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UMJCA CENTRAL BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT VIRTUAL DEEDANS & LIMITED GATHERINGS

After many discussions between the Central Board, Synagogue Boards, Religious Council, and Medical Advisory Board, the following guidelines will be going into effect immediately until further notice:

As our community deals with unfortunate life cycle events, all funerals taking place will now be for immediate family only. The funeral home has told us they cannot conduct any funeral if there are more than **25 people** at the cemetery.

Regarding deedans, there will no longer be LIVE deedans in person (neither in Kanissa or in homes). Everything will now be conducted through **ZOOM ONLY**, announced to the community with a link attached for everyone to join. Rabbis and grieving family members will be speaking via Zoom for the entire community. Please note that the families will not be sitting shiva in Kanissa and there will be no speeches by any Rabbis in Kanissa.

We also ask all grieving families to please try and keep visiting family members in their homes to **10 people or less**, with all masking and social distance practices in place.

In an attempt to continue to keep the entire community safe, and to keep our Kanissas, schools and businesses open, we request that everyone please continue to strictly follow all social distancing protocols set forth by the CDC and to please adhere to the NYS Thanksgiving guidelines set forth limiting gatherings to immediate household family members only.

We thank the entire community endlessly for their cooperation with these constantly changing guidelines that have unfortunately been affecting us this year. We continue to pray for the health of everyone and look forward to being able to gather together again very soon.

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