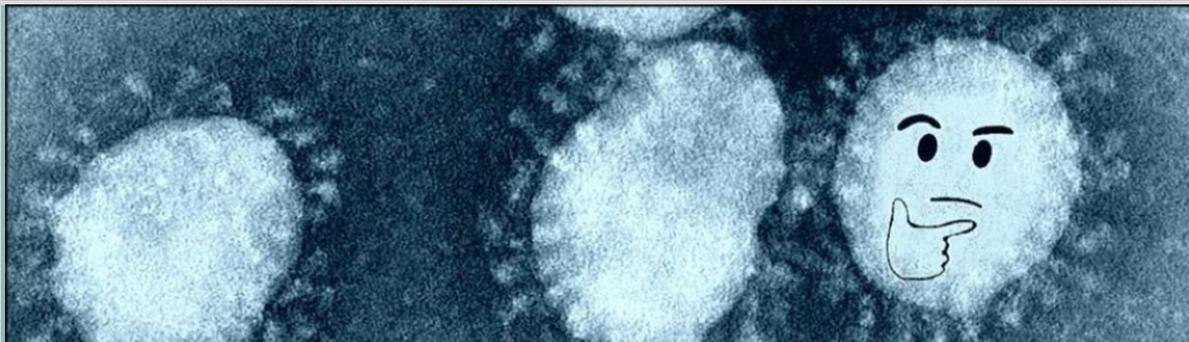


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CBA Corona Chronicle Newsletter Issue #2

We all face unprecedented challenges as we stay, work, play and pray almost always at home. Thankfully, with the wonders of modern technology, we don't have to feel isolated. Please join our shared forum of uplifting, informational and entertaining content on the new [CBA Corona Chronicle](#) page. You can post to the forum by clicking on comments section in each post and/or [Email](#) us any items you would like to share!

Pandemic Poetry Contest Entries Now Being Accepted!



There is still time to submit your entries for the CBA Pandemic poetry contest. Express your feelings-- whatever they are--in 100 words or less, and email your entries to:info@congregationbethabraham.net! Several entries have already been received! Check them out!

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

Grant Golden

Covid Chai-ku

*Virus surrounding
Inside our warm loving homes
Waiting to emerge*

By Iris Danziger

Coronavirus Blues

*The news screams pandemic
I'm locked in my home
My boredom's systemic
I'm tied to my phone
So how will I stand it
And stave off defeat?
Like my mothers before me
I'll kvetch and I'll eat*

By Shelly Kerker

Alone Together

*Social distancing, isolation
Streets are empty, throughout the nation.
Despite a fear, that strikes to the core,
We're more together, than ever before*

By Marty Kerker

*Slipping through our quiet pain,
The Spring's upon us once again!
And all the fears and all the dreads,
Can't keep sweet Spring from turning heads!*

*The grasses wake, and tender shoots
Send up their buds, and down their roots.
The crumpled winter slinks away,
To render green what once was grey.*

*And though a microbe none can see,
Spreads terror, universally,
Be grateful, friend, for this fresh start,
And let a crocus melt your heart.*

by Grant Golden

Kaddish

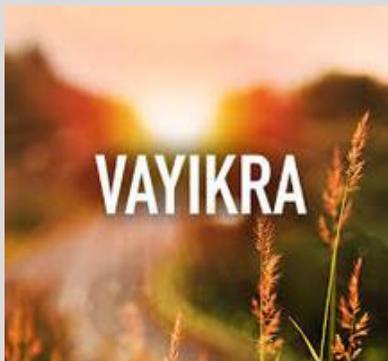
*Friends travel to a foreign land.
Why mourn their absence?
Rejoice! They have found peace.*

The journey may be painful, but the destination is not.

by Deborah Greitzer

Let's hear from you! We will have a drawing, the first 3 chosen will win--an authentic Brooklyn Babka (your choice chocolate or cinnamon) delivered to your door! (After Pesach) Entries are due by Monday, April 6th. Submit entries to info@congregationbethabraham.net

Thoughts Inspired by Parashat Vayikra, 3rd Nisan, 5780 Written by CBA Vice President, Deborah Greitzer



This started as a dvar Torah for parashat Vayikra, which discusses the rules for burnt offerings and animal sacrifices. At first I thought that I could contribute nothing on this subject. Then one evening as I drove between CBA and Kleinhans Music Hall, I heard a fragment of a conversation on NPR, which provided me with something to think about and share with my congregation and others

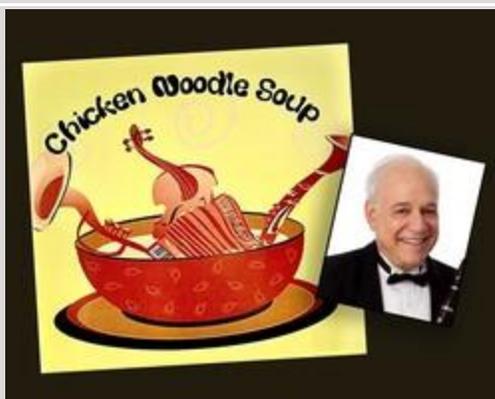
who are interested.

The interviewee in this conversation, evidently an expert on religion, commented that Christianity is unique in its emphasis on belief; other religions--she gave Judaism as an example--emphasize practice. She pointed out that it is only because most Jews live in Christian-dominated societies that many Jews think that they have to adhere to specific beliefs in order to be Jews.

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Deborah has served as a CBA board member for several years, and has initiated the formation of the CBA book club, and the multicultural women's group, is a member of the first violin section of the Buffalo Philharmonic, and currently resides in Ridgeway, Ontario. If you have questions or comments for Deborah, please email her at dgreitzer@hotmail.com.

Klezmer Inspired Chicken Noodle Soup for the Soul



Congregation Beth Abraham and our good friend, Linda Chodos invite you to listen to the CD, "Chicken Noodle Soup," featuring original Klezmer music written and performed (with a little help from his friends) by renowned, Buffalo Clarinetist, Amrom Chodos, of blessed memory. Amrom grew up in Brooklyn surrounded by the sounds of Klezmer music, a major inspiration for his compositional and performing career. If you would also like an actual CD, complete with lyrics and liner notes, they will be available for pickup at CBA once things get back to normal. This music is guaranteed to put a smile on your face, a spring in your step and just make you feel good all over. Enjoy!

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Comforting Meditations by Rabbi Adam Scheldt

Click on to Rabbi Scheldt's [Facebook](#) page, or click the link below to listen and follow along to a new series of comforting meditations presented daily at 5:00pm. These guided meditations offer a much needed break from the crazy and unsettling news that seems to infiltrate our lives on a regular basis. Rabbi Adam Scheldt is the Director of Spiritual Care at Hospice Buffalo.

[Click Here to Watch](#)

CBA Wishes You a Very Happy Virual Pesach!



Even though we will not be meeting in person for a community Seder this year, CBA welcomes everyone to share pictures of your virtual Seders, and we will post them right here on our [CBA Corona Chronicle](#) page! By sharing your photos, we will all be able to feel the Ruach that a community Seder can bring, especially during these times of social distancing. Please email your photos to info@congregationbethabraham.net

If you would like to use the Congregation Beth Abraham Haggadah for your virtual Seder, click below for a downloadable/printable version.

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