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Dearest Friend,

Even as tomorrow would normally have marked the resumption of our typical patterns of work and study, these days are anything but typical. Indeed, the sense of loss and bereavement all around us, and, at a different plane, the ongoing isolation, continue to make these days ones of immense challenge.

Difficult as it is, it is our responsibility to continue to do all that we need to do to maintain our personal, familial, and communal safety. I want to once again thank our chessed volunteers who have continued to work so hard to look after our elderly and more vulnerable population. If you have not already joined, please consider doing so at

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HgONuwdqwuvAhxEn5Gke3i>.

More broadly, please continue to call in and check on your friends and community members. We are all social creatures, and one of the most serious costs of the social distancing which continues to be so vital to our overall health is our mental wellbeing. Each phone call makes a difference.

The customs of mourning during Sefirat HaOmer are largely rooted in a plague which took the lives of some twenty four thousand of R. Akiva's students. Our Sages attributed this plague to interpersonal failings, a lack of respect demonstrated between these great Torah scholars. All the more reason for all of us to continue to do precisely what all of you have done, in such an exemplary fashion, since day one of this crisis, to continue to care for each other.

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I. Davening Schedule, Pirkei Avot and Kaddish

Monday 4/20 - Friday 4/24

Shacharit 7:30 AM

Monday 4/20-Thursday 4/23

Mincha/Maariv/Pirkei Avot 7:30 PM

Our kaddish is now being recited both in Israel as well as in South Africa. Please continue to send me names as needed.

Zoom ID is 484 416 0645, and the call number is 1-646-876-9923 (followed by meeting ID).

II. Yom HaShoah

The community wide Yom HaShoah memorial will be marked on Monday evening, 4/20, at 7:00 PM (the program will last approximately 35 minutes).

The dial in number is (563) 999-1684

On Tuesday evening, 4/21, at 8 PM, The Northern New Jersey Holocaust Memorial & Education Center is pleased to present Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter, University Professor of Jewish History & Jewish Thought at Yeshiva University, "Facing the Future After Adversity - Commemorating the Holocaust", followed by Professor Dennis B. Klein, Professor of History and director of the Jewish Studies Program and Master of Arts in Holocaust & Genocide Studies at Kean University. "The Incrimination of the Bystander and its Holocaust Subtext".

Participants may join by clicking on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3284031121>

III. Community Wide Learning Project- Completion of the Torah for Shavuot

As we prepare for *Zman Matan Toratenu*, we find ourselves mindful both of our renewed commitment to Torah, and of those who we have lost as a community during this period. We will, God willing, be making a community wide Siyum on the Torah in time for Shavuot in memory of those who have passed during this crisis. **To sign up for a parshah, please simply fill in your name in the spreadsheet here.**

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ILN5hTnRi3nhmymFyR38_z9cAXW_Vc8KCVmykVlj2QA/edit?ts=5e9da63f#gid=0

In particular, I would like to encourage as many families/individuals as possible to participate. Please learn at whatever level is comfortable for you, whether that is Hebrew or English, with commentaries, or simply studying the text of the Chumash.

IV. Special Motzai Shabbat Lecture 4/25 at 9:15 PM, Rabbi Daniel Fridman

Living Through History: Yom HaSho'ah, Yom Ha'Atzmaut, and the Enduring Lessons of the Past During the Pandemic

Sponsored by Andy and Michelle Dimond on the occasion of their mothers' yahrzeits on 2 Iyar, Marianne Davis z'l and Shirley Vegh Freudenberger z'l.

Zoom ID is 484 416 0645, and the call number is 1-646-876-9923 (followed by meeting ID).

V. Communal Yom HaZikaron/Yom Ha'Atzmaut Event

We will be hosting a communal wide Zoom event commemorating Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut. Speakers will include Rabbi Daniel Fridman, Rabbi Larry Rothwachs, and Rabbi Kenneth Schiowitz. Details to follow.

Zoom ID is 484 416 0645, and the call number is 1-646-876-9923 (followed by meeting ID).

VI. JCOT Torah

Sign up for our WhatsApp group here

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GPxU0XVWzqEJTCA9WLA0iW> for daily ten minute studies of one mishnah of Pirkei Avot and a reflection on one chapter of Tehillim, as a source of spiritual strength for these challenging days.