As we approach Shabbat and Pesach, here is a practical guide that we hope will be helpful to you when using technology for Beth El services and your own family Seders under the new guidelines set forth by Rabbi Schwab.

On Shabbat or Yom Tov, we ask that when using an iPad, Phone or computer, that you limit your touches or keystrokes to as few as possible. One should also avoid restarting or waking up a device during Shabbat or the holiday. Typing, such as entering passwords or entering a URL address, is also expressly forbidden. Please do whatever you can to avoid these activities even if something technical goes wrong. Therefore, it is advisable to do much of the initial set up of your electronic device prior to the start of the service or Seder.

Logging into Facebook Live to view Beth El Yom Tov and Shabbat Services:

1) Ideally, Facebook Live should be accessed in a way that reduces direct interaction with your phone, iPad or computer as much as possible. Typing is prohibited on Shabbat and Yom Tov, but 2-4 keystrokes or screen touches will be permitted. If possible, a child below bar or bat mitzvah is ideal to perform any such actions and voice command is preferable to keystrokes, clicks or taps.

2) To reduce the temptation of typing, we recommend that you consider using your phone or iPad to access Facebook. Both Android (Alexa) and iPhone (Hey Siri) will allow you to access Facebook with one touch, or by giving a verbal command, such as "Open Facebook." Once in Facebook, you can access the North Suburban Synagogue livestream by touching the Search (Magnifying Glass).

3) Before Shabbat or Yom Tov, log onto Facebook, type North Suburban Synagogue Beth El into Facebook's search. Next time you log on to the search, The North Suburban Synagogue page will be at the top of the list. One touch to get you to the page, and then a second touch will allow you to open the live stream, which should be available at least 5-10 minutes before the service begins.

4) If using a computer, we suggest that you disable the screen saver and password log-in prior to Yom Tov or Shabbat. This will prevent you from "waking up" the computer or having it "sleep" in the middle or your stream. When using a computer, it would be ideal to click on the Facebook Live Stream prior to the start of Yom Tov or Shabbat, and leave the stream running overnight until services begin. In order to do this, you must disable the Login, Sleep and Hibernation modes to on your computer. Links to videos showing you how to disable these features on Mac and Windows 10 are located below. Others videos for your particular computer or version of Windows can be found on YouTube.

    https://youtu.be/0oihWNSWO8s - How to disable the Password Login on a Mac.

    https://youtu.be/CiAyjF84S38 - How to disable Standby, Sleep or Hibernation on a Mac.

https://youtu.be/jXQ7Aj5uBe4 - How to disable Password Login and Lock Screen on a Windows 10 PC

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQzFpwk6Tlg – How to disable Sleep and Hibernating on as Windows 10 PC.

5) In using a computer for the second day of Yom Tov, turn on the livestream after dark, when the first day of Yom Tov has ended. The first day is a Biblically mandated Yom Tov and has more significant restrictions.

Holding a Virtual Seder:

1) If each household has at least one Apple Device, you can use Facetime for free. The phone numbers for multiple households can be entered in advance and be dialed with one touch.

2) If not everyone has an iPhone, you can purchase a single month Subscription of ZOOM Pro for $14.99. We recommend this version, as it will allow an open connection for 24 hours. The free basic Zoom can only be used for 40 minutes.

3) Ideally, you can arrange in advance for a non-Jewish person or a child who has not yet become a B'nai Mitzvah to activate the conference.

4) Zoom will allow you to use a virtual assistant, like Siri or Alexa, to activate the stream by voice alone. Ideally this can also be done by a minor as well.

5) If using a computer, we suggest that you disable the Screen Saver and Password Login prior to Yom Tov. This will prevent you from having to "wake up" the computer or having it "sleep" in the middle or your Seder. Links to videos showing you how to disable these features on Mac and Windows 10 are located above.

Please note the following:

Activating a <u>recording device</u> on Yom Tov or Shabbat is a violation of Shabbat or Yom Tov. Therefore, if a stream is initiated on Yom Tov or Shabbat, it should absolutely be with recording <u>disabled</u>.

If participants are in multiple time zones, the Seder should ideally begin so that it is late enough for all involved to fulfill their obligation, or else those for whom it is too early should make sure to perform the key rituals after dark as well. We also encourage those who offer a stream to do so in a way that minimizes the types of violations that might be committed by those accessing it. This is similar to the real-life situation where one might invite people to Seder who will violate other prohibitions in order to attend.