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Quiet Shouting

by Rabbi Dani Locker

What does Moses have to do with the Corona virus?

mmm. Moses was born in Egypt. Corona in China, so not that.

oses helped people, COVID-19 is very far from being

oses did isolate the Jews from the Egyptians during M the plague of darkness, and his sister Miriam was quarantined for a week... but that's not what I had in mind either.

Corona means crown and Moses once grabbed Pharach's areas grabbed Pharaoh's crown, but that's not what I had in mind either.

et's pause on Moses and talk about his antagonist counterpart,

The great Italian scholar Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzatto writes about Pharaoh's strategy for the Jews. Pharaoh's plan was not just:

**B**e evil, mean, sadistic, brutal and horrible because we don't like the Jews.

No, that wasn't his strategy. Pharaoh's plan was to keep the Jews busy. Keep them so busy that they don't have time to think. DOn't have time to plan. Don't have time to think about the direction their lives were going. This was the strategy that kep the Jews in slavery for generations. When you don't have time to plan, when



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you're just running from job to job and crisis to crisis, nothing ever changes. There's no time or room for growth.

This, says Luzatto, is the same challenge people have on a daily basis. We are busy, busy,

busy, busy, busy, busy, busy, busy, busy. We have no time to think about life, or where we're headed. We wake up, we eat, we get bust with our family. We get busy with our work. We may even be busy studying Torah and doing mitzvos... so much that we don't often think. Thinking; STOPPING and thinking is the only way to become a great person. Rabbi Luzatto could never have imagined Instagram, airplanes and What's

App. For some people, life is just

EAT, SLEEP, TIK-TOK. In 2020, a busy person can spend every second of the day engaged in some kind of activity, and not spend a single second thinking about why he's doing any of it. This can (and does) go on for years!

Enter COVID-19. Suddenly, the world as we know it has stopped. Everyone's

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## **Question of the Week**

Because of the way time zones work, Israel is generally 10 hours ahead of United States Pacific time. This causes Shabbat and all holidays to beging EARLIER in Israel than, say, in LA.

What is the one holiday that starts in Los Angeles BEFORE it starts in Jerusalem?

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to family members celebrating this week!

Elad Cohen
Aaron Kleiman
Lia Bitton
Matthew Werblud

Liam Hershko Oreya Gazala



Registration is on hold. We are hoping to hold the Shabbaton as planned, and will updates you as we know more.



His condition is stable.

**OUCH! GROAN!** 

got a better joke? Email it to dlocker@nageelawest.org

# How to turn Friday night into **Shabbat**



Clean Your Room! Make sure your house looks awesome for Shabbat!



Take a shower. Brush your hair.



Dress extra special! Wear your nicest clothes, even though you're not going out!



**Light Candles!** Make sure you do it before sunset.



Hold a cup of grape juice and make the blessings of



Have a meal with your whole family! Try to get everyone involved.

Stay tech free! Keep phones off and in a different room.



pay close attention to our online and social media pltforms info on both of these fun virtual programs



**HOW TO** TURN FRIDAY **NIGHT INTO SHABBAT** 









#### A STEP BY STEP GUIDE

If there is a woman in the house, she should light the candles. If there is not, then the candles may

be lit by a man.

1. Light the Candles first

2. Draw your hands toward your face 3.Say the blessing:

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha'olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel shabbat.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us with commandments, and commanded us to light Shabbat candles.

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It is a beautiful custom for parents to bless their children during Shabbat dinner, placing their right hand on the child's head and saying:

May G-d make you like

(for boys) Efraim and Menashe

(for girls) Sara, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah

May G-d bless you and watch over you.

May G-d shine his light upon you and favor you.

May G-d turn His face toward you and grant you peace.

יִשִּׁימִךָ אֱלֹהָים כָּאֱפְרַיִם וְכִמְנַשְׁה. יִשִּׁימֶךְ אֱלֹהִים כָּשָּׂרָה, רְבָקָה, רָחֵל וְלֵאָה. יַבַרַכָּךְ אַדנֵי וִישָּׁמְרֶךָ. יַאָר אַדנַי פַּנַיו אֵלֵיךְ וִיחַנָּךָ. יִשָּׂא אַדֹנָי פָּנָיו אֱלֵיךָ וְיָשֵׂם לְדָ שָׁלוֹם











Kiddush is said while holding a cup of grape juice, and is a reminder of why we are keeping Shabbat; G-d created the universe in 6 days and stopped on the 7th.

Va-ye-hee erev, va-ye-hee voker. Yom Ha-shishi. Va-ye-chulu hasha-mayim vi-ha-aretz vi-kole tzi-va-am. Va-yichal Elohim ba-yom hashe-vi'i milach-to asher asa. Va-yish-bose ba-yome hashe-vi'l mi-kole milach-to asher asa. Va-ye-varech Elohim es yom hashe-vi'i va-yi-kadesh oso. Kee voe shavas mi-kole milach-toe asher bara Elohim la-a-sose.

Savri maranan ve-rabanan ve-rabosai: Baruch ata Adonoy, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, borei peri ha-gafen. (Others respond: "Amen")
Baruch ata Adonoy, Elo-heinu melech ha-Olam, asher

kidish-anu bi-mitz-vosav vi-ratza vanu, vi-Shabbos kod-sho bi-ahava uv-ratzon hin-chi-lanu, zikaron lima-aseh vi-raishis. Ki hu yom ti-chila li-mikra-ay kodesh, zay-cher li-tzi-as mitz-rayim. Ki vanu vachar-ta vi-osanu kidash-ta mikol ha-amim. Vi-shabbos kod-shicha bi-ahava uv-ratzon hinchal-tanu. Baruch ata Adonoy, mi-kadesh ha-shabbos. ("Amen")

וַיְהִי עֶרֶב וַיְהִי בקֶר:

יום הַשִּׁשִׁי. וַיְכֻלּוּ הַשָּׁמֵיִם וְהָאָרֶץ וְכָל צְבָאָם: וַיְכַל אֱלהִים בַּיוֹם הַשְׁבִּיעִׁ מָלָאֹלָתוּ אֲשְׁרְ עַשְׂה. וַיִּשְׁבֹּת בַּיום הַשְׁבִיעִי מְכֶּל מְלַאֹלְתוּ אֲשִׁר עֲשָׁה: וַיְבָרֶךְ אֱלהִים אֶת יום הַשְׁבִיעִי וַיְקַדָּשׁ אתו. כִּי בו שָׁבַת מִכָּל מְלַאֹרְתּוּ

אֲשֶׁר בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים לַעֲשׂות: סַבְרִי מָרָנָן וְרַבָּנָן וְרַבּותַי:

בָּרוּדֵ אַתָּה ה'. אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדֵ הָעוֹלֶם בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגָּפֶן: ּבָּרוּךֵ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶּלֶּךְ הָעוֹלֶם. אֲשֶׁר מִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיוֹ וְרָצָה בָנוּ. וְשַׁבַּת קָדְשׁוּ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצון הִנְחִילָנוּ. זֹכָּרון לְמַעֲשֵׁה בְרֵאשִׁית. כִּי הוּא יום תחלה למקראי כדֶשׁ דֶּלְבֶל לִיצִיאת מצְרַיִם. כִּי בְּנוּ בַּחַרְתָּ וְאוֹתְנוּ בּדַשְׁתָּ מִבֶּל הָעִמִּים וְשַׁבַּת קַדְיִשְׁר בְּאַהְבָרִה. כִּי בְנוּ בַּחַרְתָּ וְאוֹתְנוּ בּדַשְׁתָּ מִבֶּל הָעַמִּים וְשַׁבַּת קַדְיִשְׁר בְּאַהְבָרָה וּבְרַצוֹן הְּחַלְתָּ וְאוֹתְנוּ בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה'. מְקַדַּשׁ הַשַּׁבָּת:

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Hold up two whole loaves or bread rolls and sau: Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech haolam, hamotzee lechem min ha'aretz

ברוך אתה ה' אלוקינו מלך העולם המוציא לחם מן הארץ



this week for



life is different than it was a week ago. Many people are out of school and out of work. Many more have school and work, but it's shifted to online working from home, leaving people with much more time. People who live in LA or NY and aren't driving to work, have saved about 7 hours a day. Even those who are working full time, have had their routines drastically changed. Hours are different. Work demands are different. Everything is different. I'm not going to talk about the health risks or how to deal with them. I'll leave that to the professionals. I'm talking about the growth opportunities here! I think people have a chance now to step back and look at their lives. To think about how we are living, and why we make the choices we do.

When you finish reading this, please don't do anything for a while. Stop and think. Think about what things are important in your life and how much time you spend on them. How important is God in your life? How much time do you spend with Him? How important is your family? How important is self- care; taking some time off from the constant buzz and business so your brain can rest? These next few weeks we have a chance that we (hopefully) will never have again. If you power down your phone before Shabbat, and spend the day quietly- and don't mean low volume, you can go ahead and shout if it makes you happy- with your family. Can you imagine NO distractions at all? Not a single car trip, shopping cart, basketball game, radio show, text message, snap, Tik-Tok or homework assignment. Does it sound scary to you? TRY IT! You might like green eggs and ham. Don't try green eggs and ham. But take the day. Take Shabbat and make it YOURS. If you aren't used to keeping Shabbat, try to follow the instructional infographic and make tonight about

fry to follow the instructional infographic and make tonight about you and your thoughts. If you normally do shabbat, great! Now is the chance to UPGRADE your Shabbat. Study some Torah, sing

some songs, THINK. Enjoy every minute of it.

QUICK FIX

For most Jews, the synagogue or their schools are the main place for their 'Jewish life." This week, everyone lost these places. Now, more than ever, our homes are the center of our Jewish life. Yet, I think it's not even just the home that is the center, it's your heart and your mind. That's where Judaism happens. Having a mezuzah on your door and Jewish books in your house is beautiful. Having Torah inside your head, and having a mezuzah inside your heart, that's special.

This week's Torah portions remind us to 'take God with us wherever we go' by giving instructions for the building of

the portable mishkan.

Let's remember to take God with us in our homes, our hearts and our everythings.



**QUESTION ON PAGE 2** 

Purim! Although ALL holidays start earlier in Israel than in the US, Purim is celebrated an entire day later in Jerusalem.

Answer of the Week





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