



RJC BULLETIN

Candle Lighting
Havdalah

March 20, 2020 - 6:50 PM
March 21, 2020 - 7:52 PM

Shabbat Mevarchim | Parshat Hachodesh
Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei

Shabbat Schedule

Although we are not able to daven in the same spaces, we can still daven at the same times as our fellow community members. Please consider gathering your families and davening along with us.

Kabbalat Shabbat	6:55 PM
Shacharit	8:45 AM
Latest Shema	10:00 AM
Mincha	6:40 PM
Maariv	7:47 PM
Weekday Schedule	
Mincha/Maariv Time	5:39/7:00 PM
Thursday	Rosh Chodesh Nissan

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to **Gila and Richie Katz** on the engagement of their son, Joey, to Talia Rona of Jerusalem (via New York).

Mazal Tov to **Yael and David Pinn** on the birth of their daughter.

STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR RJC FAMILY

Contacting the Office

Please note that the office staff is working remotely and ready to assist you with all of your RJC needs. To facilitate communications, please use the following contact information, instead of calling the main switchboard, to schedule a phone call:

Rabbi Dovid Zirkind, *Senior Rabbi* - dzirkind@rjconline.org

Rabbi Yitzi Genack, *Rabbi* - genack@gmail.com

Oren Hiller, *Executive Director* - oren@rjconline.org

Sam Barkhordari, *Office and Events Coordinator* - sam@rjconline.org

Bella Khabsinsky, *Bookkeeper* - bella@rjconline.org

Technology Assistance

If you need assistance in using your technology (iPhone, Android, computer, etc...) to connect to Torah, please reach out to torahtechfaq@gmail.com. They will assist you in using your technology and finding Torah content that matches your taste.

VIRTUAL SHIURIM & CLASSES

Visit www.rjconline.org/virtualprogramming for Zoom information

Sunday, March 22

7:30 AM: Rabbi Sher's Sunday Chabura

8:30 PM: "A Kosher Pesach" with Rabbi Genack

Monday, March 23

12:00 PM: Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Zirkind and Rabbi Genack

Tuesday, March 24

8:30 PM: Tuesday Night Talmud with Rabbi Zirkind

Wednesday, March 25

12:00 PM: Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Zirkind and Rabbi Genack

8:15 PM: "Pesach, Emunah, and Chizzuk for Today" with Shoshana Genack

7:45 PM: Rabbi Charles Sheer Hashkama Shiur

Thursday, March 26

8:30 AM: Rosh Chodesh Nissan Hallel with Chazzan Shim

Friday, March 27

4:30 PM: Get Ready for Shabbat (for kids) with Rabbi Genack

Daily Programming

6-Minute Special

Join the WhatsApp group with Rabbi Zirkind

Daf Yomi

7:00 AM, Monday-Friday

7:30 AM, Sunday

Morning Mishna with Rabbi Zirkind

8:30 AM, Sunday-Friday

RJC Community Q&A

Thank you to everyone who participated in this week's Q&A Session where we discussed creative ways to come together as a community and updates about Pesach preparations. Stay tuned for future sessions.

Weekly Emails

Keep an eye on your email as we send out regular updates with programming information.

JOIN THE CHESSED CAMPAIGN

Phone Calls with Seniors

Many of our seniors are not able to leave their homes at this time and we need your help to connect with them more than ever. Please reach out to those you know or email Rabbi Genack to get connected with a senior that could use a fresh voice.

RJC Youth Cards for Pesach

Participate in our new initiative to distribute Pesach greeting cards to our seniors in advance of Yom Tov. Details for this program are coming soon.

The Fund For the Needy

The FFN needs your help now more than ever. Please consider making a donation. Click here to donate and choose "Fund For the Needy" as the payment type.

<https://www.rjconline.org/payment.php>

ROSH CHODESH NISSAN HALLEL WITH CHAZZAN SHIM

Thursday, March 26, 8:30 AM. Celebrate Rosh Chodesh Nissan with a special, virtual Hallel led by Chazzan Shim.

Zoom information: <https://zoom.us/j/198425401>

Call-in by dialing: 1 (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID 198 425 401#

REFUAH SHELAIMAH

Asher Chanun ben Basin Tziviva, Peretz Yisroel ben Batya Kayla, Geula Liba Yehudis bat Gittel Tzip'ra, Shifra bat Bayla Peryl, Elka bat Chana, Shalom Yitzchak ben Pasha, Dovid Yaakov ben Yehudis, Abraham Ben Basha Chai, Gil bat Rut, Pessel bas Elka, Zalman ben Maidka, Zachava bas Lea, Ephraim Zvi Moshe ben Shulamit Tzvia, Itai Yaacov ben Tzipora, Hinda bat Taiba, Dovid Michael Hakohein ben Rena, Tamar Leah bat Sarah Yisraelit, Rivka Mindel bat Sarah Yisraelit, Sarah Yisraelit bat Rachel, Chaim ben Sara

Please continue to pray for all those in our community, and around the world, are experiencing COVID-19 related illness.



Community News, Events, and Announcements

Riverdale Mikvah Health and Appointment System Update

The Riverdale Mikvah has moved to an appointment-only model every night. Please make an appointment at <https://calendly.com/theriverdalemikvah/mikvah-appointment>.
3708 Henry Hudson Parkway East, Riverdale, NY 10463 | (718) 549-8336

Keilim Mikvah

Given that many families are unexpectedly making Pesach at home this year, there is a higher demand than usual for use of the Keilim Mikvah. In order to ensure everyone's health and safety, we have established the following protocols:

1. Only one person/family should be in the Mikvah space at any given time. If someone is already there when you arrive, please wait in your car until they leave.
2. Immediately before coming to the Keilim Mikvah, please wash your hands with soap. There will also be hand sanitizer available at the Mikvah. We recommend that you also wash your hands with soap as soon as you get home.
3. Please wear gloves when toiveling your keilim. Gloves will be available at the Keilim Mikvah.
4. Please bring your own towels to dry off your keilim.
5. Please bring a garbage bag with you and remove any and all garbage you may have generated.
6. Disinfectant wipes, which can be used to disinfect door handles and the counter, will be available at the Keilim Mikvah.
7. Please remember that the Keilim Mikvah is open Sunday-Friday during daylight hours only.

Invisible Hands: Free, Safe Deliveries for At-Risk Citizens Facing Covid-19

We're "Invisible Hands," a group of young volunteers offering free delivery of groceries, supplies, or whatever else you may need. If you are elderly, immunocompromised, or otherwise at-risk, please submit a request at www.invisiblehandsdeliver.com, and a volunteer will get what you need and bring the items right to your door. Payments for items can be made by calling the store and providing the information prior to the pick-up. We are also seeking volunteers. Please give us a call, or send us a text or email: invisiblehandsdeliver@gmail.com or 732-639-1579

The Riverdale Y

Although we can't be with you physically, we are still here to *shmirat halev v'haguf*, care for your heart and body. View your guide to our virtual resources: www.riverdaley.org/online.

The Big Bow Shop: Shop for Spring While Supporting NechamaComfort Sunday, March 22, 12:00-1:00 PM

NechamaComfort invites you to shop at the Big Bow Shop. The Big Bow Shop will be live on "INSTAGRAM LIVE" to help you shop our website, www.thebigbowshop.com. You can find ladies clothes, everyday hats, and scarves. Mention Reva Judas in the notes of your order and a portion of the sale will be given to NechamaComfort. For more information about NechamaComfort, please visit www.nechamacomfort.org.

ORA Event: Why Agunot Need Us Now More Than Ever

Sunday, March 29, 8:30 PM

Please join us for a special evening of learning in support of ORA: the Organization for the Resolution of Agunot, an extraordinary nonprofit organization addressing abuse in the Jewish community. Learn with: Michelle Greenberg-Kobrin, Esq., President of ORA; Yonatan Klayman, Director of Advocacy of ORA; Jill Robinson, former agunah; Dr. Bat-Sheva Maslow, extended fertility; Keshet Starr, Esq., CEO of ORA; and Rabbi Jonathan Kroll, educator.
Zoom info: <https://zoom.us/j/565183423>

Gemach of Riverdale — Interest Free Loans

Gemach of Riverdale provides interest-free loans to members of the Riverdale community. For more information contact the Gemach confidentially at Gemachofriverdale@gmail.com or 917-408-3035.

Riverdale Medical Gemach

If you have a temporary need for medical equipment, or have something to donate, please contact medical@theriverdaleminyan.org or call Rochel Cheifetz at 917-748-2052 or Ilana Gordon at 917-623-8873.

Riverdale Gown Gemach

Please contact riverdalegowngemach@gmail.com for more information.

Tehillim and Divrei Chizuk with the OU

Please join the Orthodox Union community for the recitation of Tehillim (chapters 20, 27, and 130) and divrei chizuk from our rabbanim each afternoon at 1:00 PM. To participate, please dial 773-377-9170.

OU Live

OU Live is a new nightly hour-long program, bringing you front row seats to our conversations with our community's most inspiring and uplifting leaders. Beginning tonight, tune in together with thousands across the country, every night at 8:00 PM, at ou.org/oulive.

Project HOPE

In this very challenging climate, your kindness and compassion are even more meaningful than usual as we deliver packages to the neediest and most isolated in the Bronx. We are seeking volunteers to both help pack our bags on March 25-27 (in small groups) and to deliver them to clients' doors on March 29 through April 1. Masks and gloves are available for all volunteers. Please contact Niti Minkove at nminkove@bjconline.org if you are able to volunteer.

The Kingsbridge Center of Israel (KCI) Kosher Food Pantry

The KCI is offering FREE kosher for Passover food to those in need. The food has been made available to the pantry, at no-cost, by Met Council and is available for anyone who thinks that a little extra help will benefit you and your family. Available food includes matzah, grape juice, chicken, eggs, and other non-perishables. Pre-packaged boxes can be picked up or delivered to your home. Please contact KCIfoodpantry@gmail.com or 646-647-1380. All contact remains confidential to a small group of local individuals.

The Hebrew Free Loan Society: Coronavirus Impact

The Hebrew Free Loan Society (HFLS) is offering interest-free loans, ranging from \$2,000-\$5,000, to anyone living in the five boroughs of NYC, Westchester, or Long Island. These loans are available to anyone affected by the Coronavirus for purposes including, but not limited to, lost wages due to being unable to go to work, childcare costs due to school closures, small business losses, canceled study abroad programs, and related medical costs. To view more information, or to apply for a loan, visit hfls.org/loan-programs/coronavirusfinancialimpactloan/.