

Announcements & Upcoming Events
Young Israel of White Plains
March 20 - March 26 (24 Adar - 1 Nissan)

Dear Community Family,

It is difficult to reflect back on the past week of almost total shut down and shut in. In a way it is a bit surreal. That being said, we must always look for a positive in every situation albeit that is not what we expected. Every situation must be converted into a learning experience or as the adage goes, when you have lemons make lemonade.

Last Shabbas

Davening without a minyan on Shabbas was something unthinkable. I do not remember ever davening without a minyan on Shabbas. Getting dressed up for Shabbas and then sitting alone and davening was a very strange feeling. Of course, we always daven under all circumstances. That being said, having completed the davening, I felt uplifted in an unusual manner. It was the first time I davened just myself and my siddur. Totally absorbed and connected to my Neshama. There were no distractions - just davening. This was a unique experience. Furthermore, I was the Chazzan and led the service of my individualized Tifilah. It allowed me to sing the Nusach and my favorite Nigunim even if it was a bit off key.

Social Distancing – No Talking During Davening

No doubt the term of the year will be – “Social Distancing”. This has been the way of life for all of us the last few weeks. Hopefully, the crisis will pass and we will go back to life as normal. However, there is one aspect of our present way of life which should remain with us, at least during davening – “Social Distances”. All too often, in shul people feel compelled to talk. Knowing that they are in shul, they will lean over and “whisper” to someone, sharing a story or something they found interesting. We have learned that that is unhealthy behavior for both physical and spiritual health.

Interview with Editor of Yediot Achronot

One of the unexpected events of my week was getting a call from the editor of the Israeli newspaper Yediot Achronot. The editor asked me my feeling and thoughts regarding the present crisis which the world is experiencing. I expressed the sentiments spoken about last

week, that as Jews we must not panic and that we are אמינים - people of faith. Realizing that she was speaking Hebrew and I was speaking English, I asked her if she knew what the word Panic means. She responded 'Betach' – for sure in Hebrew it is אַקִּינאַפּ - panika. After the interview, I texted the editor, "I realized from talking to you that there isn't a Hebrew word for Panic. Hatzlacha Rabbah". The response was, "Lol. I'll try to think of alternatives but אַקִּינאַפּ - panika is definitely most used". As you can see, the term panic is not even in our vocabulary.

Parshat Chazaq- Parshat Hachodesh – Rosh Chodesh Bentching - Vayakeil Pikudei

This Shabbas we have the double Parsha of Vayakeil - Pikudei that speaks about the construction of the Mishkan and its utensils. It should be noted that Vayakeil - Pikudei is really a repeat of Trumah - Tzaveh. Then why do we have it repeated. Looking closely at these Parshiot we realize that in Trumah - Tzava we have the basic instructions and specifications. This week we are told it was built with heart and feeling. That is a different type of structure. It is so special that our community is built like the Mishkan with heart and feeling.

Parshat Hachodesh

This week we conclude the sequence of the four special sections of Torah that we read in preparation for Pesach. This reading speaks of the first Mitzvah given to the Jewish People to set Rosh Chodesh and a calendar. One should read this Parsha at home as we did for the previous special Torah reading. It is in Shmot – Parshat Bo - Chapter 12 Psukim 1-20.

Rosh Chodesh Bentching – Mevorchim Hachodesh Nissan

This Shabbat we, likewise, say the Tifilah for the upcoming month – Shabbat Mevorchim Hachodesh. This tifilah should be said at home, as well. Please, bear in mind that Rosh Chodesh is this coming Thursday. Our prayers for the new month should be fulfilled. It should be a month of good health for us and all of Klal Yisroel.

Maos Chittim

No doubt the last number of weeks have been rather stressful for everyone. However, we must remember that as we approach Pesach we must not forget to help those in need. Certainly, this year there are many people struggling. Those who wish to contribute can send a check to the shul and write on it – Maos Chittim. A shout-out to Grandma Sheila who once again was the first to give Maos Chittim.

Selling the Chometz

This year the selling of the Chometz process will be available online. A document of power of attorney to allow me to arrange for the sale of your Chometz will be going out this week. Please sign electronically or sign it and scan it to my email address rebbeshmuel@aol.com.

Davening Together

Tifilah – Times of Davening

Although this Shabbat we will not be in shul together, it does not mean that we should not daven together. We can still have a communal Tifilah, if we all daven at the same time. Thus, the schedule below has הליפת ינמז - scheduled times of Davening. It is important that we all daven at the same time together as a community תפילה בציבור, גאפסו טו סמח. Please explain this to your children, as well. No – there will not be speeches. A meaningful suggestion was made that when we get to Lecha Dodi to greet the Shabbat Queen, we all open our doors to bring in Shabbat, as a community. At 7:20pm tonight would be the perfect time for us to welcome Shabbat as a community. In addition, this week for Shacharit the starting time will remain at 9:30am but we should all start the Amida together at 9:45am. The main aspect of Tifilah B'tzibur is davening the Amidah together.

Kel Maleh Tifilah – Nissan Yahrzeits

It is customary to recite a Kel Maleh the Shabbat prior to a yahrzeit. The Kel Maleh prayer for the soul of the departed is not recited during the month of Nissan, which begins on Thurs., March 26. Therefore, I will make a Moleh this Shabbat for all those who are on the list of our Gabbai – Mark. If your deceased family member is not on the list, please provide me with their name before Shabbat.

Havdalah Stream

Rabbi Hoffman will be conducting a Havdalah and post Shabbat Ruach this Saturday night. Many thanks to the Rabbi for this communal Havdalah. One should make a personal Havdalah as well.

Mazal Tov – Ayelet Shrage

A special Mazal Tov to Ayelet. You are such a fine young lady and we are all very proud of you, especially the way you daven. Please keep up the good work. Mazal Tov to your parents Adina and Ari and to your siblings Noam, Liat and Orlee. Your simcha should bring good Mazal to you, your family, the community and all of Klal Yisroel.

With Blessing for a Shabbat Shalom and Chodesh Tov,

Rabbi Shmuel Greenberg

Erev Shabbat, March 20 (24 Adar)

6:50p Candle Lighting

7:00p Mincha followed by Maariv

7:08p Sunset

Shabbat, March 21: Vayakhel-Pekudei (25 Adar)

9:30a Shacharit

9:45a Shemoneh Esreh

9:59a Sof Z'man Kriat Shema

6:50p Mincha

7:55p Maariv

****8:00p Havdalah**

****Please join us for a livestream Havdalah at 8:10 P.M. with Rabbi Avi Hoffman!**

Time: Mar 21, 2020 08:10 P.M. Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://zoom.us/j/5126074366>

Meeting ID: 512 607 4366

Please make your personal Havdalah at home and then join in with Rabbi Hoffman at 8:10 P.M.

This Week's EVENTS

DAF YOMI SHABBAT - Every Night at 10:00 P.M.

Rabbi Samuel Greenberg is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting -

Topic: Daf Yomi Shabbat.

Please join online. To join the Zoom Meeting please go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/8861922357>

Meeting ID: 886 192 2357

or

One tap mobile +19292056099,,8861922357# US (New York)

Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Monday Night Gemorra Class - 8:45 - 9:30 P.M.

Please join us via livestream for class with Rabbi Greenberg.

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Wednesday Lunch 'n' Learn - 1:00 P.M.

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PASSOVER

Orthodox Union's Guide to Passover

A box containing the Orthodox Union's Guide to Passover is at the shul in front of the doors and is available for pickup at your convenience. The Guide provides instruction as to how to prepare one's home for Pesach (including kashering an oven, food certified for Pesach, etc.) Rabbi Greenberg is also available to answer any questions.

Young Israel of White Plains Passover Wine Sale

In an effort to ease at least one aspect of Passover prep in these interesting times, we have partnered with local wine store Aries to provide a convenient ONLINE option to order your supply of wine for the four cups with FREE DELIVERY in White Plains. Just follow the following TEN steps-

- 1) Go to Aries-wineny.com and choose Passover Wine Sale link
- 2) Choose wine by scrolling over bottle(s) and clicking Add to Cart
- 3) Click the Shopping Cart in the top right corner when you have finished selecting wines
- 4) Click View Cart in order to change quantities
- 5) Change the number of bottles by clicking – or +
- 6) Click Update Cart
- 7) Click Proceed to Check Out
- 8) VERY IMPORTANT- Enter YIWP2020 where it asks about a coupon to insure you are

billed by YIWP and not Aries. This code can only be used by YIWP members. All others will be canceled. Non-members will need to email treasurer@yiwp.com for approval.

9) Fill out billing/address details and make sure you check FREE LOCAL DELIVERY

10) PLACE ORDER

Please complete your order by March 27th and try to make sure to save a copy of your order. Aries will deliver as orders are filled.

Email Allen1023@yahoo.com with up to 4 questions.

Upcoming EVENTS

The YIWP Annual Dinner - Sunday, June 14, 2020

Honorees - Cheryl and Dani Gold

Keter Shem Tov - Susan and Charlie Wachstock

Click [DINNER](#) to signup.

To solicit a journal ad for the YIWP Dinner, please click [AD FORM](#) for a cover letter to show the business and for pricing details.

Chesed opportunities

We know that many in our community are looking for ways to help in these troubled times. Please see below for two possibilities. If you have others to share, please contact marlene@yiwp.org.

1) Feeding Westchester is in need of additional funds during this time. If you would like to donate, please use the following link: <https://feedingwestchester.org/donation-page/>

2) Individuals in the greater White Plains community are organizing meals to be delivered to emergency room doctors nurses and staff and White Plains Hospital. They will be ordering from local restaurants who also need support. You can contribute by following this link <https://www.wphospital.org/covid19help>. All donations are tax-deductible. Should restaurants be forced to close in the coming days, your donation will be rolled into a general donation fund to the hospital.