

From Rabbi Chaitovsky

Yom HaShoah was this past Tuesday and we are looking ahead to Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut this coming Tuesday and Wednesday. While we are thankful to God Above for our freedoms and for the miracle of the State of Israel, we are all too aware that there are those who still wish we were not here and who seem to work every day towards that end.

We also know that antisemitism can rear its ugly head in unexpected ways and can come from those who should really know better, like elected officials. Language and rhetoric is a powerful force and when used recklessly and carelessly, can result in disappointment and insult to the Jewish - and general - community.

See the statement below from the Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Denver in response to one such careless and reckless statement from one of our elected officials.

The Holocaust Awareness Institute condemns the use of ill-informed comparisons between current events and the catastrophe of the Holocaust. Recent remarks by Colorado House Minority Leader Patrick Neville (R - Douglas County) describing Governor Polis' stay-at-home order to protect Coloradans during the COVID-19 pandemic as leading to a "Gestapo-like mentality" are offensive, divisive, and inaccurate. Such analogies trivialize and distort the significance of the events of the Holocaust and their perception in public consciousness. Coloradans deserve more from their elected representatives than such irresponsible and demeaning words. For more information go to: www.du.edu/ahss/cjs/

We pledge to keep up the good fight, even as we celebrate our People's surviving and thriving both here and in Israel. Am Yisrael Chai - The Nation and People Israel LIVES!

Inspiration and Information

[Know Thy Immunity: Journal of a Plague,](#)

Norman Doidge

[The "Survivors" Talmud and the Obligation to Remember,](#)

Alan Fagin



Virtual BMH BJ

The code to enter the Zoom class is ID 285-350-9174

Video Password: BMHBJ

Call in Number: call in number: 720 707 2699 or 312 626 6799

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Minyan and Davening Schedule April 21 - 30

Tonight - [Evening Minyan and Yahrzeit Ceremony](#) at 6:05 pm

Friday - [Kabbalat Shabbat](#) at 6:30 pm

Saturday night - [Musical Havdalah](#) with Rabbi Chai at 8:45 pm

Next week, April 26 - 30 [Evening Minyan and Yahrzeit Ceremony](#) at 6:10 pm

Learning Opportunities and Classes - Mark your calendars!

Friday mornings at 10 April 24 - May 22 [Parsha Class](#) with Essie Fleischmann

Sunday mornings at 10:30 April 26 - May 17 with Cantor Goldstein

The [Sefirot and Sefirah: Kabbalah and The 49 Days of The Omer](#).

In this class, we will delve into the meaning of the 10 Sefirot. We will discuss how they affect our lives and the messages contained in the daily counting of the Omer from Pesach to Shavuot.

Tuesday evenings at 7:30 April 28 - May 26 with Rabbi Chaitovsky

[The Truth, The Whole Truth and Nothing But the Truth](#)

Join as we explore the truth behind "commonly held" Jewish beliefs and "popular" practices that "everyone" knows about. From kissing a mezzuzah to covering mirrors to fasting when a Torah scroll falls and much much more, we will separate fact from fiction and bubble maisehs from correct practice.

Wednesday mornings at 9:30 with Rabbi Chaitovsky

[Verse by Verse: The Book of Numbers \(Bamidbar\)](#)

A survey of the 4th book of the Torah using classical and contemporary commentaries. Bring your bagel and some coffee and join us every Wednesday!

Thursday evenings 7:00-7:45 April 30th - June 11 for 6 weeks with Cantor Goldstein

[Learn to Pray: An in depth course to study the structure and concepts of daily and Shabbat prayer.](#)

We will learn how the function and forms of prayer developed over the thousands of years that Jews have been praying both privately and publicly. We will also work on some of the practical "how to's" of praying, including wearing talit and tefillin.

More information at www.BMH-BJ.org