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A Holiday Thought

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(From a theme suggested by Aish HaTorah)

With the world in turmoil and our lives upturned by the COVID-19 crisis, it is difficult to find a positive message for the upcoming Pesach season. In the writings found on the Aish Hatorah website, the words of Rabbi S.R. Hirsch zt"l (1808-1888, Hamburg-Frankfurt, Germany) can provide a thought provoking perspective.

Rabbi Hirsch wrote that closing "all synagogues by Jewish hands would constitute the strongest protest against the abandonment of the Torah in home and life." With obviously no knowledge of the coronavirus, in the late 1800s Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch wrote this chilling paragraph:

"If I had the power I would provisionally close all synagogues for a hundred years. Do not tremble at the thought of it, Jewish heart. What would happen? Jews and Jewesses without synagogues, desiring to remain such, would be forced to concentrate on a Jewish life and a Jewish Home. The Jewish officials connected with the synagogue would have to look to the only opportunity now open to them – to teach young and old how to live a Jewish life and how to build a Jewish home. All synagogues closed by Jewish hands would constitute the strongest protest against the abandonment of the Torah in home and life." – (as quoted in the "Introduction by Translator to Horeb, "The Classification of the Mitzvoth," p.1xix)

Our current coronavirus-inspired quarantined existence is hopefully the closest we'll ever get to witnessing Rabbi Hirsh's alien reality of shuls being locked down. That being said, Rabbi Hirsch saw something that was and is in dire need of rectification. Could this be the time we actually do something about it?

For far too long the synagogue has replaced the home in its centrality to Jewish life. Certainly, synagogues are ideal places for Jewish gatherings, communal prayer, and life-cycle celebrations. But life plays itself out primarily in the home, surrounded by the most profound influences any of us will ever know – our parents.

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- ◆ **Lyubov Kruglya**, for her parents, *Monya bas Mordechai z"l* and *Yaakov ben Leib z"l* and for the her husband, *Yosef ben Moshe z"l*.
- ◆ **Jake & Jean Zimmer** for the yahrzeit of Jake's father, *Zvi ben Azriel z"l*.
- ◆ **Melzer Family** for family yahrzeits - *Shmuel Gavriel ben Reuven HaKohein z"l*, & *Malka Chana bas Leib z"l*.
- ◆ **Vladimir & Alex Shteynberg** for their maternal grand- parents, *Zev ben Yitzhak & Khava bas Nehemiah z"l*, their grandmother z"l.
- ◆ **Lennie Brandwein** for his father and mother, *Chaim Yisroel Ben Shoel z"l*
- ◆ **Drs. Helen & Mel Elberger** for his father, *Aryeh Leib ben Meir z"l* and his mother, *Rachel Leah bas Mechil z"l*. Also remembered were Helen's parents, z"l.
- ◆ **Ira Penner**, for his mother, *Baila bas Chaim Dovid z"l*

In Honor of other Events

- ◆ **Cheryl & R. Moshe Abramowitz** on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, **Ziporah Esther Abramowitz**, and on the marriage of their grandchildren, **Shlomo and Batsheva Lipman**.
- ◆ **Lennie Brandwein**, honoring his daughter, **Bena Schwartz**, who

completed *Shas* during this last cycle of *Siyum HaShas*.

- ◆ **Bezalel Zeidman** on the 60th anniversary of his bar Mitzvah.

WEEKDAY BREAKFASTS

- ◆ **Lenny Lauer**, for the yahrzeit of his mother, *Shifra bas Yirmeyahu z"l*
- ◆ **Chaim Stricker** for the yahrzeit of his grandfather, *Meir Yaakov ben Avraham z"l*, his mother, *Fruma Raiszel bas Shimon Mattisyahu z"l*, the yahrzeit of his grandmother, grandfather, and his paternal grandmother.
- ◆ **Alex Shteynberg** for the yahrzeit of his father-in-law, *Binyamin ben Moshe z"l*.

DIVREI TORAH

Our thanks to the following individuals who delivered the D'var Torah at Kiddush

R. Moshe Abramowitz, Lennie Brandwein, Dr. Mel Elberger , Ira Penner

We also wish to thank those who were scheduled to sponsor kiddushim or breakfasts, but were canceled due to the COVID-19 crisis: Lennie Brandwein - Kiddush for the yahrzeit of his mother, Fruma bas Lipa Eliezer z"l and Ruth Strashun - breakfast for the yahrzeit of her husband, Yecheskel ben Menachem Mendel z"l.

KIDDUSH DETAILS:

- The Shul will subsidize each week's Kiddush for events other than special Life-Cycle events, such as Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Ufrauf, etc.
- The cost for a member to host a Kiddush is \$60 and the Shul will cover the other half.
- A normal Kiddush consists of whole and chopped herring, crackers, soda, cookies and schnaps for Kiddush. Up to nine tables are set up. If additional tables are needed, check the Kiddush Policy letter for details. Kiddush for a special event or Simcha (Bar Mitzvah, Ufruf, etc.) is not subsidized by the Shul.
- The cost of Shalosh Seudos is \$25.
- Use the Sign-up sheet downstairs to reserve sponsorship for a

NACHAS NOTES - MAZAL TOV

זרעא חייא וקיינא

BIRTHS – Mazal Tov:

- ♦ Diane Lejtman on a grandson, born to her grandchildren, **Miriam & Yoseph Lejtman** (Baltimore).
- ♦ Ina Prager & Chaya Krakauer on a great-grandson, **Mordechai**, born to their grandchildren **Avi & Devorah Krakauer** and on a great-granddaughter born to their grandchildren, **Tova (Krakauer) & Nesanel Horowitz** (Baltimore) and to grandparents, **Judy & R. Binyamin Krakauer** (Baltimore).
- ♦ Lyubov Krugylak, on a grandson, born to her children, **Mikhail & Rifky Kruglyak** (Passaic).
- ♦ Debby & R. Joe Oratz on a granddaughter born to their children, **Temima & Tzvi Oratz** (Atlanta).
- ♦ Sylvia & Dr. Ellie Schneider on a great-granddaughter born to their grandchildren, **Elisha & Yael Domb** and to the grandparents, **Dr. Moshe & Debbie Schneider** (Edison).
- ♦ Drs. Helen & Mel Elberger on a granddaughter born to their children, **R. Avromy & Ahuva Elberger**.
- ♦ Mimi & R. Victor Cohen on a great-granddaughter born to their grandchildren, **Devorah & Eitan Scher** and on a great-grandson, born to their grandchildren, **Yaakov & Faige Scher** (Yerushalayim) and to grandparents **Ruchie & Danny Scher** (Brooklyn).
- ♦ Chava & R. Yitzchok a”h Goldstone on the birth on Purim morning, of a great-grandson, to their grandchildren **Tzirel & R. Avrumi Green** and grandparents, **Rabbi & Mrs. Yaakov Goldstone**.

זה הקטן גדול

BAR and BAT MITZVAH - Mazal Tov

- ♦ Adam Melzer, celebrating the bar mitzvah of his son, **Yehuda**.
- ♦ Cheryl & R. Moshe Abramowitz celebrating the bas mitzvah of their granddaughter, **Tzipora Esther**, and parents, **Yael & R. Doniel Abramowitz** (R. Beit Shemesh).

- ♦ Lennie Brandwein on the bar mitzvah of his grandson, **Moshe**, and parents, **Orah & R. Pinchas Shapiro** (Hillside).
- ♦ Judy & R. Shlomo Wohlgenuth on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, **Tzefania**, and to his parents, **Elisheva & Yosef Rothstein**.

שעה תשעה רעים אהובים

ENGAGEMENTS and MARRIAGES -

- ♦ Ina Prager & Chaya Krakauer on the marriage of their grandson, **Aryeh**, son of **Judy & R. Binyamin Krakauer** (Baltimore) to **Esti Shwekey**.
- ♦ Sylvia & Dr. Ellie Schneider, on the marriage of their grandson, **Ephraim**, son of **Malka & Steve Miretsky** (Chicago) to **Zahava Rothberg** and on the engagement of their grandson, **Chaim Yehuda**, son of **R. Refoel & Dina Schneider** (Baltimore) to **Freida Alison** (Monsey).
- ♦ Chava & R. Yitzchok a”h Goldstone on the marriage of their grandson, **Efraim**, son of **Henya & R. Shimon Richter** to **Sari Goldberg** and on the marriage of their grandson, **Eliyahu Chaim**, son of their children **Malka & R. Yisroel Moshe Schneinerman** to **Devora Klar**.
- ♦ Edie & Irwin Bruck on the engagement of their granddaughter, **Rivki**, daughter of **Zena & Sholom Weglein** (Efrat) to **Ariel Cohen**.

- ♦ The Melzer Family, including **Adam and Judy**, on the engagement of daughter and granddaughter, **Alex**, to **Sammy Bruch** (Woodmere, NY).

הקדב"ה ישרם ששרם

OTHER “HONORABLE MENSCHEN”

- ♦ FIRST SELICHOS – On *Motzei Shabbos*, many members and friends joined in an **Ice Cream and Dessert Melaveh Malka** (prepared by **Jean Zimmer**, et al), a video presentation, “**The Jewish Orthodox Community of NY**” and *Selichos*, led by **Rabbi Joseph Oratz**. It was a great start to the New Year.
- ♦ MELODIES OF RABBI JOSEPH LICHTMAN – Posted on the [website](#) at “Archives” you will can listen to recordings of *Birchas HaChodesh*, *Maariv for Rosh Hashana*, *Kol Nidrei* and *Yaaleh*. ⇨



R. Moshe Lichtman provided this digital versions of recording his father made some time ago. As more are available we will post them.

♦ **YAMIM NORAIM – The Bais Yitzchok Experience** was great. Thanks are due, starting with everyone who promptly arrived for *Selichos* each day, . . . to our *Baalei Tefilah* – **R. Joseph Oratz, Lennie Brandwein and R. Moshe Abramowitz, Baal Tokea, Marty Lewitter, Baal Kriah, Lennie Brandwein, Gabbaim - Lenny Lauer, Ira Penner** and Emeritus, **Herby Kaiser . . . to Rav Teitz** for joining us on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah* and offering his inspirational words, all the *mispallalim* - for their presence and responsiveness, and for contributing to *kibuddim* and to our **Annual Appeal**. Special thanks to the **Zimmers** for all they do to keep the Shul running. *Y'yasheir kochachem*.

♦ **SUKKOS and Final Days-** Thank you to those who helped erect and take down the Sukkah – **Glenn Bond (Forman), Jean Zimmer, Lennie Brandwein, Lenny Lauer, Malcom Lemont, Ira Penner, Alex Shteynberg, Baback Panahbarhagh, Bezalel Zeidman and Moshe Abramowitz . . .** to everyone who helped make all the *minyanim* throughout *Yom Tov* . . . to **Jeannie Zimmer** for **daily breakfast** in the Sukkah and to **Jeannie & Jake** for cutting the *Hoshanos* . . . to **Donny Strashun** for asking **Rabbi Kanelsky** to send the **8 Chabad Boys** on *Simchas Torah* Night for *Hakafos*. Aside from lowering the average age of those attending, it brought the energy level to heights we have not seen in years. honors to **Lennie Brandwein (Chasan Torah)** and **R. Moshe Abramowitz (Chasan Bereishis)** . . . Thanks to the sponsors of the *Simchas Torah Kiddush* - **Mrs. Ruth Strashun, Annette & Lenny Lauer, Jean & Jake Zimmer, Rachel & Marty Lewitter and Cheryl & Moshe Abramowitz**.

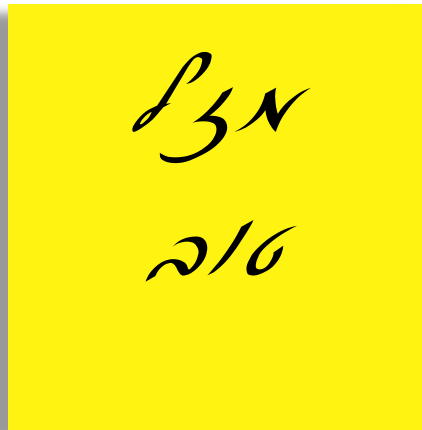
♦ **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION - Sunday, January 19th** followed *davening*, a celebratory Breakfast, hosted by **Cheryl & R. Moshe Abramowitz**, commemorating the 42nd *yahrzeit* of Cheryl's father, z"l.

The **General Membership Meeting** followed where pressing congregational issues were discussed. With all present officers and Board members agreeing to continue in their respective positions, the Slate of Officers was approved. **R. Moshe Abramowitz** reminded those gathered that he has announced his retirement from the position of President effective next January, permitting the Abramowitz family to focus on their planned *aliyah*. He suggested that membership consider designating a President Elect. This and other issues will be addressed in the future.

♦ **PURIM** – Thanks to **R. Shlomo Wohlgenuth** for the expert evening *laining* and to **R. Joseph Oratz** for the morning *laining*. As was mentioned on Purim morning, this was the final opportunity we had to hear Rabbi Joe's *laining*, as he and Debbie will be making *aliyah* soon. When it gets closer to their departure, BY will honor them appropriately for their many years of service to the Shul. *Mattanot l'evyonim* - gifts to the poor collected on Purim, was sent by **Lenny Lauer to Tomchei**

Shabbos of Har Nof, for immediate distribution to those in need. Thank you Lenny for facilitating this important *mitzvah*. Thanks to the **Zimmers** for the break-the-fast refreshments and to everyone who joined BY for Purim. Thanks to the **Zimmer and Abramowitz** families for hosting the **Shul Purim Seudah**.

♦ **MONUMENT DEDICATION** - A combined unveiling of the *matzavos* of **Susan & Mendel Farkas z"l** and Mendel's brother, **Avraham Moshe Farkas z"l** took place. Sunday September 22nd at the **Beth Israel Cemetery, Woodbridge, NJ**. It was a very moving time as **R. Chaim Marcus (Cong Israel, Springfield)** officiated at the service for **Avraham Moshe Farkas, and R. Avraham Herman, R. Avraham Kivelevitz and R. Moshe Abramowitz** dedicating the monument for **Boba Sara bas Z'ev z"l** and **Aharon Menachem ben Alter Eliyahu z"l**. *May their memories be a blessing.*



A Holiday Thought continued

Rabbi Hirsch's point is that Judaism and Torah need to be brought to life specifically in our homes if we want them to shape the next generation of Jews. We need to get the Torah out of the ark and into our living rooms!

And without a synagogue to go to, many of us are doing just with families praying together on their couches. Many organizations have increased their

online presence, and the plethora of learning opportunities available for download or live-zooming on our digital devices allows for a steady stream of inspiring and spiritual thoughts to fill our abodes. It is within our powers to turn this period of global uncertainty into a precious opportunity for familial value-sharing and growth.



A SEDER VORT:

**Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis,
Chief Rabbi of the UK.**

In Shul every year on Pesach morning, I find that after saying 'Good Yom Tov', the first two questions that people pose to others are 'How was your seder?' and 'At what time did it finish?'

There is a perception out there, that the longer your seder lasts, the frummer you are. Actually, that's not necessarily the case. In the Mishna Masechet Pesachim there is a fascinating debate between Beit Shammai and Beit Hillel, with regard to Hallel. Beit Shammai tell us that before the meal, we recite the first paragraph of Hallel. Beit Hillel say that we must recite the first two paragraphs, and that's what we do.

Isn't it interesting that both Beit Shammai and Beit Hillel agree that we uncharacteristically split Hallel in two and we don't complete it before the meal. You see the second paragraph starts with the words *B'zeit Yisrael mi-Mitzrayim*, referring to our exodus from Egypt, and that is the primary theme of Maggid, the central part of the seder before the meal. That is because they both agree that there are some hungry people around the table, usually children and to be honest sometimes adults, and we shouldn't keep them waiting.

At the seder we need to empathise with those who are there; don't drag it out so that it becomes too long, because you might lose the attention span of some of the participants. You could have a seder scenario through which, going into the early hours of the morning could afford you the opportunity to have an enthralling, inspirational seder experience by taking a long time to go into the inner depths of secrets of what is presented to us. It's quite possible that even with a short seder you have achieved the perfect Pesach experience

In other contexts, doing that will actually be a punishment for those around the table, because sometimes, in an educational context, it's brevity through which you can make the greatest mark and impact. As a result therefore, if your answer to the question 'At what time did your seder end?' is not 3 or 4am, give your answer with pride, because it's quite possible that even with a short seder you have achieved the perfect Pesach experience.

Chag Sameach.



Bais Yitzchok Programs and Events 5780

Given the current COVID-19 crisis and imposed isolation, it is our hope and prayer that the events described below will be possible. Periodic updates will bring everyone up to date with changes and openings.

K'lai Kodesh

Davening on *Yom Tov* is led by various members of the Shul. **Leonard Brandwein**, our *Baal Kriah*, will be away for Pesach and we appreciate those who will be filling in for him with *laining* and other functions. We look forward to hearing *Megillas Rus* led by Lennie on *Shavuos*. Our *Gabbaim*, **Lenny Lauer** and **Ira Penner** assist with coordinating services.

Seudas Dovid HaMelech

A highlight of the year is the annual gathering which ends the holiday of *Shavuos*. This special meal - known as "the feast of King David" recalls the tradition that *Shavuos* is the *Yahrzeit* of King David. This gathering is traditionally graced by the presence of Rav Teitz who provides the inspiring and thought provoking Torah lesson, The harmonies and melodies so characteristic of Bais Yitzchok, are a fitting close to the *Pesach / Shavuos* season, We hope you plan to attend this event which follows *Mincha* on the second day of *Shavuos*.

Weekly Activities

- Davening & Learning: In addition to services themselves (*Shacharis* on Mon. and Thur. at 6:25 am and Tue, Wed. and Fri at 6:30 am, *Rosh Chodesh*, 6:15 am), breakfast and learning follows *davening* (*Mishna Brurah* on weekdays and *Kitzur Shulchan Aruch* on Sundays and holidays led by **Lennie Brandwein**).
- On Shabbos (*davening* at 8:30 am). Before *K'rias HaTorah*, the study of *Thilim* - Psalms - is led by

Rabbi Moshe Abramowitz. Finally, each Shabbos a "sit-down" Kiddush and *D'var Torah* follow *davening* and *Shalosh Seudos* follows *Mincha* (times TBA.).

Upcoming Event

- April 21 - 27 Nisan - Yom HaShoah
 - April 29 - 5 Iyar - Yom HaAtzmaut - 72nd Anniversary of Modern Israel.
 - May 22nd - 28 Iyar - Yom Yerushalaim - also the *yahrzeit* of *Shmuel HaNavi* - A special breakfast planned sponsored anonymously
 - June 7 - Israel Day Parade
 - June 14th - RTMA and Bruriah Graduations.
- During the previous weeks, presentations will be made for the **Norman Kalish Memorial Award**, in memory of our late Gabbai. A graduate from the Mesivta and Bruriah, respectively, is selected for his/her outstanding personal behavior and excellence in the practice of *Torah Medos*.

A second award, the **Esther and Julius Blank Award** is presented to a single Mesivta or Bruriah graduate who has shown exemplary service to the Jewish Community.

Communications

- Check the Shul website at www.baisyitzchok.org for special special events and to view current and past Announcements and updates about Shabbos programs and Kiddush sponsorship, etc. You can even send an email to the webmaster for announcements and requests.

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wish one and all a healthy and happy Pesach

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ALL EVENTS ARE DEPENDANT ON THE STATUS OF THE
CURRENT HEALTH CRISIS.



Nisan 5780 Bais Yitzchok Chevrah Thilim

April 2020

Pesach - Shavuos Schedule

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SHABBOS
			1	2	3 ⁸⁸ 7:05 pm Mincha 7 pm	4 SHABBOS HAGADOL P. Tzav Shacharis 8:30 Kedusha Rabba Mincha TBA 10 Nisan
<p>Regular Davening: Weekdays: Sun - 8 am Mon & Thu - 6:25am Tu, Wed & Fri - 6:30 am</p> <p>Regular Shabbos: Erev Shabbos - 7 pm (Summer Schedule) Shacharis - 8:30 am Mincha - at candle lighting time</p>						
4 Nisan	5 Nisan	6 Nisan	7 Nisan	8 Nisan	9 Nisan	10 Nisan
5	6	7 BEDIKAS CHAMETZ at nightfall.	8 ⁸⁸ 7:10pm TAANIS BECHORIM Shacharis 6:20 am Mincha TBA pm <i>Eruv Tavshilin</i> SEDER I	10 ⁸⁸ 8:12pm PESACH I Shacharis 9:00 Mincha TBA SEDER II	10 ⁸⁸ 7:12pm PESACH II Shacharis 9:00 Mincha 7:00 pm PARKING RESTRICTIONS	11 SHABBOS CHOL HAMOED Shacharis 8:30 Mincha TBA
Eat Chametz until <u>10am</u> Burn Chametz before 11 am						
11 Nisan	12 Nisan	13 Nisan	14 Nisan	15 Nisan	16 Nisan	17 Nisan
12 Chol HaMoed Shacharis 8 am	13 Chol HaMoed Shacharis 6:15 am	14 ⁸⁸ 7:16pm EREV YOM TOV Shacharis 6:15 am Mincha TBA pm	15 ⁸⁸ 8:20 pm PESACH VII Shacharis 8:30 Mincha TBA pm	16 PESACH VIII Shacharis 8:30 Mincha TBA pm Yom Tov ends 8:49 pm	17 ⁸⁸ 7:20 pm EREV SHABBOS Mincha 7:00 pm	18 SHABBOS Parashas Shemini Shacharis 8:30 am Mincha TBA
18 Nisan	19 Nisan	20 Nisan	21 Nisan	22 Nisan	23 Nisan	24 Nisan

Sivan 5780 May 2020 Shavuos Schedule

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SHABBOS
17	18	19	20	21 YOM YERUSHLAYIM	22 PARKING RESTRICTIONS	23
24 Rosh Chodesh	25	26	27	28 ⁸⁸ 8:00 pm EREV YOM TOV Mincha 8:10 pm <i>Eruv Tavshilin</i>	29 ⁸⁸ 8:01:pm SHAVUOS I Shacharis 8:30 Mincha 8:10 pm PARKING RESTRICTIONS	30 SHABBOS SHAVUOS II Shacharis 8:30 Mincha/Seudas David Hamelech 8:00 pm 7 Sivan
1 Sivan	2 Sivan	3 Sivan	4 Sivan	5 Sivan	6 Sivan	7 Sivan

המקום ינחם אתכם... CONDOLENCES

The members and Officers of Bais Yitzchok extend their sincere condolences to our members and friends who have suffered recent losses -



- ◆ **Zilpa Nulman** (Ramat Beit Shemesh, former BY member) on the passing of her sister, **Chava Schwartz z"l**, a cherished member of the Elizabeth Jewish community.
- ◆ **Yossi Wenger** (Hollywood, FL and former BY member), on the loss of his father, **Shimon Wenger, z"l**.
- ◆ **Phil Slepian** on the loss of his mother, **Marian Slepian z"l**.
- ◆ **Coy Braxton** on the passing of his sister, **Nancy z"l**.
- ◆ **Beckie Heizler** on the passing of her father, **Joseph Stein z"l**.
- ◆ The Family of **Carl Krampf z"l**, a BY member and loyal supporter of the *erev Shabbos minyanim*, on his passing.
- ◆ **Rachel Lewitter**, on the passing of her sister, **Gila Brownstein z"l**.
- ◆ **Mrs. Chava Goldstone** and family, on the passing of her husband and father, **R. Yitzchok Goldstone z"l**, decades long BY member and *magid shiur* every Monday night, first at BY and most recently at EHM. Rabbi Goldstone was the ultimate *Talmid Chochem*, with dignity and humility his distinguishing characteristics. His warm and accepting demeanor will be sorely missed.

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