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Dear Jran Community:

Today, we will cover developments in treating COVID19, two new storms forming that prove this will indeed be an active hurricane season, and one last call to register for Thursday's Jran Training on Countering an Active Threat.

COVID19

Cases in the Houston area continue to rise as we look at the [average daily growth rate by week](#). Last week, the Texas Medical Center (TMC) data reveals that we added 2,366 new cases per day. However, Dr. David Persse, the Houston Health Authority, is cautiously stating that we are seeing [a flattening of the curve when it comes to daily new hospitalizations](#). This is in large part due to our ability to better treat patients when they are admitted as medical staff become more familiar with COVID19 treatment options and we learn more about how the virus responds to different therapies. TMC is projecting a decrease in medical surge bed occupancy in the next two weeks.

Last week, Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York [sent the City of Houston staff and supplies](#) so we can have an additional two testing sites. You might start seeing signs that read "NYC <3 HOU" popping up around town.

The Federal Reserve has approved the Main Street Lending Program for nonprofits. This loan is not forgivable but is a good option for cash strapped nonprofits to weather the storm. You can [find more information here](#).

Many of our Jewish day schools and preschools are preparing to open their doors this August. Jran will be presenting a "Lessons from Summer" webinar so we can learn best practices on how to implement CDC minimum standards and how to address issues that might come up during the school year. [Please register in advance here](#).

Hurricane Season 2020

We are watching a [possible storm forming in the Gulf](#) of Mexico and we are expecting our 7th named storm in the Atlantic, Gonzalo, by Wednesday. This serves as a good reminder to make sure we are prepared for severe weather this weekend. Jran will be holding its next [Jran Conversation Starter on Community Resiliency on Tuesday, July 28th from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.](#) We

will have Anva Ratzon, Projection Sector Coordinator, IsraAID and Gary Flaharty, Executive Director, Southwest Houston United Responds. They will discuss the work we are undertaking in Houston to better prepare for future disasters and how our community is working toward a more coordinated effort.

Security

This Thursday, JРАН will be hosting its first JРАН Training: Countering An Active Threat. Brad Orsini, Senior National Advisor with the Secure Community Network, will be leading the training as we begin to think about going back to school and leading into planning for High Holidays. Mr. Orsini was the Director of Security for the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and his trainings have been credited with saving lives during the Tree of Life massacre. Please join us at 11 a.m. on Thursday. [You must register in advance](#). This is free and open to anyone in the Jewish community.

In Other News...(ear buds in, volume up!)

For regular JРАН readers, there has been a theme for the summer's "In Other News" section: *Hamilton* and random things being used to fill empty seats. This week, I have both for you!

[Most of us are familiar with "Adon Olam" as a hymn to close out Shabbat or during joyous occasions like, say, a bar or bat mitzvah. Cantor Azi Schwartz, with Park Avenue Synagogue, serenaded a bat mitzvah with his version of "Adon Olam" to the tune of Hamilton's "You'll Be Back." With over 800,000 views on YouTube, this is one bat mitzvah service that keeps on going. And how I will be hearing "Adon Olam" from here on out...](#)

[*Correction: in last Thursday's JРАН email I meant to say "14% of teachers do feel comfortable" with in-person teaching. Good eye, readers!](#)

Take care today and I hope you find time to appreciate the small things,

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