

**CHAIRMANS CORONA UPDATE -  
EREV ROSH CHODESH KISLEV  
15/11/2020**

**Dear Members and friends,**

**I trust that you are keeping well and managing during these difficult times.**

**Much has happened since my last update during the Succot holiday. As of last week we are now back davening in the shul building in line with the current requirements of the Health Ministry.**

**It is with much sorrow that we have lost some friends and members of our community over the last week.**

**As a community with many members who came**

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from the UK, and were very active over the years in their Kehillot, it was a big shock to us all to hear of the passing of the former Chief Rabbi, Lord Jonathan Sacks Zt"l. Our Kehilla was honoured with his presence in 2013 when he visited us together with the Shabbaton choir. He will be missed by World Jewry.

This last Wednesday we laid to rest our dear friend and member Rachel Walters z"l, who passed away at the young age of 52. Rachel was responsible for the Wednesday morning MATAN shiur held in Hebrew with a very large attendance, and worked behind the scenes for the good of our Kehilla. Ever since she was in high school, she was very involved with IRIYAT NETANYA, running the "informal education" programs and having an open door to the Mayoress's office. Rachel was married to Hillel with 4 children and 2 grandchildren.

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Together with Hillel, who is a cousin to our Esteemed Rav, they were involved in making the "shidduch" between the Kehilla and our Rav & Rabbanit Rafael & Ora over 16 years ago. They were also founding members of the Dor Hemshech. Rachel will be deeply missed by us all.

Tonight we buried our dear friend and member Peter Olswang z"l. Peter was Gabbai, assistant Gabbai, "step in Gabbai" when needed, Baal Tefilla, Baal Koreh and much more. Nothing was ever too much for Peter to do in the Kehilla.

As the Levaya finished, the heavens suddenly opened up with a massive rain fall, soaking us all. Looking around at the few participants due to the Corona situation, I felt that this heavenly "down pour" was making up for the many tears that would have been shed if the

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Kehilla had been able to join. Our condolences to Betty together with the daughters, grandchildren & great grandchildren.

As we go into Chodesh Kislev let us pray that the current situation we are faced with will improve and that very quickly we will be able to go back to a "new normal" whatever that "normal" will be, be able to fill up our shul again, celebrate semachot together and much more. Meanwhile we will continue to conduct shiurim and activities thru Zoom. We will be planning a zoom activity over Chanuka which we will announce shortly.

Keep safe, keep warm, keep healthy and make sure you have had your flu jabs! And most important, keep positive and keep smiling.

Jeremy Rosenstein, Chairman

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