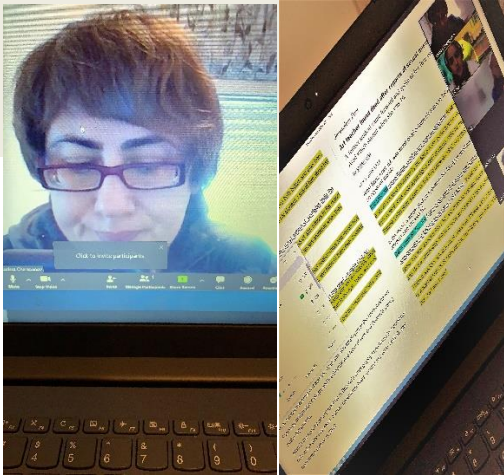


CORONA NEWS

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Zoomific

Sundry thoughts

BY LARISSA CHEREPANOV

Every morning in the pre Corona time I woke up exploring the coming day for events, especially connected with long awaited vacation, to happen. As of late, these events have narrowed to the media outlets and different digital devices, my life revolving around them. As many other compatriots I couldn't fly abroad during my Passover vacation and I couldn't visit Sweden as I had planned. The only thing that remained from my vacation was to listen to the news about the country of my dream destination. Sweden didn't impose strict limits on citizens' lives: younger children continued going to school, adults went to work and people still met and chatted in cafes and bars. While watching the news report on TV I saw myself in my mind's eye strolling down those busy streets, getting acquainted with Stockholm, oblivious of the danger...o'k, next time.

Among many other things the Corona time has also changed the way we talk and swiftly infected our vocabulary. The words *outbreak* /*epidemic*/ *pandemic*, *self-quarantine* / *isolation*/ *quarantine*, *social distancing*, *flatten the curve*, etc. have spread as quickly as the virus from mouth to ear, from eye to mind. The new Coronaspeak became part of daily mainstream conversations: covidiot - someone who ignores public health advice (noun), coronallusional - having delusional or strange thoughts due to pandemic (adj) or drivecation.

The Corona age dictated its own rules and laws for us, teachers and students, as well. As time passes, we are getting used to be zoomified and zoombombed. Even Good Shabbath wish turned into Zoomless Shabbath!

And I wish us all, teachers and students, a speedy Zoomless learning!

The World VS Coronavirus: Comparison between Countries

BY JONATHAN GRODSKY

In order to stop the Coronavirus from spreading, each country is dealing with this situation differently. People in Israel complain about the restrictions. However, do they really know how it is in other countries?

I asked my friend who lives in Serbia, Marija Šljuka, about the restrictions in Serbia. Many restrictions were the same as ours, but one restriction caught my eye.

"There are hours in which no one can leave the house and will have to pay 150,000 Serbian Dinars [about 5,000 ILS] or go to prison for three years if they go out," she explained, "those hours are every day from 5AM till 5PM and on Fridays this starts at 1PM and ends on Mondays at 5AM."

Iliya Kuznetsov, another friend from Moscow reported that they have a digital pass system, "We, the residents of Moscow, are required to download a QR code to move around the city, declaring the route in advance which authorities can then check". Violating the system's rules could result in fines between 1,000 to 40,000 rubles (€12.50 to €499; \$13.70 to \$548).



In Israel, "Sport activities of up to 2 people / praying in a group of up to 19 people in open space and in a radius of up to 500m away from home – are allowed", says the Israeli Ministry of Health. The restrictions aren't easy for all of us, but in other countries the restrictions are worse. We shouldn't concentrate on what we aren't allowed to do, rather, on what we can.

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HELP THEM HELP YOU!

BY NIKOL MIRON

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Nowadays, we are facing a difficult, complicated and heartbreaking situation. We are forced to change our daily routine, to minimize our social interactions on which we as human beings depend on, and some of us are even struggling with financial issues like, unemployment. But we need to realize that not everything revolves around us, and it is important to stay home, accept the instructions of the Ministry of Health. That way we can help ourselves and most



Dr. Likhtansky at work

importantly, the medical staff and everyone who is on the frontline with the COVID-19, who risk their lives and families for our sake. Even though it is understood that these people need to be protected (with protective clothing like surgical masks) while they're around the patients, to the government, it's not clear. According to most of the hospitals, health maintenance organizations and medical clinics in Israel, there's a huge lack of medical supplies. In an interview for Maariv, workers said that they had to wear surgical masks (which are not so effective as protection against the virus) for two days, although they knew that after four hours such a mask could become contaminated. Dr Likhtansky, who works at HMO Meuhedet Home hospitalization unit, says: "The current situation is crazy and oppressing, and unfortunately right now we don't have a vaccine... so I'm begging you, please, help us help you! STAY SAFE



HOME!" Everyone is having a hard time at the moment, but we need to see the whole picture. To understand that by doing small things like, staying at home, avoiding social interactions and washing our hands, we can ease the medical staff's (and many others) job, which is very hard and dangerous these days

CORONA SCHOOLING

5 Reasons why I LOVE my Corona schooling more

Returning to school after lockdown

BY ALON KARNIELY APRIL 19, 2020

BY NOY ARUSH

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As we all are fully aware, an old-new epidemic called Corona or COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease 2019) has come into our lives lately and created a change in many aspects. The Corona virus has already killed thousands of people all over the world, and to eradicate the outbreak, governments all over the world and also in Israel, closed entertainment venues, some workplaces and schools. Moshe Bar-Siman-Tov, Health Ministry Director-General, says, "We are all observing other countries and at the moment, none are opening schools." Following the closure of schools, students study at home, and to be honest, I really like this idea because of the following reasons.

1. One of the best things about studying at home is that you have your own quiet and comfortable space. You have a lot of time for eating, sleeping and other hobbies and you can easily combine all

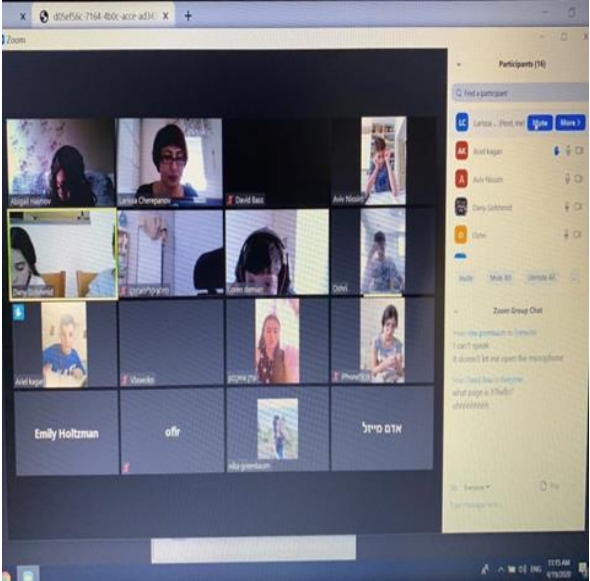


photo Noy Arush

SO WHEN WILL THE SCHOOLS RETURN?

Part of our society's struggle against the Corona virus is to close schools and move the whole education system to online learning. In the past few weeks there has been talk of coming back to school. The two main questions regarding a return to school are, how the students will learn (in small groups, normally, in larger rooms) and when there will be post lockdown school reopening. Minister of Education Mr. Rafi Peretz said in an interview about the possible timeline and the importance of a return to school, "We hope to return as soon as possible... we know the importance of returning to school and we hope to do so in the near future". Regarding how students will learn, many believe that the Ministry of Education has already made a plan. A reporter for the news site "Globes" Shani Ashkenazy says that "schools will return in a method of rotation (students will learn in groups and in different hours) and each student will have a clear schedule".

- of that with the learning schedule.
- No one determines for you how you will learn. First of all, you don't study so many subjects like you did at school before and you have a limited set of hours a day for the most important subjects. Also, the lessons are experiential and not so long.
 - There is much less pressure on the students by not having tests and only a few tasks. Also in those tasks you can express your opinions and thoughts and not only remembering things by heart for your test tomorrow.
 - There is more attention to each student and personal communication with the teachers because of the situation and it makes it easier.
 - You don't have to get up so early in the morning every day and waste time driving to school.

My fellow student M. agrees with me that our Corona schooling is much more efficient and enriching. He says, "It is much easier for me now to deal with all the educational pressure and I also don't need to wake up every morning at 5a.m. so I won't be late".

As I have already said, I love my Corona schooling more than regular learning at school. I hope that all the patients will be fine and we will get over this as soon as possible.

COVID-19: CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL CHANGES

The deadly virus is cleaning our planet?

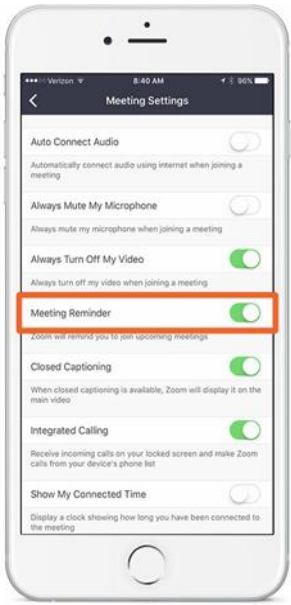
BY SARAH GUREVICH

For now COVID-19 had taken about 145,000 lives, 541,000 had recovered and 2,140,000 people are still sick all over the world. Although the current situation is terrifying, people still are trying to find the "light" in the "dark."

People have witnessed transformational changes that didn't seem possible a few weeks ago. Certain speculations are going around the net about the CO2 emissions dropping by 5% causing big environmental changes. As Rob Jackson, a professor of Earth system science at Stanford says

On March 13th, 2020, Benjamin Netanyahu announced that all the schools and universities in Israel will be closed until the end of Passover holiday because of the Coronavirus that kept spreading every day. Since that announcement, the government has come up with an idea to keep the students learning without leaving their homes. To do so, every teacher and student had to download an app called Zoom, which is an app that allows you to open a meeting with other people and even see them face to face using the computer or phone. On Google play, Zoom is rated 4 out of 5 stars by 92,000 users and has 50 Million downloads. My brother who's a university lecturer claims that the app is easy to use. Whereas my mom who is a teacher in elementary school didn't get used to the app so fast. For her, as she says, "It is a very complicated app". Ron Yekutieli, CEO of Kultura, which provides video infrastructure for educational institutions in his interview with Globes says: "As a result of the Coronavirus, there is even more need for video infrastructure. The video medium is very popular, mainly in affected regions." For me the app is nice and easy to use, although I think the quality of the videos are not the best. I would prefer to use Google hangouts which is easier to use, no downloading required and good quality.

Science at Stanford says, "Neither the fall of the Soviet Union nor the various oil or savings and loan crises of the past 50 years are likely to have affected emissions the way this crisis is." But experts warn that without structural change, the emissions declines caused by coronavirus could be short-lived and have little impact on the concentrations of CO2 that have accumulated in the atmosphere over decades.



So when will the schools return? Nobody knows and it looks like online learning will become the norm. Yet, it seems like whenever the schools return they will only do so in a method of rotation and each student will have a personal schedule.

ZOOM: TIPS AND TRICKS

BY RAM SHALOM

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Some tips and tricks that could improve your experience:

- Mute everyone
The host of the meeting which is usually the teacher in case we are in class, can mute everyone by clicking both ALT and M buttons at the same time, (ALT+M).
- Meeting reminder
You could make a meeting reminder to ensure you never miss an important meeting! To do so, go to meeting settings and enable Meeting Reminder.
- Share screen
One of the most important features in Zoom is the screen share. To do so either click the buttons Alt+Shift+S at the same time or click on the share screen button like in the picture below.

Today, when we must study online, the best app available is Zoom. It is easier than other apps if you know how to use the functions Zoom gives you!

As Lars Peter Riishojgaard from the infrastructure department of the World Meteorological Organization says, "It does not mean much for climate. While in the short term, carbon dioxide emissions would go down as cars stay put and aircraft remain on the ground, we expect the impact will be fairly short-lived."

DIFFERENT SOCIAL GROUPS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

BY MICHAL KUZMITSKY APRIL 19, 20

In late 2019 a new virus emerged in Wuhan, China. Today, we know it as “COVID-19”. At first nobody was really worried about it, everybody thought of it as something that’s far away, something that won’t reach them, but it did. Because of the late reaction (not closing airports fast enough) the virus has spread to the entire world, and millions of people are quarantined. In Israel most people follow the rules that the government has set to handle this pandemic, but those who don’t are divided into two main groups: Orthodox Jews and secular citizens.

Most people accuse the orthodox of not following the new restrictions. And they’re not wrong. We can see Orthodox people still having weddings and other ceremony’s that violate the restriction.

On the 15th of March a wedding with surely more than 10 people took place in Jerusalem, Bait Vagan. In a report about that incident a journalist from the ‘Kol Ha’ir” news site has written: “They are putting the health of an entire city in danger”. But not all orthodox people are supportive of that. In a video from Bnei Brak we can see a man yelling at people who were violating the restrictions, all people in the video are Orthodox.

On the opposite site of the spectrum, we can see secular citizens violating the new rules. On the 4th of April a man was arrested in Park Hayarkon, Tel Aviv, for violating the rules. On the 12th of April, a group of people were given fines for violating the restrictions at the beach. There is a viral video of a street party that takes place in Florentin, Tel Aviv.

A famous public figure Yoav Elisi wrote: “I’m fed up with the ignorant people in Florentine. Where’s the police? Probably somewhere in Bnei Brak”. Of course, many citizens are upset with those people too, saying that they are the reason quarantine is prolonged.

Many people are upset with those who don’t obey to the government’s orders, and like to point fingers and blame the situation on certain groups. At the end, it doesn’t matter which social groups are law abiding, all that matters is that everyone, no matter what their beliefs are, follows the rules, so that this can end sooner.

COVID 19 LOCKDOWN AND SPORTS

by Noam Cohen April 19, 2020



Recently, the world faced a new challenge of its kind, the Coronavirus. The virus has quickly taken over the lives of many of us: the doctors who work around the clock, the teachers and students who are learning and teaching from distance and more. But for one group of people, the new challenge faces their way of life in a slightly different way, the athletes.

Athletes who spend years of their lives training every single day to accomplish their goal are now "stuck" because of the quarantine. They can no longer go outside to train like they used to.

Olympic judo champion Paula Pareto is training "balance, perseverance, and willpower" at home.

After it was decided that the Tokyo 2020 Olympics were postponed, many athletes were depressed. The moment they have been waiting for is delayed for a year and now all they must go back and train till the next year.

Even though it was hard for many athletes to stay in shape most of them didn't give up. Here is an example of a famous Olympic judo champion Paula Pareto training "balance, perseverance, and willpower" at home to show her fans that despite the quarantine and the cancelation of the Olympics she's not going to give up.

Because of the quarantine, it is also impossible to go out to the football fields, which has saddened many players. But even in moments like these, there are those who do not give up, for example, Former World Champion with Spain squad Juan Capadavia started a new network challenge under the hashtag #stay at home in which you need to bounce a roll of toilet paper without it touching the floor as many times as possible. Tens and even hundreds of thousands of soccer fans around the world participated in the challenge. We are all going through a difficult time and each of us has a different impact but in these moments it is more important than ever to remember to find bright spots in our daily lives.

And it doesn't matter if you are an athlete or non-athletic person, we have to bear in mind that we have each other and despite the virus that takes over the world we don’t have to be sad all the time and give up on the things we love to do. Remember that!

Traditions and Religions as viewed by a non-religious person

BY ADI LAKTOOSH APRIL 19, 2020

My family believes in God but slowly we kind of lost touch with him. For example, my parents haven't been fasting in Yom Kippur since I was five years old. Also, we have never done a Kiddush in our home. In the other hand, my grandma and my uncle are observant people so in holidays we always came to Petah Tikvah and felt the holiday spirit- reuniting with my favorite cousin, going through the whole Haggadah, searching the afikomen and having my grandma's delicious food on the table. This year, for obvious reasons, we couldn't drive to our extended family so we decided for the first time in my life to try to do the Seder on our own and it was very different.

I tried to catch up the holiday spirit by putting makeup and festive dress but the difference was huge. My dad didn't buy most ingredients of the Passover's plate because he thought it was unnecessary. my sister and I shared the same Haggadah which was uncomfortable and the table looked empty. We were going through the first quarter of the Seder when we realised we were hungry and we started eating without any doubt. After that we went back to our business and the day after that we ate hametz as usual. It made me think more about the difference between our families that without them our seder was lamer and unorganized. Even though I'm a secular person I like the traditions in Judaism, that's what makes us unique and differentiates us from other religions. I like Judaism more as a culture which has traditions to make all the people from the culture come together. Now I had the chance to discover that vividly.

In this difficult time, we especially need these traditions. One night our doing the same thing under different roofs with our little families gives me hope maybe we will become stronger learning from that time. This Seder in quarantine made everyone discover something. I truly believe the Corona shadow that affects our life daily was bigger than ever when we did our Seder alone. And now when our Independence Day is close and we can't go out as usual we can be depressed about it or see the advantage of actually watching the whole torch lighting ceremony on TV and thinking about the fact that 100 years ago, this country wasn't ours at all. And the most important – I have realized that I am absolutely proud to be Jewish!

Lockdown Israel through the Lens

ADI RIVKIN APRIL 19, 2020

In the past month, people in Israel have been in lockdowns and couldn't go outsidess for a walk! Yet, there are some Israeli photographers that have been capturing amazing photos that show empty streets in Israel. Some photographers take the situation as a chance to show the beauty of emptiness and stillness, like the photographer Amir Chodorov. In an interview for the ISRAEL21c, Amir said, “As an artist who deals a lot with works that involve urbanity and the movement of people, in recent days I went out to roam the streets of Tel Aviv and sites that are bustling during regular times.” Amir was saddened by the lonely landmarks of Tel Aviv and felt poignantly how all the places he photographed are yearning to have their regular on goings and crowds back.

Photo by Amir Chodorov



Empty roads, deserted streets got into the focus of another photographer’s camera. Looking at the photos of Maxim Rabinovich you can feel the silence screaming and try to realize that you have also become a part of this daily life in Jerusalem during the Corona virus crisis.

Photo by Maxim Rabinovich



Photo by Amir Chodorov



Photo by Maxim Rabinovich

