



Jewish Federation OF GREATER HOUSTON

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Dear Jran Community:

Today, we will go over updates from the State, County and City; what school might look like when it opens; professional sports gearing up to play this summer; and an updated date (but same time!) for the next Jran conversation starter.

Updates from the State, County, and City

Tomorrow, the Governor's Small Business Series will be hosting a webinar on Business Strategies for an Evolving Future. It will feature a panel of COVID19 support experts to help guide you to develop adaptive business strategies for uncertain times. You must register in advance [here](#).

The City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods is partnering with Houston Volunteer Lawyers to present two Zoom webinars next week. The first, on May 26th, is on [IRS tax payments and economic stimulus payments](#). The second is on May 28th and will cover how to [get your legal affairs in order](#).

Mayor Turner emphasized that [wearing a mask is a matter of public safety](#) and not a political statement. Governor Abbot is also encouraging all Texans to take all necessary precautions to avoid spreading the virus, including wearing a mask.

Harris County Office of Emergency Management is reminding people that [although gyms are allowed to open, the safest way to exercise is at home](#).

Harris County Commissioners Court approved [\\$30 million in \\$1,200-\\$1,500 grants](#) to low-income individuals.

Schools Given Green Light to Open

Governor Abbott has given the State's school districts the ability to [open on June 1st](#). The Texas Education Agency has released [guidance](#) for those districts that choose to reopen.

In Israel, schools have reopened to mixed feelings. [JTA is reporting](#) that about 60% of the children allowed to return to school did so. Children and adults are required to wear masks on campus and have daily temperature checks.

Professional Sports Set to Open Up

Major League Baseball (MLB) and the National Football League are preparing to head back to the field in the coming weeks. [MLB plans to start its season on July 4th](#), however concerns from the medical community have raised issues related to spreading COVID19 to players and fans. Dr. Umair Shaw from Harris County Public Health expressed concern that health officials in MLB cities have not been consulted in the planning phase.

JRAN Conversation Starter – New Date, Same Time

The JRAN Conversation Starter on hurricane preparedness has been changed to May 28th at 11:00 am. Please save the date and a separate email will be sent with all of the details.

In Other News...

During the great quarantine of 2020, many of us have found ourselves in the [kitchen as a means of self-care](#). Bread seems to be the [most popular item](#), but we all know that the true kitchen hero is a nice Jewish brisket. The team behind *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* is sending us all Midge's sash and crown wearing [brisket recipe](#). So, watch out challah, there's a brisket coming your way. May the nosher games begin!

Take care today and I hope you find time to cook a nice meal,

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