

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones doing well. Please find a number of important updates below, specifically about Pesach and this Shabbos.

**Pesach** - It has become abundantly clear that we will be unable to host the shul's second Seder this year. It is with a broken heart that we are cancelling our yearly shul Seder.

As per the letter issued by the Orthodox Union, the medical establishment is urging everyone to not go to other people's homes at this time. This means that the Seder should only be celebrated together with those who live in one's home. The OU letter further states, "Individuals living alone or those absolutely unable to prepare for Pesach may chose to self-quarantine for 14 days, and then, if asymptomatic, may join with a welcoming family that is asymptomatic. The elderly and high risk must seek medical guidance before doing so."

If I could help in any way with navigating these challenges, please do not hesitate to reach out. Please see below for some classes that will attempt to make our small or solo Seders a little more manageable and meaningful.

**Laws of Burning chameitz this year, tevilah for new utensils, and more:** Please read this important letter by the Baltimore Council of Orthodox Rabbis/ Vaad HaRabbanim by clicking on this [link](#). If I could help clarifying any of the details, please do not hesitate to reach out.

**Class Updates:**

This Thursday evening, the nightly 8 PM class will not take place. However, the 9 PM class will be on the topic of **Towards a Meaningful Seder** and we will explore the Haggadah together with a couple of Seder tips and laws. The Zoom info is <https://zoom.us/j/775211037/> call 16465588656 with pin (Meeting ID) 775 211 037/ One tap mobile +16465588656,,775211037#.

Next week, Thursday, April 2, at 11 AM, there will be a class on the topic of **Solo Seders: How to manage making a Seder alone** and Thursday evening, April 2, at 9 PM, there will be a class on **DIY - Creative Seders**. Zoom info will be sent out soon. We will also be sending out a packet of creative songs, Haggadahs, and more that can help make your personal Seder more engaging and enjoyable.

**Assistance:** If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact me directly at 917-855-8607.

These are trying times and that can have a significant impact on one's emotional well-being. Baltimore is blessed with an excellent mental health referral agency, Relief, whose stated goal is to connect individuals to appropriate mental health professionals. The phone number for the Baltimore office is 410-448-8356. Please do not hesitate to contact me as well if I can be of any assistance.

Lastly, we have set up a wonderful team of volunteers who are available to help make trips to the grocery store or pharmacy for those who are at home. If you would like to become a member of this chesed team or could use their assistance, please call Ken Besser at 901-216-4770.

**Chameitz sale:** There will be no in-person sales. Please click on this link: [chameitz form](#) and mail or email it to the shul office, [nertamid613@comcast.net](mailto:nertamid613@comcast.net), no later than April 3rd.

**Shabbos, March 27-28:** We will once again have the honor of virtually hosting Chazzan Yaakov Motzen for a Kabbalas Shabbos on Friday at 6 PM. Zoom information: <https://zoom.us/j/540881187/> One tap mobile:16465588656,,540881187# / or dial:1 646 558 8656 and pin (Meeting ID) 540 881 187.

Saturday night at 8:25 PM, we will have a Zoom Havdallah. Zoom information: <https://zoom.us/j/360353281/> one tap mobile: +16465588656,,360353281#/ call: 1 646 558 8656 pin# (Meeting ID) 360 353 281.

Please join us for these wonderful opportunities to connect. Looking forward to seeing you all, with G-d's help, sooner than later! In the meantime, though we may be physically separate, we are even closer together.

All the very best to you and your loved ones,

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