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Dear Friends,

Another week is behind us. We all sense the presence of the virus around us, and I want you to know that Chaya and I are thinking of each and every one of you.

Even in these dark times, we have so much for which to be grateful. I want to thank all of you for your generosity in our Ma'ot Chittin campaign, which is being used to ensure that all those in our community will celebrate Pesach with dignity.

On Monday, I look forward to sharing the complete Pesach schedule. In this edition of the community update, you will see the times through Erev Pesach. I look forward to sharing our wonderful community project, *Haggadat Mah Nishtanah*, with all of your thoughtful submissions, digitally, on Tuesday, April 7th.

Our Zoom ID is 484 416 0645, and the call number is 1-646-876-9923.

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I. Community News

It is wonderful, especially at a time like this, to share some good news.

Mazal Tov to Andrew and Sandy Lanter on the birth of Shoshana Netanya, Sophia Rose. Mazal Tov as well to the very proud big brother Lev.

Mazal Tov to Dr. Carol and Vincent Master on the birth of twin granddaughters to their children, Elana and David Master.

Mazal Tov to Lori Rosner on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat of her grandson Yoav, son of Marisa and Rabbi Eitan Yammer, in Efrat.

Mazal Tov to Yossi and Abbe Rosner on the birth of a grandson, Benyamin Aryeh (Benjamin Leo), to their children, Josh Rosner & Nina Ragaz. The bris was held on Zoom!

Condolences

We are saddened to share the news of the passing of Marsha Henry, sister of Yossi Rosner. I want to thank everyone for davening for Yossi's sister these last few weeks since we learned of her illness. All of the information for Zoom funeral and Shiva is being sent out in a separate email message. We will have a special Zoom davening tomorrow for mincha at 3:30 during which we can all offer our nechama to Yossi on this terrible loss. **Our Zoom ID is 484 416 0645, and the call number is 1-646-876-9923.**

II. Shabbat Times

Mincha (Friday Afternoon) 3:30 PM Zoom for Rosner Shiva
Candles Lighting: 7:05 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 7:10 PM

(One can light candles and accept Shabbat as early as 6:04 PM)

Shacharit 9 AM

Many Ashkenazim have the minhag of reciting haggadah from Avadim Hayinu through L'Chaper al Kol Avonotenu in honor of Shabbat Ha-Gadol

Mincha 7 PM

Maariv 8:06 PM

Shabbat Ends 8:14 PM

Community Zoom Havdalah led by Avi and Alexander Cooper 8:30 PM

Please note different Zoom Number

<https://zoom.us/j/3568077063>

Meeting ID: 356 807 7063

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Kiddush Levana

Davening

Please keep in mind Mindel bat Toba Hessa as well, who is fighting COVID-19.

Sunrise times this week:

Friday 6:35 AM

Sunday 6:32 AM

Sunday Morning 4th and 5th Grade Mishnah Shiur 8:30 AM. **Zoom ID is 484 416 0645, and the call number is 1-646-876-9923.**

As sunrise continuously gets earlier, I would ask that anyone unable to daven at sunrise continue to daven together starting at 7 AM.

While there are differing opinions regarding reciting Avinu Malkeinu during the month of Nissan, in light of the ongoing health situation, **we will continue to recite Avinu Malkeinu going forward.** There is no Tachanun throughout the entire month of Nissan.

Kaddish

Our kaddish is currently being recited in a special approved minyan in Johannesburg, South Africa. Please continue to send me names for ongoing recitation as well as yahrzeits. **It is truly amazing that our community has had kaddish recited now in Florida, the United Kingdom, Israel, and South Africa. Kol Yisrael Areivim Zeh Ba-Zeh!**

III. Pesach

Mechirat Chametz

Please click here to complete the Mechirat Chametz form. It should be completed no later than Sunday, April 5th.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScuB_mUUK6ftRcp1OIMMOtPfb2CKpdvMD0wDcjf2ulOh4Rv1A/viewform

Pesach Digest

For our Pesach digest including kashering information, medications, cosmetics, care for pets, and more, please click here:

<https://images.shulcloud.com/1271/uploads/Holidays/PesachGuide2020-KasheringMedicineCosmeticsandPets-GoogleDocs.pdf>

Shabbat Ha-Gadol Drashah

The Shabbat Ha-Gadol Drashah, entitled “VeHi She-Amdah: Embracing Vulnerability in a Time of Pandemic” will be delivered via Zoom, on Sunday evening April 5th at 8:30 PM. **The Zoom ID is 484 416 0645, and the call number is 1-646-876-9923, as it is for all of our shiurim and classes.**

Bedikat Chametz

Bedikat Chametz should be performed Tuesday evening immediately following nightfall at 8:10 PM.

Siyyum Bechorim

We will have a special Shacharit Zoom Davening at 7:30 AM on Wednesday morning, Erev Pesach, followed by a Siyyum on Bava Metziah by Ritual Director Reb Yitz Cohen. Siyyum will follow davening at approximately 7:50 AM. **The Zoom ID is 484 416 0645, and the call number is 1-646-876-9923, as it is for all of our shiurim and classes.**

Bi’ur Chametz

While the standard Minhag of Ashkenazic Jewry is to fulfill the mitzvah of destroying Chametz through burning in accordance with the minority view of R. Yehuda, given our inability to safely gather at the shul, I am advising that, for this year, we all rely on the majority opinion which allows Chametz to be destroyed through “throwing into the sea” (flushing down a toilet will suffice), or by tearing it up into very small pieces and throwing to the wind. The last time for Bi’ur Chametz on Erev Pesach, Wednesday, April 8th, is 11:52 AM.

Eruv Tavshilin

Prior to candle lighting for Yom Tov, one performs the Eruv Tavshilin.

While holding the cooked food as well as the baked item, one recites the blessing,

ברוך אתה ה' אלוקינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו על מצות עירוב

Immediately thereafter, one recites the Aramaic formula (if one understands better in English, it is better to use the English translation),

בהדין עירובא יהא שרא לנא למיפא ולבשלא ולאטמנא ולאדלקא שרגא ולמעבד כל צרכנא מיומא טבל לשבתא לנו ולכל ישראל הדרים בעיר הזאת

Through this Eruv it will be permissible for us to bake, and to cook, and to insulate food, and to light a candle, and to do all that which is necessary, on Yom Tov, for the sake of Shabbat, for us, and for all of the Jews who reside in this city.

IV. Helping our Hospitals

Holy Name Hospital is in dire need of funding to secure lifesaving Personal Protective Equipment for its medical staff, who, as you know, are working around the clock fighting this horrific virus. Without this protective equipment, the medical staff will not only be unable to function properly in this critical hour, but will be in grave personal danger. If you are in a position to do so, please contribute to HelpHolyName.org, to help them obtain N-95 surgical masks, isolation gowns, facemasks, and goggles. **If you prefer, please contribute via our website at jcot.org to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, and let Elanna know that you are contributing. We will transfer the funds for you.**

V. JCOT Learning Updates

Join JCOT Torah at <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GPxU0XVWzqEJTCA9WLA0iW> for daily installments of Tehillim MiMa'amakim and Laws of Pesach.

VI. JCOT Chessed Update

I wanted to thank everyone from the JCOT Chessed group. The calls and shopping for elderly members keeps them safe. If anyone is planning on going shopping (remember, guidelines are one per family), and thinks they might be able to get a few items for those in need, please join the JCOT Chessed WhatsApp group (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HgONuwdqwuvAhxEn5Gke3i>) and let Coordinator Debbie Cohen Mlotek know that you are available to help out. The best practice upon delivery is to simply leave the items outside the door. If that's not possible, then to have the person open the door for you and then have them stay six feet away. The key is to protect our elderly from exposure.

VII. JCOT Family Update

Thank you to all those who continue to post family updates on JCOT Family WhatsApp. It's a great way to keep in touch, and share how people are using the time well. **Thank you to our Youth Director Shevy Chait, and our Shlichei Beit HaKnesset, Boaz and Raz Ben Chorin, for continuing to produce outstanding content for our children.** To join the group, please click here <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FM6a2aS20hs5MwOcZHGa11>. Thank you Shevy once again for organizing community havdalah, led by President Uri Horowitz, and for a wonderful baking program yesterday.

VIII. Health

Please remember to keep up the exercise, healthy eating, and getting fresh air (this is permissible even with the shelter in place order, just not in groups larger than 4), even while avoiding any gathering in groups. While it's very hard, it's imperative that we continue to **avoid playdates for kids across families**, or any other form of social interaction. This will continue to mitigate the spread of the virus and ensure the structural soundness of our healthcare infrastructure.

Message from Judaica House

Judaica House of Teaneck is offering online shopping for your Passover needs which includes *free* delivery within Bergen County for orders over \$20. Logon to www.judaicahouse.net For additional assistance, call at 201-801-9001 xt 500, email at info@judaicahouse.net.

In Conclusion....

Keep on calling our elderly members.

Let us know if you need or know anyone who would like Pesach food delivered.

Please do not hesitate to reach out.

We're getting through this together.

Warmly,
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