

**From Rabbi Chaitovsky**

*Remembering All Our Ancestors in Pandemic Times*

*(with thanks to Rabbi Dr Simcha Rafael, Founding Director of the DA'AT Institute)*

This year, as always, at the end of Passover we will remember loved ones no longer with us when we recite Yizkor. While Yizkor is a communal ritual usually recited in a public prayer service, we won't be standing among friends, family and even strangers this year. We will not have the benefit of "horizontal connection" with those around us who can offer the comfort of community in these tender moments of memory. But perhaps we can use this as an opportunity to focus more deeply on the "vertical connection," between the world of the living and the world of souls, the world beyond.

As we recite Yizkor prayers this year, let us think of those in our ancestral lineage that can offer unique inspiration and guidance at this unique time. Forced to stay at home, we are in many ways dislocated from much that is familiar to us. Our parents, grandparents and, certainly our ancestors further back in our family lineage, were often victims of various forms of severe and painful dislocation – pogroms, plagues, the Holocaust and more. In the Jewish tradition, those beings are available to offer us guidance and counseling, wisdom and inspiration.

Against this background, let us allow for a connection of the heart and spirit with those souls in our family lineage from generations long passed— and not just the ones for whom you are saying Yizkor.

May their memories be a source of strength and blessing, always.

## Inspiration and Information

[Is The Handshake Dead?](#) Mo Rocca/CBS

[Out Of Egypt](#) Ofer Nordhamer Nur

[Coronavirus and the Talmud](#) Adam Kirsch

[Israel's Not So Secret Weapon Against Coronavirus](#) Ronen Bergman

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### Monday 4/13

6 PM [Mincha Maariv Minyan](#)

### Tuesday 4/14

6 PM [Yizkor Memorial Service](#)

**Last Days of Pesach - Wed-Thurs April 15-16 (you may eat chametz after 9:15 pm...YAY!)**

### Friday 4/17

6PM [Kid's Tot Shabbat](#)

6:30 PM [Kabbalat Shabbat](#)

### Saturday 4/18

8:45 PM [Havdalah](#)

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