



Bet Aviv
The Meeting House
5885 Robert Oliver Place
Columbia, MD 21045

Bet Aviv Inclement Weather Policy

Summary

The President is authorized to cancel Bet Aviv worship services and activities in the event of inclement weather. This decision will be made in consultation with the clergy and committee chairs, as appropriate, and will be based on decisions made by the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center and Howard Community College. Congregants will be notified by e-mail by 7:00 am for morning activities and 4:00 pm for evening activities. Notices will also appear on the Bet Aviv website and on the office phone. As always, please use your personal comfort level when deciding whether to attend activities in inclement weather.

Oakland Mills Interfaith Center

- If the Oakland Mills Meeting House is closed, all Bet Aviv activities scheduled at The Meeting House are cancelled. You will be notified via the communication policy below.

Bet Aviv Activities

Bet Aviv activities will follow the same schedule as Howard Community College.

- If Howard Community College is delayed in the morning, all morning activities will be cancelled.
- If Howard Community College is dismissed early, all evening activities will be cancelled.
- If Howard Community College is closed for the day, all activities will be cancelled for the day.

Communication

- In the event of a closing or delayed opening due to inclement weather or other emergency, an announcement will be placed prominently on the Bet Aviv website and an email will be sent informing the congregants that a program or service has been cancelled.
- If you call and receive a busy signal or get no answer, you may assume the phone lines are down and Bet Aviv is without power, meaning our offices and buildings are closed.
- The President will attempt to notify the contact person for affected activities.
- A determination of program status will be made and communicated as expeditiously as possible. The goal is to email them by 7am for morning programs and 4pm for evening programs. Sometimes there are circumstances that make these timelines unrealistic. We appreciate your understanding.



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Worship Services, Programs, and Special Events

- Every effort will be made to conduct scheduled worship services. Only extremely hazardous weather, impassable travel conditions, severe damage to facilities, and/or a power outage at OMI will cause a cancellation.
- If at all possible, weddings, funerals, and major one-time special events will be conducted as scheduled.
- Cancellation of evening programs will be posted prominently on the Bet Aviv website by 4:00 pm. and the Communications Chair will send an email by 4:00pm informing the congregation of the cancelled service.

Weekday Office Operations

The Bet Aviv office will maintain its normal schedule whenever possible. The President will determine if the weather conditions are too extreme for the office to open. In the event that the office is closed, an announcement will be posted on our website.

Personal Discretion

- In all cases, please use your personal discretion to determine if it is safe for you to leave your home and travel to Bet Aviv's activities.