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Aish Thornhill Community Shul		
Bulletin: Shabbat Mevarchim / Parshat Hachodesh / Vayakhel-Pekudei		
March 20 / 21, 2020 – 25 Adar 5780		
Candle Lighting		
Not Before : 6:15 pm / Not After: 7:13 pm		
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<i>The ongoing mission of the Aish Thornhill Community Shul is to create a family-friendly community where Jews of all backgrounds can experience meaningful Jewish Living and Heritage in an inspiring, educational and welcoming environment.</i>		
FRIDAY EVENING		
Early Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv		6:05 pm
Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv		7:15 pm
SHABBAT MORNING		
Torah Portion: Vayakhel-Pekudei		Page: 516 & 530
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SHABBAT AFTERNOON		
Mincha		6:40 pm
Shalosh Seudos		7:10 pm
Shabbat Ends		8:18 pm
WEEKDAY DAVENING MARCH 22 – MARCH 27		
Shacharit: Sunday – Wed & Fri	Earliest: 6:17 am	Latest: 10:19 am
The Molad for Chodesh Nissan will be Tuesday, March 24th	10:14 AM	and 11 <i>Chalokim</i>
Shacharit: Thursday Rosh Chodesh Nisan Don't forget Ya'aleh v'Yavo	Earliest: 6:17 am	Latest: 10:19 am
Mincha: Sunday – Tuesday		7:20 pm
Wednesday & Thursday		7:25 pm
NEXT SHABBAT MARCH 27 & 28 – PARSHA VAYIKRA: 544 HAFTORAH: 165		
March 27th Candle Lighting	Not before:	6:21 pm
	Not after:	7: 21 pm
Early Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv		6:05 pm
Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv		7:15 pm
March 28th: Shabbat Ends		8:26 pm



To the members & Friends of the ATCS,

Understanding that we all have been experiencing some difficult news over the past while, I thought that I would wait a few hours before writing. It was a very difficult decision to close the Shul temporarily. It is and, frankly, all of you are, a very important central part of my life.

I pray that it will be a short closure for many reasons, not the least of them is that I so much enjoy seeing everyone here, be it at classes, at minyan or on Shabbat. I pray for many reasons that this plague will end quickly with little or no harm to anyone.

I have to admit, I never thought that I would speak with my Board of Directors and suggest that for the safety and health of our community to close the Shul. It was a difficult decision for all and, somewhat more so, for me as the rabbi.

Canceling all of our Minyanim and Torah classes would give pause to the bravest of people, yet, it is a necessity, at least for a short while.

In the meantime, we all know how important it is to stay in touch. Families, and friends alike need to interact and be there for each other. Our present circumstances make that difficult to do. But, we have developed some things that, I hope, will help us get through this difficult time.

First, I want to tell you about a few things we are doing to keep us all in touch, learning and involved- *at least as much as is possible.*

First, I will be in touch each morning with a Facebook live presentation through the Shul's Facebook page. I hope that you will take a few moments to start your day with me. I also hope that you will find the "Daily Dose" to be worthwhile.

Secondly, we will be offering a number of classes over Zoom and Facebook live. Lev Mirlas, Ian Liebenthal, Rabbi Shaanan Scherer, Dr Michael Kirzner, Donny Meisels, myself and others will be offering classes through Zoom. I am only waiting to hear back from others among our inspired teachers to add to the list.

If you do not have Zoom, download for free to your laptop or phone. A great way to keep our learning up to date. (*Thanks to Aish Toronto for allowing us to use their Zoom subscription*)

Now, some important points. While we are not having any classes, events or Minyanim at this time, the building is available for you.

If your Tallit & Tefillin are in the Shul, you are welcome to use your fob to enter and retrieve them.

If you would like to learn on your own or with a single Chavrusah you are also welcome to. Just find a spot on your own. We cannot have more than a few people in a single room. Sorry, but we cannot have any of our usual or occasional classes at this time.

If you are interested in speaking to or meeting with me, you are very welcome. Just call my cell at 416.876.0691 and we can schedule something. I want to be available to you as much as possible.

Also, the office is open, if you need some information, want to book something or just say hi to Hadassah, give a call to 905.764.1891 X 210

As far as the necessities of Pesach:

First I will give a class and an Q and A session one evening in the coming week, secondly, the "Hey, Sell my Chometz, please" form will be available before the end of the week. I will email it to you all. All of these and more will be advertised on the website and through our email lists.

I want to take a moment to discuss the issues that are arising from not having Minyanim. I realize the stress of not being able to say kaddish for a loved one, be it as a mourner or for a Yahrzeit. My own Mother's Yahrzeit is in a few weeks and I am disappointed that we most likely will not a minyan.

Please keep in mind, since this is being done to fulfill a Torah Mitzvah of guarding one's health, also of caring for the elderly and the ill and finally an act of chesed- all of the Poskim have said that you are excused from the Kaddish.

Please, for everyone's sake, do not make a home minyan or go to the Shuls that are still operating, it truly defeats the purpose of our and other Shuls having to close down. Remember, we are doing this to safeguard our ill and elderly. We need to see the big picture.

What is the next best thing you could do? Well, reciting Tehilim is a worthwhile series of prayers that one could say, then there is giving of Tzdaka to a needy person. One way is through our TCS Tzdaka Fund that assists local families to make Passover. Finally, your helping keep our community safe from illness and helping our senior members stay healthy will be a merit to the deceased.

There are so many questions that, truthfully, I cannot think of all of them at this time.

Just know, the strength of our Shul is not the building, it is the community. As we stand united to assist all people to remain healthy and well, we do so as a united Shul community.

Whenever things get difficult, and this is certainly one of those times, a Jew turns to the Al-mighty and through prayer, Tzdaka and Teshuva we ask him to turn away the pain and, in this case, the plague faces our community.

Our Shul is not available, our Minyanim are not available, but our respect, care and love for each other combined with our continuing to learn, remembering to pray three times a day and committing to Tzdaka, will assure us of HaShem's love and desire to make our world a better place, free of virus and plague.

We pray to return to the time when we will be free to physically come back together in the beautiful rooms of our Shul. In the meantime, each of us will recreate our own Holy of Holies within our homes, our hearts and each other.

In this difficult time, let us unite and as a singular force stand before HaShem and ask him for a better tomorrow. A tomorrow without the fear of a plague and with the warmth of a beautiful, unified community.

Remember, I am just a phone call, a text message or FaceTime away, just reach out.

My best to you all,

Rabbi Avram Rothman

Cholim List

Month of Adar	The Week of March 21, 2020
MEN	WOMEN
<p> Yakov ben Rivka* Shmuel ben Shayna* Ephraim ben Chaya Baruch ben Chana* Aryeh Leib ben Esther Hadas* Shlomo Yosef HaCohen ben Tzina* Dovid ben Esther Malka* Reuvain Ephraim ben Faygie Shimon Alexander ben Chana Riva Yehuda ben Sarah* Amran ben Rivkah Yishaia Dovid ben Chasha Baila Yehuda ben Sarah Hillel ben Rivka Eliezer Shmuel ben Alta Leah* Shlomo ben Razel* Shachneh ben Riva* Baruch Alon ben Aviva* Dov ben Batsheva* Pesach Dovid ben Aidel Oleg ben Elvera HaRav Michael ben Denise Imi Dov Ber ben Zlata Gershon ben Dora* Issachar Baruch ben Chana Rivka* </p>	<p> Victoria bat Beyla Perl* Ita bat Sara Rivkah* Miriam bat Sora Slata* Chaya bat Malka* Bayla Miriam bat Sarah* Bayla bat Leah Gila* Fremi Golda Chana bat Henya* Tova bat Dubby* Bayla bat Simma Devorah* Zipporah bat Avraham Iyteh bat Shaynah Chava bat Chana Leah bat Chaya Bayla bas Chana Naomi bat Marcella Baila Miriam bat Yehudi Sara Gittel bat Leah Yocheved bat Havah* Michal bas Nitza Tzippa Zelda bat Chaya Gitta Yocha Leni Bas Davorah Etta* Nechama bas Sheva* Rochel bat Matel * Denise Imi bat Chatoon Shulamit Yechiella bat Ita Rachel* Ronit Shoshana bat Lipa Chana* Rachel bat Ramo* Malka Nechama bat Charna Merrill* </p>

Names remain on this list for an entire Hebrew month and are removed on Rosh Chodesh.

Please call or write to have the name added again for the following month if needed.

Including the names of those who are ill in our prayers not only directly benefits the ill person; it is equally beneficial to the person praying. Along with the giving of Tzedaka one should include the names of members of the community within one's prayers on a regular basis. Since we are requesting mercy from the Almighty, it is customary to include the person's name and that of their mother.

To add a name to this list, kindly contact the office at **905.764.1891** or e mail theshul@aish.com with the individual's **Hebrew name and that person's MOTHER'S Hebrew name.**

THE GRIPES *of* ROTHMAN

THIS RABBI'S VIEW OF LIFE *in an Age of Uncertainty*

As I mentioned in my latest Drasha, I am not a prophet, so I can't tell you why the Al-mighty has sent this virus. I can't say the reason it is here, nor can I tell you specifically what Tefilah or Mitzvah one could do to be totally safeguarded from catching it. Frankly, I don't believe anyone can.

However, I can tell you what I think we can learn from HaShem sending this virus into the world and, in fact, there is much we can learn from it.

First, as I recently heard from Rabbi Yitzchak Berkovitz; we all know that this virus presents the least danger to children, some danger to healthy adults and the most severe danger to people over sixty and people with any form of illness that would make them more susceptible to the effect of the virus.

For the most part, the majority of us reading this have little to fear from the virus. However, we all know and live among people who could have serious health issues, perhaps even die, if infected.

On that basis, we need to shift our outlook on the virus. We are isolating ourselves, missing our classes and minyanim, not going to social or educational activities and many of us are having real financial problems all because of a virus that for many of us will not have a serious effect.

However, how we should be viewing the virus and our efforts to combat it, is not for ourselves. Rather it is for the others who are compromised. We are not just taking care of ourselves and families, we are assuming responsibility for others.

The beauty of this extremely difficult time, the only time I have ever experienced where Torah Schools and Shul's have closed and we are actually afraid to have contact with others, is that we are choosing to safeguard those among us who are threatened, even if the threat is not as acute for us directly.

We have turned a horrible virus into an act of chesed, of kindness. In a time when the world can go into a frenzy and too often the worst comes out, we reach out and make sure that our seniors and our ill brothers and sisters are taken care of, even if it causes us so much trouble.

As we are only at the start of a difficult time, we will certainly have thoughts to attend a home minyan or go to a Shul who has chosen to not close, or even to participate in some large event, before you do, remember why we are doing this.

We are doing this, as the Torah dictates, for the health and safety of our community and, for the most part, to take care of those in our community who are the most threatened.

As we think of the difficulties we are experiencing with lost vacations, children at home for weeks with no place to go, the loss of our Shuls, our social life, the hoarding at stores and all of the other hardships, let us remember that we are doing all this for others, not just for ourselves, but it is a true example of how far we will go for others.

That is something significant that we should be proud of.



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NEGATIVITY IS A VIRUS

Join the movement not to text, forward or post anything hurtful to others for fourteen days

STOP THE SPREAD

as a merit to protect us from the Coronavirus crisis and to help bring the Geulah Shelaima

3.18.20 —————→ **3.31.20**



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