.kraus@birthrightisrael.org

Payment Protection Plan -- Congress passed new legislation on the Paycheck Protection Program: the Paycheck Protection Forgiveness Act of 2020. We will provide details once the SBA issues guidance.

Federation CEO Retirement -- Stuart Mellan, president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona (Tucson), retired last weekend after 25 years in the CEO role. We wish Stu all the best. Here is a local article highlighting his tenure: [Arizona Jewish Post, June 4, 2020](#)

Graham Hoffman is now the president and CEO of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona.

Shabbat Shalom,

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