

Dear Friends,

What a week it has been for all of us. What disruption, what a range of emotions, what dramatic change over a course of just a few days! Despite all those changes, we are still here; not together physically, but I have never felt so closely connected to each and every one of you, and I hope you are feeling the same.

There are a number of updates I'd like to share so please read through the entire email.

First and foremost, I hope and pray that you and your loved ones are doing well and managing during these tumultuous times. I cannot meet in person, but I am available to talk, or to guide you to the appropriate resources, be it financial assistance, issues related to mental health, or anything at all. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

For those who are home-bound, we have set up a team of volunteers to help you with your shopping. If you would like to be a volunteer or if you could use this service, please call the team coordinator, Ken Besser, at 901-216-4770.

2) The shul's Pesach Seder is one of my most favorite parts of every year and I look forward to it for months. However, it is becoming less and less likely that it will take place and I encourage you to start considering alternative plans. We will make a final decision no later than Wednesday, March 25 and inform you via email. If you would like to be connected to a host for the Seder, please let me know and I will find you an appropriate host. I will be sending out some lessons and tips for the seder via text and/or video in the days to come.

You can download forms for the chameitz sale by clicking this link ([CHAMEITZ FORM](#)) and emailing it (nertamid613@comcast.net) or mailing it to the office no later than April 3rd.

For a digest of the laws of Pesach, please click on this [link](#) . If you have any Halachic questions of Pesach please reach out at your convenience.

3) Staying connected - Every morning at 9 AM, Morah Rachel Shar has led a beautiful tefillah group for our young children via zoom. Every evening at 8 PM, I have hosted a short class followed by a prayer. Please join us! It has been so nice seeing you all!

The Thursday morning (11 AM) class on the Book of Bereishis and the Thursday evening (9 PM) class on the Book of Shmuel are being streamed via Zoom. The Zoom number is 6465588656, and when prompted the pin is 683074026 (meeting ID).

4) This Shabbos - Though we will not be together for Shabbos, I invite you to start and end Shabbos together with Ner Tamid in the following fashion: We will be "hosting" a guest chazzan, Chazzan Yaakov Motzen, for a lively Kabbalat Shabbat, today, Friday, at 6 PM

followed by a short thought on the situation/ Parsha that I will be sharing. You could join us via the Zoom number above. Additionally, at 8:10 PM on Saturday night, I will be hosting a live Havdallah service. It would be so nice to greet and bid farewell to Shabbos together and I look forward to seeing/ hearing you!

For laws and tips of davening on your own this Shabbos, please click this [link](#)

We will be sending updates as the situation continues to develop. In the meantime, please remain strong, pray hard, and be safe! Good Shabbos! Shabbat Shalom!

With much love,

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