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## מוצ"ש פרשת נשא תשפ"א

To our friends and members  
who live out of Israel

Dear friends and members,

For nearly 15 months you have not been able to visit Israel and join us in our Kehilla here in Netanya due to COVID 19 restrictions. It is our hope that the current "miraculous" improvement here will allow you to visit in the near future and, hopefully, by the coming Chagim you will be able to join us.

The last week has been very difficult for us all here in Israel with the missile attacks from the South. Thank G-d Netanya although being positioned on the "border" of the missile capabilities experienced very few alarms and life continued as well as was possible during these trying times.

Looking at the news over the last few days from the UK, from NY, LA and elsewhere we can see from the media the rise in hatred towards the Jewish communities, the attacks on Jewish people, properties, synagogues and more. This behaviour is very disturbing to us all.

From a Zionist view it would be the best for us to call for our friends to pack up their bags and come on Aliya, but one has to be realistic that not everyone is

going to put aside their previous life, leave their family, start making a living again, get used to a different mentality of living and much more.

From a realistic view, we, as members of our Kehilla, are here to help those who plan to spend more time in Israel, to make such a transition much easier .

This Shabbat we celebrated in Shul the 100th birthday for our dear member, former Chairman & Trustee, Dr Cyril Watson, Cyril was part of a group of Olim from Western Countries who came on Aliya in the early 70's and got together immediately after the Yom Kippur war to found our Kehilla. They realized in those difficult times that there was a need for a friendly Kehilla for Olim like themselves, who had left their previous homes and way of life, to give them a new "home away from their previous home", a place where they can feel comfortable, a place that understands them and much more.

Nearly 50 years later, we are here to make our friends and members planning or thinking of spending more time in Israel, feel at home, feel comfortable in Netanya and in our Kehilla. We are here to give advice, we are here to listen, we are here to share our experiences and the mistakes that we made and much more.

Wishing you all an enjoyable peaceful summer and hope that we will be able to meet up shortly in our Kehilla.

Shavua tov

Jeremy Rosenstein  
Chairman.