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RABBI'S MESSAGE

The recent events which have shaken the world, and the many Shuls around the world suspending services, reminded me of a famous Chassidic story which I shared in a recent email to the community:

Reb Zushe and Reb Elimelech were two Chassidic brothers who lived in Ukraine in the 1700s.

They once traveled to a certain village and stayed at the local inn. Overnight, some expensive cutlery went missing, and suspicion naturally fell on the two unknown "peasants." The police were called and, long story short, the 2 brothers found themselves locked in a cell.

In the morning, Reb Elimelech was getting ready to say the morning prayers, but Reb Zushe pointed out that in the corner of the cell there was a bucket (which served as a means for the prisoners to relieve themselves). The stench rendered the room unfit for prayer according to Jewish law. Reb Elimelech was extremely disappointed! In his entire life he never missed a day's prayers! It was inconceivable to him not to pray even for one day! He started crying.

"Why are you crying?" asked his brother, "just like there is a Mitzvah to pray every day, there is another Mitzvah not to pray in a situation like ours! Every day we get the opportunity to serve G-d by praying, today we got the opportunity to serve G-d by NOT praying!

"You are right, my brother!" exclaimed Rabbi Elimelech, suddenly smiling. Excited by this new insight Rabbi Elimelech took his brother's arm and began to dance from joy! Their cellmates thought the Jews had gone mad, but they welcomed the break in the monotony and joined in the dancing.

The guard hears the commotion and comes barging in. He grabbed the nearest prisoner and asked what all the dancing was about. The poor prisoner couldn't say much, all he knew was that those 2 crazy Jews were crying, pointing at the toilet bucket saying that this connected them to G-d, and started singing and dancing!

"The bucket is what's making them so happy? I can take care of that!" said the guard. He ran to the corner, grabbed the bucket, and with a sneering look at the 2 brothers he took it out of the cell.

Reb Zushe turned to his brother: "Elimelech my brother! Now we can pray!"

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As Jews, we need to know that refraining from a Jewish practice such as attending synagogue because of a danger to life and health is as much a mitzvah as engaging in those practices under normal circumstances. We need to joyously thank G-d for allowing us to fulfill his Holy Will, whatever it is. And, perhaps, in merit of that joy, He might just take the pail away...

Rabbi Moshe Sasonkin

DEDICATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF **Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin obm**

Rabbi Mendy will be remembered for his kindness and his unconditional love for everyone he met. May his memory be a blessing to us all!



PESACH Holiday of liberation

• HOW TO SELL CHOMETZ? www.akronshul.com/chometz

SHMURAH MATZAH

"Shmurah", means watched, and is an apt description of this special matzah (unleavened bread). The wheat used is carefully watched protected against any contact with water from the moment of harvest-as water would cause leavening, and thus disqualify the wheat for use on Pesach. These matzahs are round in form, kneaded and shaped by hand, similar to the matzahs baked by the Children of Israel on their way out of Egypt. They are baked under strict supervision to avoid any possibility of leavening during the baking process. Shmurah matzah should be used on each of the two seder nights for the three matzahs of the Seder plate. For a more meaningful and happy Pesach, have Shmurah matzah at your Seder table.

For purchasing Shmurah Matzah please call Rabbi Moshe Sasonkin at 330-867-7292.

MA'OT CHITIM

We would like to remind our Congregants of the noble practice and the great Mitzvah of contributing to the Passover Matzah Fund. The money collected at this time of the year is used to provide Passover food supplies to needy families in our community.

You may send the Passover Fund contributions directly to the Synagogue Office c/o Rabbi Moshe Sasonkin. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

End Eating Chametz	11:16 am
Chametz Burning	12:22 pm
FIRST SEDER	
Candle Lighting	7:41pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

SECOND SEDER Candle Lighting......8:42 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 Candle Lighting......7:43 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 Candle Lighting......7:47 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 Candle Lighting......8:49 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 16



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SEDER-TO-GO

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MORNING SHACHARIS

Sunday	8:00 am
Monday - Friday	7:30 am
Shabbat	9:00 am

EVENING MINCHA & MAARIV

Sunday - Friday......7:30 pm



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	Paula Gross
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28	Karyn Katz
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1	Mark Weinberger
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4	Arlene Markey
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28	Alan Jaslow



Unfortunately, due to Coronavirus, services and programs at Anshe Sfard have been temporarily postponed until further notice. But don't worry, we are still up and running! Stay tuned for the many virtual programs and classes coming up!

In times like this, the importance of community and friendship is greater than ever, and while it may be prudent to place greater physical distance between us, we must only strengthen our bond of friendship.

We are one community, one family. If you or someone you know is going through a particularly difficult time or needs help, don't hesitate to reach out. We would be glad to assist in whichever way we can. You can email <u>office@akronshul.com</u> or call <u>330-867-7292</u>.

Of course, as Jews, we know that everything is in G-d's Hands, and while we take all physical measures to ensure the health of our loved ones and society at large, we believe all the more so in the importance of increasing in our spiritual fortification.

The Talmud says that the world stands on three pillars: <u>Torah,</u> <u>Tefillah (prayer) and Tzedakah (charity)</u>. Perhaps by increasing in these three things, we can bring more blessing and stability to our world which seems to be shaking.

<u>Torah</u>: Take some time to study our timeless heritage. (One great resource is Chabad.org) We will also be live streaming each Thursday at noon a virtual Lunch & Learn.

Tefillah (prayer): Add a few moments of prayer to G-d every day, perhaps the Shema or some Psalms. Turning to G-d and realizing that He is in control will give us a measure of calm and stability in these turbulent times.

Tzedakah (charity): When we show compassion to others, G-d deals with us in kind. Now is not a time to decrease our charitable giving - rather to increase. Make a point of putting a coin in the charity box every day or donate online to a charity of your choice. Those who need us, need us now more than ever.

Another suggestion is to make sure you have a Kosher Mezuzah on your door. The Mezuzah serves as a protection for us and our families. Please reach out to get one if you don't yet have.

Our annual community seder is also unfortunately canceled. We are offering "Seder-to-go-kits" for those who would like. For details, please visit: <u>www.akronshul.com/seder</u>

Please be sure to follow all the CDC recommended guidelines to stay safe. Visit <u>www.cdc.gov/coronavirus</u> to see more.

Wishing you and yours the very best, and may we all be blessed with only good health, happiness and success!

-Your Shul Family

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VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING & Services at anshe sfard

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B"H

Sunday. Free and open to all children. to participate go to www.ckids.com/hslive

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MOM & ME

Thursday, 10:30am. Moms and kids (0-3), tune in and enjoy the fun! Email mussie@akronshul.com for details

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VIRTUAL LUNCH & LEARN

Thursday at Noon. Study with Rabbi Moshe about the weekly portion. Lunch must be self-provided :-)

HAVDALAH LIVE!

Saturday, after Shabbat. Tune into Facebook for a lively Havdalah service with the Sasonkin boys Choir!

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SHOP & STOP

Stuck at home and need help getting groceries? email office@akronshul.com and one of our volunteers will swing by!

STAY SAFE!

PLEASE FOLLOW ALL SAFETY GUIDELINES FROM THE CDC. VISIT WWW.CDC.GOV/CORONAVIRUS

CHINESE DINNER

Thank you to all our cooks and volunteers.







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Thursdays (10:30am - 12 pn Led by Kaila Sasonkin \$10 per session

Anshe Sfard Synagogue

Music 'n movement

- hands on activities
- Jewish songs/prayers
- snacks
- water time/bubbles
- more outdoor fun!









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This program is in collaboration with Anshe Sfard, Beth El, and Temple Israel

Program Organizer: Leora Cohen, leoraanna@gmail, 330-671-0610, lchaimcookingclub.com



PURIM IN FLIGHT

A big thank you to our party planner Besty Kuternick from The Portable Garden, Efrat Ohayon and all our volunteers for their time and help in making this event possible.



















Thanks to all the volunteers who baked and packed 2000 hamentashen. More than 130 dozen were sold and the rest were enjoyed at our Purim celebrations.

Thank you to all who brought joy and the spirit of Purim to others by supporting the Women's Chavurah fundraiser.









SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to our program sponsors: The Berlin Family Foundation and the Esther & Harold Savage Fund From the 'Goodness grows in Akron' to all our weekly & holiday programs, our Sunday school kids are







INTERNATIONAL JEW-Q CHAMPIONSHIP

Did you know that we've got geniuses at Anshe Sfard Sunday School?!

Jason Chestnut, 11 and Sam Lazbin, 13, both competed in the International JewQ Torah Championship.

Founded by the Chabad-run organization CKids, JewQ takes Jewish children worldwide on an exciting journey of discovering fundamental concepts and traditions of Judaism. In its pilot year, over 1000 children participated from 79 cities worldwide.

This year, accompanied by 2,457 children

from 150 cities worldwide, Jason and Sam have been studying a vast array of topics and took a series of tests to enter as finalists in the championship.

Due to Coronavirus, the grand event in NYC turned into a virtual award ceremony for the 207 finalists, on March 29th. We are incredibly proud of our two Akron Champions who were both awarded with a GOLD medal!

We wish them tremendous success in all their future studies as they continue to thrive and grow in their Jewish pride, education and tradition. Mazal tov!

WOMEN'S CHAVURAH



We are honored by your thoughtfulness, caring, and the fact that you took the time to prepare the dinner and Tu Bishvat fruit for our family. This has been a rough road, although far easier with your support! Thanks for your prayers.

The Goulds

My family and I want to thank you all for participating in the Shabbat dinner after Howard's death. The comforts that such gifts provide are so appreciated. You are all so special for providing this for us. The vegetarian aspect was appreciated by the girls and their families. I want to also thank you for the Purim gift.

Susan, Barb, Nat, Julie and their families

Thank you to everyone who came to my kiddush and celebrated my birthday. I appreciate all the donations and gifts. Thank you for thinking of me. **Rachel Gersten**



Pictured above: 19th of Kislev Committee

VIRTUAL PRE-PESACH PROGRAM - 11 NISSAN

Hope and Faith: a common thread between Pesach and our global challenge

Fifty women participated in our 23rd annual pre-Pesach musical gathering via ZOOM on Sunday, March 29, with songs, stories and prayers in honor of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's Birthday. The ladies received a new awareness of positive opportunities, hope, faith and a more insightful view of our purpose in this world, despite our global challenge.



MEGA BABKALLAH BAKE!

Delicious! Challah & Babka (Babkallah) Bake with the Akron Jewish community. Thank you to all those who came! We had a great time together!













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