

Congregation Beth Shalom and Jewish United Fund Concert to benefit Keshet
October 29th, 2023

NOTIFICATION of CANCELLATION.

Dear Community,

It is with somber emotions that we share this notice with you of the cancellation of the Tribute to Jewish Women's concert.

It may not come as a surprise to you, that given the history-making events of this week, that we have made the decision not to produce a concert highlighting varied secular genre of musical pieces. With anticipatory tensions growing about the weeks ahead, we felt it best to cancel this upbeat and celebratory concert.

Please note that we are not allowing our enemies to dictate our lives. Should we have s'machot such as baby naming, B'nai Mitzvah, weddings, Shabbat and holidays services, we will forge ahead as we must, however a fun and entertaining music concert is not, on our eyes, viewed at all the same. The mood which most of us are experiencing is more akin to sitting shivah, and we chose not to dishonor the respect which our beloved people deserve.

We did give rather serious thought to pivoting and producing an Israel Solidarity concert but felt it in poor taste to do so when another pro-Israel event was being hosted by Stand with Us, on the same day, at the same time, also in the northern suburbs.

Reimbursement of any tickets purchases through Ticket Master or the NSCPA Box Office can be accessed. You will be receiving notification from them as to how to do so. If you wish to not accept this opportunity and wish to yet direct your funds towards Keshet, that can also be accomplished. We will be fluffing our pledge to Keshet none the less in this calendar year.

Again, we are as sorry as are you that the current world climate has led us to this this decision.

If you have need for any more explanation please contact me directly.

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