

Iyar/Sivan 5780

May 2020



## Rabbi's Desk

*Rabbi Aaron Benson*

*Dear Friends,*

My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. The power of our traditions, our community and our beliefs will guide us through these times.

Let me share with you more about how our community is able to pray, and how we aren't, during the quarantine. It reminds us about the irreplaceable nature of being together as a congregation.

As I hold, online screening does not count as a *minyan*, as a *minyan* is only when people are in physical proximity to each other. This means that obligatory prayers, such as the *Amidah*, cannot be chanted as they would be were a *minyan* present. One's response "amen" to such prayers were another person leading them remotely, would not be sufficient to fulfill one's own obligations to pray. During this time, one must say one's prayers as an individual, which of course has always been the rule when a *minyan* is not accessible.

It has been rewarding to hear from so many who took part in Tyler Stickelman's beautiful *Bar Mitzvah* service. The same is true for our Friday night *Kabbalat Shabbat* services and the others we have had. In every case, we are reciting prayers and blessings that are not in the category of "obligatory" for the reasons explained above. Reciting the psalms of *Kabbalat Shabbat*, or passages from the Torah or *Haftarah*, or reciting individual blessings that occur based on circumstances that arise (such as eating something which we needn't do at any particular time) are allowed even remotely.

Hence, during his *Bar Mitzvah*, Tyler recited the blessing for the *tallit* because he was putting on a *tallit*. He and the

others who participated recited the blessing for studying Torah, because by chanting or listening to the chanting, they were studying Torah.

Why is this the case? Firstly, since telephones were invented, the ruling is that someone listening over the phone but not present does not count for a *minyan*. Similarly, the technology we currently employ also doesn't allow for us to count people far away for a *minyan*.

But even more importantly is that our prayers and all our observances are not "logical" where the answer is, "Oh, we'll just have a Zoom meeting instead." Prayers are poetry, they are art, they are mysterious, they are holy. Such things require us to be with each other because that is where their spirit lives. While gathering and joining in singing together and engaging in Torah together are vitally necessary to us, the prayers which we say when gathered in a *minyan* we say to God in the way the rabbis have told us God wants them recited. God, so we believe, is "fine" with our not having *minyanim* and praying as individuals, and so that is what we are doing now.

This then points us to the powerful and positive experience all this teaches. I firmly believe that when we are able to gather together again, the meaning of all this will strike everyone as obviously right. The energy, the emotion, the sense of common purpose we will feel when once again united I know will be unforgettable for us. It is with anticipation of that moment that we must stay courageous and true and tolerate the current circumstances and their limitations, so that the "magic" of being together is not diminished.

Please do participate in all the classes, prayer opportunities and other gatherings that NSJC will be offering, as these we cannot live without. And gain strength and hope when you think of the time when we are together again to lift up our voices in prayer as a *minyan* - as more than a *minyan*.

*Be Strong and of Good Courage,  
Rabbi Benson*



Shavuot 5780 May 28 - 30 Chag Sameach! Lag BaOmer May 11 - 12



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## Daily Minyan

### Mornings

Monday & Thursday.....TBA  
Tues. Wed. & Fri.....TBA  
Saturday.....TBA  
Sunday.....TBA

### Evenings

Sunday - Thursday.....TBA  
Friday.....TBA  
Saturday.....TBA

**NSJC will schedule virtual**

**shiva visits as needed.**

**Zoom links will be in your emails**



## Youth Group Schedule

### Grades 4 & 5

Sundays TBA

### Grades 6, 7 & 8

Sundays TBA



### Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Wednesdays  
TBA



## Candle Lighting

May	1	7:31 pm
May	8	7:39 pm
May	15	7:46 pm
May	22	7:52 pm
May	29	7:58 pm



## Mincha/Ma'ariv

May	2	7:30 pm
May	9	7:40 pm
May	16	7:45 pm
May	23	7:55 pm
May	30	8:00 pm

## Tot Shabbat • Fridays • 6:00 pm

TBA



## Family Shabbat

Fri 7:30 pm  
Sat 10:30 am

TBA



*The Congregation and Board of Trustees offer  
their deepest condolences to the following:*

**Susan Steinhardt** - On the loss of her mother, Irene Goldberg, on April 12, 2020.

**Ann Pritz** - On the loss of her husband, Eugene Pritz, on April 16, 2020.

**Mark Weiss** - On the loss of his mother, Rhoda Weiss, on April 16, 2020.

NSJC mourns the loss of **Lynne Gelzer** on April 23, 2020.

**Beverly Polan and Andy Polan** - On the loss of their husband and father, Sheldon Polan, on April 23, 2020.

*Zichranam livracha.*

May the memory of the righteous remain for a blessing.



## Services in May

**May 1/2** Parshat Acharei Mot/Kedoshim  
Friday 5:45 pm *Kabbalat Shabbat*  
Zoom link in email

Saturday 8:40 pm *Havdalah w/Cantor Kramer*  
Zoom link in email

**May 8/9** Parshat Emor  
Friday 5:45 pm *Kabbalat Shabbat*  
Zoom link in email  
8:45 pm *Havdalah w/Cantor Kramer*  
Zoom link in email

**May 15/16** Parshat Behar/Bechukotai  
Friday 5:45 pm *Kabbalat Shabbat*  
Zoom link in email  
8:50 pm *Havdalah w/Cantor Kramer*  
Zoom link in email

**May 22/23** Parshat Bamidbar  
Friday 5:45 pm *Kabbalat Shabbat*  
Zoom link in email  
9:00 pm *Havdalah w/Cantor Kramer*  
Zoom link in email

**May 28/29/30** Shavuot  
Thursday/Friday/Saturday

**Please watch for email Yizkor observance updates!**

***"Two are better than one...and a threefold cord will not easily break."***

*Kohelet Perek 4*

During these stressful days, your NSJC family stands ready, willing and able. We are here for each other. Social distancing can take a toll on many of us. Please check in on each other. Give a friend or neighbor a call.

Do you know someone who may need a helping hand? To request help for yourself or for someone you know, or to offer your help, please call the office at 631-928-3737.

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## Milestones

**Jake Varano** was elected to serve as Vice President for Israel Affairs on the METNY Region USY Board. Jake is the son of Debbi & Drew Varano and grandson of Carole & Norman Korowitz.

## A HELPING HAND FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

- ✓ Are you unable to leave the house due to COVID-19 infection or high risk?
  - ✓ Are you having financial difficulties as a result of the pandemic?
- YOU ARE NOT ALONE! YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE HERE TO HELP!**

The Three Village Civic Association\* has established a Helping Hands program to deliver up to \$100 in groceries per week to anyone in our Three Village community who needs it. Residents who receive assistance are asked to make a contribution to the program if they are able.

For more information please visit our website at: [www.threevillagecivics.org](http://www.threevillagecivics.org) and click the button that says "Helping Hands"

Volunteer shoppers, drivers and donors are welcome too!

\*Special thanks to the Limey Lane Community Charitable Foundation and other local families.



## Virtual Concert

Sunday, May 3rd

7:00 pm

featuring

Ira Kocívar

Zoom in and join us  
for this pre-recorded  
musical treat!



Zoom link in your email!

(As the viewing is remote & prerecorded this program is in keeping with the rules of the Sefirah period.)

## Modern Living: Maintaining Balance



Searching for ways to find balance in our lives is a recurring theme in modern living.

Now, more than ever, our lives feel confused and troubled. The internationally recognized Melton School's class couldn't have come at a better time!

Thursdays  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
May 7•14•21•June 4



Rabbi Benson will teach this class, available for only \$36.

Please check your email for registration information.

## NSJC Book Group

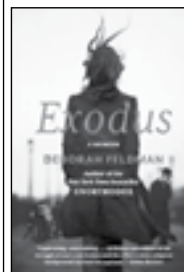
Please contact  
**Susan Kessler** at [elksuk@aol.com](mailto:elksuk@aol.com)  
for Zoom details!



**Hush by Eishes Chayil**

June 4 • 1:30 pm

Written by Judy Brown, under the pseudonym, Eishes Chayil, the novel deals with sexual abuse in a Hasidic community in Brooklyn. It was selected as a Best Book of the Year by Kirkus Reviews.



**Exodus by Deborah Feldman**

July 16 • 1:30 pm

Deborah Feldman, the author of the best selling memoir *Unorthodox*, chronicles her continuing journey as a single mother, an independent woman and a religious refugee.

## Torah Portion of the Week



Study the *Parshat HaShavuah*, the Torah portion of the week, with Rabbie Margie Cella

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On Thursday morning, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, NSJC hosted the *Bar Mitzvah* of Tyler Stickelman.

Over its many years, our synagogue family has proudly celebrated such lifecycle events with the families and friends of hundreds of our young women and men.

What made Tyler's *Bar Mitzvah* service remarkable was that it was not held in our sanctuary and we did not participate in this *simcha* from our seats in the pews.

Yet as we sat in our kitchens and living rooms listening as Tyler read Torah, chanted *haftarah* and shared his reflections in his *d'var Torah*, we were moved by the confidence and dedication of this young man, and the beauty and meaning to be found in our traditions.





## Jewish Learning Center

Heather Welkes, Principal

We are certainly living in unprecedented times. Who would ever have thought that we'd be teaching our Religious School classes from our living rooms? Though challenging, we are making our distance learning plan happen.

All teachers are connecting with their students through our Zoom platform, including *tefillah* with Cantor Kramer. We've also provided some engaging virtual programming including: Passover online trivia where we played against each other in real time, Israeli dance with Morah Jill, *Shabbat* storytime, live *havdalah*, and watching *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* videos while making hummus in a bag. Additionally, our students have been sent additional fun challenges including a virtual *afikomen* hunt and art projects to complete at home.

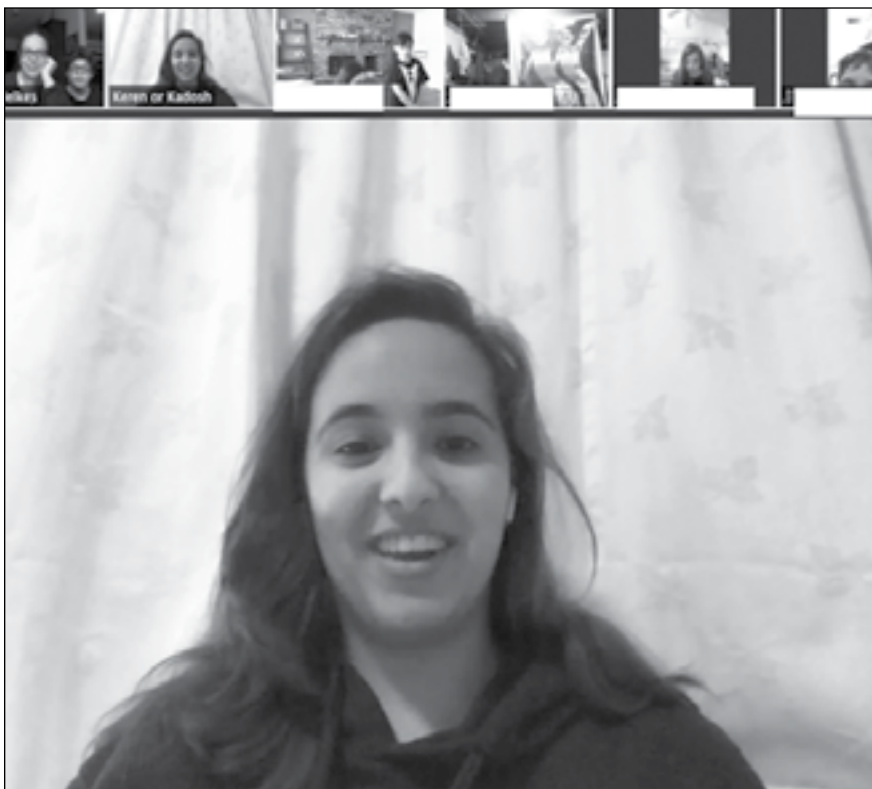
Just for fun, I've been creating videos at home for the kids to watch including *brachot* and Hebrew vocabulary and concepts. While this is definitely not the way I expected our spring to happen, we have stepped outside of our comfort zones to continue to bring Judaism to life for our students!



## JLC May Calendar

(Jewish Learning Center)

- Sun, May 3: Regular Zoom classes/*Tefillah* with Cantor (Morah Shari has her classes in the evening - watch for her emails!)
- Wed, May 6: Regular Zoom classes
- Sun, May 10: No classes. Happy Mother's Day!
- Wed, May 13: Regular Zoom classes  
*Lag Ba'Omer* program 6:30 pm  
 We are having a virtual picnic dinner along with a scavenger hunt!  
 Please bring something to eat, a blanket AND your device outside.
- Sun, May 17: Regular Zoom classes/*Tefillah* with Cantor
- Wed, May 20: Regular Zoom classes
- Sun, May 24: No classes. Memorial Day Weekend!
- Wed, May 27 Regular Zoom classes  
*Shavuot* program Grades *Gan-Gimel* - 4:00 pm  
*Shavuot* program Grades *Dalet-Zayin* - 6:30 pm  
 (Watch for details!)
- Sun, May 31: Regular Zoom classes/*Tefillah* with Cantor



## Shalom Keren!

On April 12, *chol hamoed Pesach*, our JLC students were able to Zoom with our Israeli *Shinshinit* (*Shin-Shin* for short) Keren Or Kadosh.

*Shin-Shin* is a one-year voluntary service program for Israeli high school graduates prior to their service in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Keren worked with all the students in our Jewish Learning Center to foster their connection to and love for Israel! This is the second year that our JLC earned a grant to sponsor a *Shin-Shin's* involvement in our school. This program came to us through the Jewish Agency, the Sid Jacobson JCC, Masorti (Israeli Conservative Judaism) and the UJA.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the program was cut short and in March, all of the *Shinshinit* in the United States were sent back to Israel, to permit them to quarantine for two weeks before returning to their families in time for Passover.

## "Finding Family: My Yichus"

Rich Kurtz

*Yichus* is the Hebrew word for lineage or pedigree. The Torah and our daily prayers are replete with references to members of our ancient genealogical tree as it winds through biblical time. In Judaism, there is an obligation to honor your mother and father. Exploring your personal family history, especially in our generation which is not so far removed from the Holocaust, can reveal the fortitude and courage of your relatives and connect your soul more strongly to Judaism.

The following is an abbreviated version of my journey to seek the roots of my father's family. My goal here is to inspire you to seek out your family history, not only for the immense personal fulfillment it can bring, but also to enable you to pass on your *yichus* to the next generation.



Menachem Mendel  
Rich's great-great-  
grandfather (1846-1918)

The process of unraveling my family's legacy has been a fascinating journey. You experience an incredible feeling of accomplishment each time you learn something new about your family. For me it has been finding cousins in Alaska, Australia, France, Israel and Sweden. I discovered books written by my relatives describing their experiences during the Holocaust. I am not an expert genealogist. I have no formal training. What I do have is a deep curiosity about my ancestors. I am driven to ask questions and search for answers by interviewing relatives and utilizing the amazing genealogical databases and tools available on the internet.

In 1983, I spoke with my father's aunt, Bella Kurtzbard, one of my first and most important interviews. Aunt Bella, a Polish immigrant to Canada, helped bring her parents, Tilla Gela & Mattis Kurtzbard, and brother, Harry (my grandfather), to Toronto. She could only tell me a bit about her other siblings, as she was separated from six of them when she left for Canada in 1920, aboard the *SS Grampian*. Not knowing about these six relatives bothered me, I had an intense interest in learning their fate. This curiosity has led me on a 40-year journey to reconnect with as many of my family members as possible.

While on this genealogical journey, a pattern of discovery repeatedly emerged. I would first uncover a seemingly random family fact. After holding onto that fact for a while, even years, a new piece of information would suddenly appear, allowing that fact to fall into a sensible place.

For example, during that 37-year-old interview with Aunt Bella, she mentioned that we had relatives in New York City, Helen & Pinchas Kurzbard. I had been searching for these people since 1983, as I had moved to New York. Combing through the Ellis Island database, I eventually found a ship manifest listing Pincus Kurzbard, his wife, Helen, and young son, Irv, who traveled from a displaced person's camp in Germany to New York in 1947. Seven years ago, I sent email inquiries to as many Kurzbarbs as I could find, asking if they knew of Helen and Pincus. I had



Tilla & Mattes Gela circa 1920

forgotten about those emails when, five years later, I received an email from Margie Kurzbard in Alaska. She wrote that her husband Harvey's father's name was Pincus Kurzbard. They were a bit apprehensive when I first spoke with them until I asked about the color of his mother's hair (I knew from family lore that she had red hair). When they replied, "Red," that started the ball rolling. Later the connection was verified by a DNA test that showed we were close cousins. My "new" cousins were astounded by this revelation. They thought they had no relatives, believing all of their family was lost in the Holocaust.

Another story made me further appreciate the impact World War II and the Holocaust had on my family. Just before the war, Aunt Bella was selected, through a family lottery, to travel to a wedding in France as a representative of our Canadian relatives. While visiting there her nephew, Jacques Rosenberg, a little boy at that time, became enamored of Bella and did not want her to return to



Aunt Bella Kurtzbard and brother Harry,  
(Rich's grandfather) circa late 1920s

Canada after the wedding. So, as the story goes, Jacques hid my aunt's ticket and passport. Bella was frantic. She went to the shipping

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office to try to obtain an extension to stay longer in Paris. An official explained, in an exasperated tone, that if she did not get on that ship now he could not guarantee she would ever be able to leave France due to the impending war. Through research I was able to locate the ship's manifest and discovered that Aunt Bella sailed on the *Île de France* on September 9, 1939, the last passenger ship to leave France before World War II began.

I also learned that in the years prior to the war, members of my extended family from Poland tried to enter Canada through France. Many had to stay in France, as Canada had restricted European Jewish immigration. I have been able to connect with those cousins and their descendants, some who continued to live in France and others who emigrated to Australia and Sweden. I uncovered stories about their lives in France during WWII. Some perished, others found precarious refuge in the French countryside. I felt overwhelmed when I realized that these people, heroes, who are all part of my family tree, endured many narrow escapes, became partisans or risked their lives for their children so that they could survive while devastation was all around them. I have spoken with my cousins who are children of these Holocaust survivors and I have read their parents' stories.

For years I was haunted by a photo (top right) inherited from Aunt Bella. Who were those three children? Using internet tools I was able to track them down in Australia and learned that we share great grandparents, Tilla Gela and Mattis Kurtzbard. The Grynberg family lived in France during WWII. Their father, Solomon, was deported when the country was invaded by Germany and did not survive. After the war, their mother, Ida, was in financial distress. To help her family, she sent her three children to homes set up for children in need. (They were sponsored (adopted) by a New York City company, E-Z-On Maternity Clothes.) We have become very close with the youngest sibling, Danielle, (who resembles my grandmother!) and her husband, Stephen.

Here are specific things you can do to find your own family heroes and build a family tree, to connect with unknown relatives and to uncover your heritage. It is especially important to do the research as a family and to involve your children. Children are open to learning about their history and they will become the keepers of your family legacy. Make history come alive for young people by encouraging them to help develop a set of questions to seek answers to what you are most interested in learning.

Bring these questions to family elders and enlist their help in reconstructing your family heritage. Do not wait! I wish I had asked a lot more questions of and recorded a lot more answers from relatives who are no longer alive. Elder family members can identify people in photographs and verify family lore. Be sure to digitize photographs with accompanying explanations. I cannot tell you how difficult it is to identify people in long forgotten photographs.

With your newfound family information in hand, explore the variety of genealogy websites available, both Jewish and non-Jewish (see below). Build your family tree through online websites. You will be surprised how DNA analysis may lead to new connections and can help verify relationships. Websites will connect to other online family trees that might match up with people on your tree. I have been astounded by the way the internet has facilitated my search. With your children involved, take advantage of the range of technological resources.

I often reflect on the hundreds of relatives I have found all over the world. I imagine how our family might have celebrated Jewish holidays over 100 years ago in our town of origin, Konskie, Poland (Kinsk in Yiddish).

My goal has been to learn about my *yichus* in order to reunite our family. Although it's not possible for all of us to be physically together, I am grateful that technology has enabled us to discover one another and reconnect.



Grynberg children in Paris, France 1951  
Back: Bernard, 17 Front: Marguerite, 13 and Danielle, 8



L-R: Rich with cousins Stephen and Danielle Mueller

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My wife, Melissa, and I visited cousins in Australia, Canada and the United States. We even held two family reunions: in Melbourne, Australia in 2019 and in New York City in 2020.



L-R: Cousins Deborah Rosenberg, Rich, Robert Rosenberg and Yvette Wroby in Melbourne, Australia



L-R: Rich's wife Melissa, son Elliott, cousins from France Vivian & Pascale Rosenberg, Elliott's wife Melissa Freilich, Rich in NYC

A sampling of the many genealogical websites:

**Ancestry.com**

<http://ancestry.com/>

**Ellis Island Database**

<https://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/passenger>

**Geni**

<https://www.geni.com/>

**JewishGen**

<https://www.jewishgen.org/new/>

**Jewish Joint Distribution Committee**

<https://www.jdc.org/>

**MyHeritage**

<https://www.myheritage.com/>

**New York Public Library**

<https://www.nypl.org/about/divisions/milstein/genealogy>

**United States Holocaust Memorial Museum**

<https://www.ushmm.org/>

**Yad Vashem**

<https://www.yadvashem.org/>

# MERCAZ READS ISRAEL

...an online book club featuring contemporary Israeli literature that provides insight into and understanding of the lives and concerns of our Israeli counterparts.

This new, exciting initiative is a partnership between Mercaz USA and the Israel Forever Foundation.



Our first selection, *A Rabbi's Daughter*, a novel by Avigail Graetz, is a semi-autobiographical story of three generations of strong women. Drawing inspiration from the author's life experience growing up in the southern Israel, in the home of a Masorti (Conservative) rabbi serving a Masorti *kehillah*, this book is the first Israeli novel set against the background of Masorti Judaism.

A webinar took place in April, but a second webinar will be scheduled in late May/early June for participants to discuss the book, after they have read it, with the author!

The book is available on Amazon in Kindle or paperback. You can join our MERCAZ Reads Israel Group on Facebook to learn more and participate in book club conversations.

To join go to [mercazusa.org](http://mercazusa.org).



Check out the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism weekly **Torah Sparks**, with insights and learning materials on the *parsha*, Torah portion, of the week. Torah Sparks is produced by the Conservative Yeshiva (CY) in Jerusalem.

Each week you'll find a **d'var Torah**, a discussion on some aspect of the reading by CY faculty, alumni and friends; a **Vort**, a short thought from Chasidic rebbes or other thinkers about some point in the text; and **Table Talk**, questions to stimulate discussion on the *parsha* around the *Shabbat* table. A printable PDF is linked at the end of each week's presentation. Go to:

[learn.conservative yeshiva.org/torah-sparks/](http://learn.conservative yeshiva.org/torah-sparks/)





## NSJC Writers Club

In the NSJC Writers Club, we share our writings, bounce ideas off one another and work to improve our writing skills. We invite a range of writers - the novice through the more experienced, and teens to adults - to join us as we work with varied genres: poetry, creative writing, memoir, etc. We help each other explore new ways of expressing ourselves. For those who need them, we also provide prompts.

Next meeting will take place on  
May 4th • 7:30 pm

Watch your email for the Zoom link!



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**FIND YOUR  
GAME.**

**FIND YOUR  
TRIBE.**

## "A Prayer of Hope During This Pandemic"

By Rabbi Naomi Levy

We are frightened, God,  
Worried for our loved ones,  
Worried for our world.  
Helpless and confused,  
We turn to You  
Seeking comfort, faith and hope.  
Teach us, God, to turn our panic into patience,  
And our fear into acts of kindness and support.  
Our strong must watch out for our weak,  
Our young must take care of our old.  
Help each one of us to do our part to halt the spread  
of this virus.  
Send strength and courage to the doctors and nurses  
In the frontlines of this battle,  
Fortify them with the full force of their healing powers.  
Send wisdom and insight to the scientists  
Working day and night across the world to discover  
healing treatments.  
Bless their efforts, God.  
Fill our leaders with the wisdom and the courage  
To choose wisely and act quickly.  
Help us, God, to see that we are one world,  
One people  
Who will rise above this pandemic together.  
Send us health, God,  
Watch over us,  
Grace us with Your love,  
Bless us with Your healing light.  
Hear us, God,  
Heal us, God,  
Amen.





Thank you for your generous donations!

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Ellen & Joshua Miller - In honor of Rabbi Aaron Benson, Cantor Daniel Kramer, President Paul Gold, Executive Director Marcie Platkin and all of our staff for your tireless work supporting our congregation during these unprecedented times.

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Jeanette Parker - In memory of Mary & Abraham Rabinowitz at the time of their *yahrzeit*.

Jeanette Parker - In memory of Jacob Pakowitz at the time of his *yahrzeit*.

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Rhonda Cooper - In memory of Howard Pilmar at the time of his *yahrzeit*.

Barry Shivak - In memory of Abraham Shivak at the time of his *yahrzeit*.

Judy Shivak - In memory of Edith Koslow at the time of her *yahrzeit*.

Susan Steinhardt & Lyle Finger - Thank you to Rabbi Benson for conducting the virtual *shiva* visits for my beloved mother, Irene Yehudith Goldberg.

Tamara Slobodkin - A donation.

Vicki Granek - In memory of Lillian Schumacher at the time of her *yahrzeit*.

Sheila & Harold Schiffman - In memory of our beloved aunt, Pearl Feinstein, at the time of her *yahrzeit*.

Peggy & Mark Weiss - In memory Seymour Fuchs at this time of his *yahrzeit*.

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While offering this class here at NSJC will remain a Men's Club function, there is now an opportunity for any NSJC member, male or female, to become a licensed DD teacher.

Men's Club hosts this six-hour course, that is open to the community, once a month from September through June. If you wish to become a licensed defensive driving instructor and teach the course here at NSJC as a volunteer, Men's Club will pay for the licensing fee.

Upon becoming licensed, you will become an "agency" and receive a book with all the materials necessary for teaching the course. This will authorize you to teach defensive driving at other venues as well, such as libraries, businesses, etc., for which you will receive compensation.

Please contact Fred at [thegraffs44@optonline](mailto:thegraffs44@optonline) for further information.



A *chesed* project related to *Parshat Tazria-Metzora* would be a modern-day precaution for spreading disease - making a mask. The following are links to videos on how to make a mask:

- COVID-19: How to make masks from home:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqCHJozg-MM>
- How to sew a reusable face mask:  
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- DIY: Instant facemask from socks! No sew, no rubber band:  
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- DIY Mask Simply Easy (out of socks):  
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- How to make a quick mask, no sew and no elastic mask:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ikctz59j\\_8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ikctz59j_8)
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