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Keeping In Touch -- Staying Engaged

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Hello everyone. What follows is the first of a series of communiques to help keep you engaged with CBA and our synagogue family during the current Covid-19 crisis. We all face unprecedented challenges as we stay, work, play and pray almost exclusively at home. Thankfully with the wonders of modern technology we don't have to feel isolated. We hope the activities put forth in this and future correspondence will keep you informed, entertained, productive and otherwise occupied. This is meant to be a shared forum. If you have a program, a link, a joke, a video, a photo, a story, a recipe, a lesson or just something uplifting to share, please email us with your contributions and we will post/publish.

As a start, here are a few suggestions we'd like to share with you, listed below....

LEARN TO LEAD SHABBAT SERVICES

As you know, since this past October until the recent distancing directives, we have held Shabbat *morning* services once a month. Aside from having the best kiddush/oneg luncheon in town, our services stand out as a true communal effort. Members of our synagogue community have stepped up each month to join Cantor Gelman in leading the different parts of the service -- *P'sukei D'Zimra (preliminary prayers), Shacharit, Torah Service, Torah Aliyot, Haftarah, D'var Torah and Musaf.* If you have not attended, you have truly missed out on something special, but rest assured there will more to come. Furthermore, now's your chance to not only learn, but join the "team" in helping to *lead* any of the aforementioned sections. Simply click on the **Shabbat Learning** page on our website. From there you can click on the links to our YouTube channel where Cantor Gelman has recorded all of the prayers/davening corresponding directly to our new Eit Ratzon siddur. We have also include links for downloading PDFs of the corresponding pages of the siddur so you can print them out, follow along and make notes. No time like now to get started. If you have any questions or would like assistance, please email us. ***Happy learning and hope to see you in shul again soon!***

WRITE A POEM -- *WIN A PRIZE*

Here's a great idea to help deal with the tsuris from Covid-19 courtesy of CBA Board Member, Dr. Grant Golden -- ***a Pandemic Poetry Contest!***
Express your feelings--whatever they are--in 100 words or less, and **email to CBA!** We will publish them on the website. Additionally, our "judges" will award prizes for the top 3 -- ***an authentic Brooklyn Babka (your choice chocolate or cinnamon) delivered to your door!*** Entries due by Monday, April 6th. See example (Haiku) below:

O Covid-19!
Heavenly creation or
Just one of those things?

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WATCH A JEWISH

FILM ONLINE

With our Jewish Movie Group on hiatus, now is a great time to catch up on a bevy of Jewish Films that are available online at little or no cost. Here are some selections to consider. More to follow --

Free

1) **JFI Online Shorts Archive** -- wide ranging Jewish Short films that have been shown at Jewish Film Festivals -- https://jfi.org/watch-online/online-shorts

2) ***Over the Brooklyn Bridge*** on YouTube -- a bit of a trifle but worth while for a wonderful performance by Sid Caesar: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19Q5rKIk-iM

Free with Amazon Prime

3) ***Suskind*** -- **POWERFUL** Holocaust related film that was screened several years ago at the Buffalo International Jewish Film Festival
https://www.amazon.com/Süskind-Jeroen-Spitzenberger/dp/B07579Z1MW/ref=sr_1_14?crid=2QG1I2B1MZDXX&dchild=1&keywords=jewish+movies&qid=1584906630&s=instant-video&sprefix=jewsih%2Cprime-instant-video%2C173&sr=1-14

Free With Netflix

4) ***The Pianist*** -- Sure you've probably seen it before but watch it again for the nuances you missed and to remember the Warsaw Ghetto as depicted in this Oscar winning film
https://www.netflix.com/watch/60025061?trackId=13752289&tctx=1%2C5%2C8412d0e32bdf1a6a974e035702352142bc9633f4%3A8a10b2fd4dd22d79b57e07c2fc207a0c5890b371%2C%2C

To Rent

5) *The Frisco Kid* -- Need a few laughs -- may be the funniest Jewish film ever made --rent on Amazon Prime or Google Play
https://play.google.com/store/movies/details/The_Frisco_Kid_1979?id=49yAjtktfGw&hl=en_US

GO CRAZY! -- If you enter **Menemsha Films** in the search bar on either Amazon Prime or iTunes, you will have access to a number of movies from the largest distributor of Jewish Films -- either no cost, low cost or on sale for a limited time. **https://www.amazon.com/s?i=instant-video&k=menemsha%20films&ref=nb_sb_noss&url=search-alias%3Dinstant-video**

REMEMBER -- Please stay healthy, be smart and appreciate the many things we can truly be thankful for.

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