

CBA Corona Chronicle

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MOVING FORWARD!



What Lies Ahead?

There is no denying that for our society and much of the world at large, the Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020 has been nothing short of a disaster. However, as we stand on the threshold of returning from isolation to some semblance of "normalcy," we have an opportunity to take the best of what we've learned/experienced during this time to possibly forge a better future.

You've no doubt seen or contemplated many if not all of the positive outcomes from this experience, as shown below. If they seem disjointed or repetitive, it's because they have been compiled and paraphrased from a number of different sources on the Internet. Here they are in no particular order. (*save perhaps the two most significant at the end*).

Cashless Payments

It'll be good for our hygiene, tracking our spending, and saving time. When was the last time you used it?

Remote Working at Home

More autonomy can make us happier, while saving **everyone** time, money and energy (of the gasoline variety). One might not even have to uproot his or her family and move to another city to change jobs!

Improved Preparedness & Global Crisis Mgmt.

We should see larger stocks and emergency reserves of

basic hygienic goods, medication, and medical equipment. Pandemic preparedness and the state of health care in general should never be the same.

Lifestyle Changes for Better Health & Hygiene

As related to the above, being hygienic and practicing safe distancing is no longer just a good habit, but an essential skill needed for survival.

Innovative Ways to Stay Connected

We've seen a proliferation of ideas, hacks, tips, tricks and technology to beat the lockdown & help us stay connected to our communities and loved ones. The technology will only continue to improve (Zoom, are you listening?)

Stronger Community/Family Ties

Despite the fact that most people have been sequestered in their homes, in some ways many communities have never been closer. And it is true of many families, especially those separated geographically. No reason for that not to continue even as we socially un-distance.

Reduced Rate of Carbon Emissions

As economies have almost ground to a halt, so has fossil fuel usage. The rate of carbon emissions is set to decrease in 2020. If this can somehow be maintained, there is hope we can start seriously addressing the global warming crisis.

Focus on Essential Workers

We already knew people in the medical and other protective professions were considered "essential." Now we add supermarket cashiers, shelf-stackers and delivery drivers to the list of heroes (among *many* others of similar job "status" whom we came to depend on)

Greater Access to Culture/Education

While not the same as actually being there in person, you can wander virtually through art exhibitions, attend Broadway quality shows, watch your favorite musicians perform, attend seminars and much more -- all in ways you never would have considered during "normal" times. Not to mention having access to the most incredible and ever expanding inventory of online TV programming ever.

Appreciation for All Things Great and Small

No more taking for granted what you've had in the past, what you have now and what portends for the future. Our being in this crisis together also may have allowed many of us to realize that the emphasis on entitlement and self gratification should be channeled more towards humility and acts of kindness.

Opportunity to Hit The Pause Button

Acts of war and terrorism, for the time being, at least, seem to have been pushed aside to address higher priorities. Unlikely it will continue, but at least we know it's possible. And hopefully a significant by-product of this global crisis will be greater awareness that we, collectively as a global community have stewardship, not ownership of this planet and that we move together in combating the catastrophic effects of climate change.

We'll stop here, but the list goes on and on.

Let's hope we can take what we've learned from this experience and turn what has been a life changing negative into an even greater positive!

Iconic Images by Jewish Photographers

Here's an interesting Covid distraction.

Like the countless Jewish humorists who made clever, often incisive observations from the outside looking in, there were also a disproportionate number of photographers who were Jewish during the 20th century. In fact, a significant number of that century's most iconic images came from Jewish photographers.



To view a slideshow of 12 of these images, click [**HERE**](#)

Two Online Programs Not to be Missed

Moment Magazine, in its April issue highly recommended two online programs with Jewish content. Both are excellent!

The Restaurant

(Sundance Channel, 8.2 IMDB)

To view the trailer. Click [**HERE**](#)

Note --you can get a 30 day free Sundance Channel trial -- after that it's only \$6.95 per month



A Place to Call Home

(Amazon Prime, 8.3 IMDB)

To view the trailer, Click [**HERE**](#)



Humor Corner

Hard to believe, but Mel Brooks turns 94 at the end of this month. In his honor, here's a hysterical clip of a surreal interview hosted by Jiminy Glick (AKA Martin Short) in which even he (Mel) can't control his laughter!



click [**HERE**](#)

Coming Up Soon For CBA

Save these Dates:

(All on Zoom, *details forthcoming*)

Friday, June 12

Friday night Welcome Shabbat Schmooze 5:30-6:00 PM

Thursday, June 18

CBA multi-media Webinar on the topic "Why Are Jews Funny?" 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Sunday June 28

The return of the Buffalo Vintage Jewish Film Group, 4:30-6:00

Up Next for the CBA Corona Chronicle

As we move out of isolation, this will be our last *regularly scheduled* issue of the CBACC. Future issues will be published,

but on a more sporadic basis depending on any special developments and/or how much content comes our way. Please send any thoughts, articles, blogs, programs etc. so when the time comes. we can share with your fellow CBA'ers. And thank you to those who submitted contributions to past issues, You have helped us provide positivity in bringing us closer together as a community.