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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



Dear friends,

When I wrote my column for the previous bulletin, little did anyone know how the world would change in such a short time span. First and foremost, I want to emphasize how much I miss all of you. The absence of direct person to person interaction is difficult for the psyche and the soul. I pray thrice daily that the Almighty should give us back our world as we knew it so that we might once again congregate and enjoy each other's company.

COVID-19 has taken a terrible toll on New York's Jewish community. We could almost apply the verse **אין בית אשר אין שם מת**, loosely translated as "there is no house in which a person has not been stricken." I am grateful that in my house we are healthy and that my parents, who were quite sick, have fully recovered. Sadly, however, several of my childhood friends lost parents; two of my students from Young Israel of Woodmere passed away and another two were horribly ill. We pray that those in our congregation who became sick will have a full recovery.

We offer our deepest condolences to the extended Ozick-Hallote-Joffe family on the passing of Alex's father Herbert Joffe and the passing of our dear friend and longtime shul member Gnesha Ozick.

Gnesha had just recently celebrated her 99th birthday. She was a warm, kind, and caring person and was cherished by so many people. As I mentioned in my remarks at the graveside, Gnesha had a deep love of Judaism. In her later years, when coming to the synagogue was too difficult for her, I used to visit her on or before the holidays to help facilitate mitzvah observance. Those visits to blow the shofar on Rosh Hashanah, shake the Lulav on Sukkot, hear the Megillah and receive Mishloach Manot on Purim, were always very special to her and to me. She was very proud of her family, and took great joy in telling me when there was an Ozick simcha in Eretz Yisrael. I want to thank the Herstics, Kelmans, and Simhons for all they did over the years to look after Gnesha and Julius Z"L.

Even though we are not gathering at 50 North Ave for services, Anshe Sholom is still vibrant. With Zoom as our new best friends, much of our activities continue. We have minyan every morning and some evenings. We have Kabbalat Shabbat every Friday night and Havdalah every Saturday night. We have classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings and

Daf Yomi every day. With most people being home and having more free time to themselves, I have tried to increase my output of educational materials including essays and videos that are distributed by email and WhatsApp.

While we have been apart there have been some rays of sunshine*. Mazal Tov to: Liz & Jono Panitch on the birth of Aiden; Miriam & Ephraim Leiderman on the birth of Noah; Sara & Nati Schreiber on the birth of Judah. Arranging a Bris is challenging under normal conditions, all the more so in the COVID era and with Yom Tov as a further complicating factor. Thank God, all the young men have been duly entered into the Covenant of Abraham on the eighth day. *As we were about to go to press, we were informed of the birth of a baby girl to Michal & Isaac Manaster — Mazal Tov!

I – and I am sure that all of my rabbinic colleagues are experiencing the same thing – have been asked by many people for a spiritual explanation for the turmoil in our world. It is not in my nature to pontificate on such things. Instead I will tell you that now, more than ever, I understand the social utility of religious affiliation. The community of like-minded believers remains a community no matter how awful it gets out there. We are united and together even in our social distancing. And lest you think that those are mere words and platitudes, I can tell you in all honesty that there has been more cooperation between the local synagogues, Westchester rabbis, communal service organizations, and caring individuals than I can ever remember in my tenure in the rabbinate. Maybe the most headline grabbing was the effort by Chabad to send Megillah readers to New Rochelle (including to Anshe Sholom, as I was quarantined at the time). But that was just one example. There are many others. Tough times give us an opportunity to show our true colors. New Rochelle Jewry has acquitted itself very well.

We are not out of the woods yet. Be prudent and stay safe.

In friendship,

Rabbi Evan Hoffman



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THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear Friends,

We have come through some difficult weeks of Covid-19, but our bonds remain strong, as we pray, and learn, and mourn, and share our lives in a different way. I believe that our community is remarkably steadfast, and the arms of support of our shared experiences remain reassuring as things change quickly around us. Yet, there is hopefulness, reflected in the newly fresh air, and the blossoms of springtime.

Our Shul seems lonely, when I go there to sign checks or check in with our office staff or Flori. Our last event at 50 North Avenue was Purim, over a month ago, and we observed Passover with just our close family, and for some—alone. Some within our community or those close to us have been sick, and some, sadly, have died. Others have selflessly struggled to save the lives of others, putting themselves and their families in harm's way. To those who have been sick, may you get well quickly, and for those in mourning, may you be comforted.

While we are all saddened and stressed by these realities, we are still buoyed and strengthened by our mutual faith and our community relationships. We have, Baruch Hashem, welcomed new babies, celebrated birthdays, and we continue to daven, count the Omer, learn Torah, fulfill our Mitzvahs, and meet daily, thanks to the gifts of technology and our commitment to each other.

The Board has determined that we will not be able to have our usual Annual Gala Dinner this year, but we will still come together on June 14 at 5:30pm for a 'Virtual Annual Dinner'. We plan a vigorous fundraising campaign and it will culminate with a teleconference group meeting. Additional details will be provided in the next few weeks. We anticipate a short presentation by the Rabbi and Shul leadership, and an opportunity to share our gratitude for each other and our beloved Shul.

It is not clear when we will be able to meet in person again, and some things may be a bit different when we finally do. But make no mistake about it--that time will come! Perhaps it will be for the annual Shavuot ice cream party and kickball game in our yard. It is too early to say. In the meantime, please stay safe, and please answer the call to support our Shul and to perpetuate this treasured community.

With Love,

Tom Grimaldi
Co-President



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SHACHARIT Zoom Meeting

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SHACHARIT

Sundays 9AM
Mon-Fri 8:00AM



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KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday 7PM (use link above)

HISTORY OF ZIONISM W/RABBI HOFFMAN

Monday 7PM (use link above)

TALMUD CLASS W/RABBI HOFFMAN

Thursdays 8PM (use link above)

DAF YOMI W/RABBI HOFFMAN

Sun-Fri 4PM (use link above)



PARSHAH CLASS W/RABBI KRACKO

Wednesdays 7:30PM

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72979239572?pwd=N00rUHMzMWVhNTFVb2JZaFlFRUhEQT09>

A MESSAGE FROM SISTERHOOD



Dear friends,

These certainly are trying times we live in. What a long, strange trip it's been and continues to be. I, like most of us, have tried to adapt as best as possible.

As I started to write this message, I received a reminder about a 1 pm Rosh Chodesh class, and this morning I had a video consultation with a dietitian (self-quarantining can make it more difficult to stay healthy). I try to get outdoors and exercise, which is exhilarating, if only for a short while.

I have felt overwhelmed by the number of Zoom classes, lectures, videos and music available. But, I am thankful that technology allows us to stay connected.

I want to especially thank AnnBeth Cohen for initiating the Sisterhood phone calls to our Shul members to help keep us all connected. Thank you AnnBeth, Aviva Berkowitz, Ruth Grayson, Lee Katz, Ellen Kracko, Constance Levi, and Janet and Gary Waller. Everyone appreciates receiving these calls.

We don't know when we'll see each other again in person, so it's nice to see each other on Zoom, and to hear your voices on the phone. Stay safe, be well.

Joanne Wiesner-Steiner
Sisterhood President



SUNSHINE CARDS

To Shari & Elliot Levontin: A Hearty Mazal Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of your son Andy!!, from: Janet & Gary Waller

To Betsy & Sid Baum: Mazal Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of your grandson Andy!!, from: Janet & Gary Waller

To Effie, Miriam and Becca Leiderman, Mazal Tov on the birth and Bris of Noah Joshua!, from: Fany & Shlomo Dubi, and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Nati, Sara, and Ezzie Schreiber, Mazal Tov on the birth and Bris of Judah Zev!, from: Fany & Shlomo Dubi, and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Liz & Jono and Aria Panitch, Mazal Tov on the birth and Bris of Aiden William, from: Joanne Wiesner-Steiner and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Amichai, Chana Gila, and Zev Levy — Mazal Tov on the birth of Dahlia Blanche!, from: Joanne Wiesner-Steiner and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Michael, Aviva, Maytal and Noam Berkowitz, Happy Birthday to Noam Menashe, who turns one on May 18th!, from: Joanne Wiesner-Steiner

To Andrea & Josh Horowitz, and grandparents Barbara & David Horowitz, Mazal Tov on the birth and Bris of Reuben Zalman!

Refuah Shleima to Honey and Sol Neier, from: Sue Merims, and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

Refuah Shleima to Sona Bernfeld, from: Ruth Grayson and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.



MEMORIAL CARDS

To Janet Waller in memory of her mother Helen, from: Joan & Leon Ashner and Diane Steinfink

To Barbara Levine in memory of her brother Glen, from: Fany and Shlomo Dubi

To Drs. Alex & Rachel Joffe and family, condolences on the loss of father and grandfather Herbert, from: Joan & Leon Ashner, Marlene & Armand Lerner, Constance Levi, Charlotte & Jerry Lovich, Ruth Grayson, Joanne Wiesner-Steiner, the Sisterhood ladies, and Janet & Gary Waller.

To Mrs. Florence Joffe, Condolences on the loss of your husband Herbert, from: Joan and Leon Ashner.

To Tzvi and Daniel Ozick on the loss of your beloved mother Gnesha, from: Fany & Solomon Dubi, Janet & Gary Waller, Joan & Leon Ashner

To Sam Solomon, condolences on loss of your brother Alvin, from: Joanne Wiesner-Steiner and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Mrs. Joanne Mabowitz and family, condolences on loss of your husband Allen, from: Jason Mehler and family.

To Edite Vieira on the loss of beloved father Jose Cristino Rodrigues Vieira, from: Ruth Grayson, Charlotte & Jerry Lovich, Joanne Wiesner-Steiner, and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Dr. Morton Coleman, condolences on the loss of brother Larry, from: Ruth Grayson, Charlotte & Jerry Lovich, and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

Funerals in a time of social distancing

Dear friends,

Truly one of the hardest things to deal with in the current Covid-19 crisis in our communities is being impacted by deaths of loved ones, whether due to the virus and of other natural causes. The isolation and helplessness experienced by both those who are ill and family members of those patients is sad and tragic. A loss of one life is comparable to the loss of “an entire world.” This is why at the same time as we give Kavod Ha'Met, attending to the dignity of those who've departed, we must be exceedingly assiduous in Kavod Ha'Chaim, preserving life with the health and safety of all those concerned.

It is for this reason, that we have decided on the following policy regarding funerals/burials during the current Covid-19 crisis, which will be in effect for the foreseeable future:

- All funerals will be graveside only and will strictly follow the guidelines of each cemetery, in terms of how many people can be present, who can participate in the burial and who can be near the casket at any given time.
- Irrespective of such guidelines, only family members should be in attendance, even if that means that there will be no Minyan for Kaddish.
- Rabbis will ONLY be available virtually by Facetime/Zoom/Phone to guide the mourners through the burial ceremony in accord with the time honored traditions of Kevurat Yisrael.
- A meaningful funeral/memorial can be held during shiva, after the burial, on a virtual platform, or later in the year when, God willing, the Coronavirus crisis lessens and gatherings become safe once again.

May it be that the merit of our adherence to the precept of “V'Nishmartem Me'od L'Nafshoteichem,” safeguarding the public health to the greatest degree possible — serves as an aliyah to all of the Neshamot of the departed “who have gone to their world and for whose blessed memory we all pray.”

Rabbi Yaakov Bienenfeld, Young Israel of Harrison
 Rabbi Reuven Fink, Young Israel of New Rochelle
 Rabbi Shmuel Greenberg, Young Israel of White Plains
 Rabbi Evan Hoffman, Congregation Anshe Sholom
 Rabbi Chaim Marder, Hebrew Institute of White Plains
 Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern, Young Israel of Scarsdale
 Rabbi Daniel Rosenfelt, Fleetwood Synagogue
 Rabbi Mitchell Serels, Magen David

A TORAH MINUTE



There are different words for “prayer” in the Hebrew language. There is the verb *Lehithpallel*, which means “to pray.” The word *Rinna*, which is translated as “to sing or shout with joy,” also refers to prayer. The Torah uses the term *Vayiz'aku*, which means, “they cried out [to G-d]”, which also means “they prayed”.

When speaking about Isaac, the Torah tells us *Va'ye'etar*, “Isaac entreated G-d”, which is yet a different way of saying that he prayed. Below is an explanation as to why this particular word was used, when there are so many other options.

The root of the word entreat, comes from another word in Hebrew, which means pitchfork. A pitchfork is used to move hay from one place to another and that is precisely why this word is used. Just like a pitchfork is used to transfer hay from one place to another, so too our *tefillah* (prayer), when we pray correctly, can transfer something that was from the *Middat HaDin* (Attribute of Judgment), a bad judgment against a person from Heaven, into something good that comes to help the person.

Such is the power of *tefillah*. Just like a pitchfork can move something from one place to another, from left-to-right or turn it upside down, so too our prayers, when done correctly, with the appropriate *Kavanah* (intent), can change something negative into something positive for us.

What a powerful message this is, that we can apply to our personal prayers when speaking to G-d, as well as our formal prayers from the Siddur. How fortunate we are that the *Kadosh Barukh Hu* has given us this amazing tool.

































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