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Shirat Haruach

High Holiday Experience



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Coming to Kalamazoo This Month!

This year's High Holiday services will include livestreamed intergenerational services presented by Shirat Haruach (Song of the Spirit) for both the **first day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur day**. The services will be brief, approximately one hour in length, and highlight the musical talents of Jewish artists Rick Recht, Shira Kline and Rabbi Josh Warshawsky.

We invite everyone to join us in this High Holiday experience, whether you are in Kalamazoo or across the nation! Family members in other cities are welcome to tune in as well.

We will still have the **traditional Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services from the synagogue led by Rabbi Spivak and Cantor Henderl**, with select members reading Torah and Haftarah and blowing the shofar.

The complete schedule of services will be available soon, with link information, as will High Holiday prayer books. Pickup information is coming your way shortly.

Since all events will be happening online, we will gladly assist members who need help setting up a tablet or computer to livestream services for the holidays. Please call the synagogue office at 342-5463 and leave a message, or email Sharon Kaufman at programdirector@congregationofmoses.org if you need help.

Shabbat Services Online

Saturday, September 5

9:30 a.m. online

Torah: Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22

Saturday, September 12

9:30 a.m. online

Torah: Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30

Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9

Saturday, September 19

9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. online

First Day Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 26

9:30 a.m. online

Torah: Deuteronomy 31:1-52

Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27



Shabbat services signup can be found on our website, congregationofmoses.org.

When you sign up to attend, you will receive the Zoom link in your confirmation.

The High Holiday services schedule will be sent to you very soon!

DAILY MINYAN

Join your CoM family every Monday-Friday morning at 7:30 am and Sunday mornings at 8:30 am. If you want to say Kaddish, this is an opportunity to do so with your community.

Please attend if you are able. Members who want to say Kaddish need to have a minyan or at least ten people.

Sign up to attend at congregationofmoses.org.

Shabbat candle lighting times

September 4	7:52 pm
September 11	7:40 pm
September 18	7:28 pm
September 25	7:15 pm



Bracha for candle lighting

*Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai Elo-hei-nu me-lech
ha-o-lam a-sher kid-shan-u be-mits-vo-tav
vi-tzi-van-u l'had-lik-ner shel Shabbat.*

Outdoor Shabbat

Friday, September 4th at 7:30 pm

Join us again on Friday, September 4th at 7:30 pm as we celebrate Shabbat outdoors with Rabbi Spivak. The August outdoor Shabbat service was once again well attended on a beautiful summer evening.

Please **bring some chairs and bug spray with you.** We will have a limited amount of CoM plastic chairs available.

Everyone who attends Outdoor Shabbat **must be wearing a face mask.** We will maintain social distancing guidelines during the evening and every family unit will be sitting six feet apart.

We look forward to seeing you! Please contact Sharon if you need transportation by emailing her at programdirector@congregationofmoses.org.



DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS –CLOSE TO THE GOAL!

The new total for receipts collected is \$120,000. Hooray! Only \$30,000 more to go to earn \$1,000 for CoM.

Please continue to drop off or mail your receipts. The total in the “Direct your Dollars” portion of the receipt must be present. Please do not cut off any part of the receipt. You can help even more by buying D&W gift cards and other scrip for our continuing fundraiser. Thanks!



Join Jewish Federation communities for this special event.

Wednesday, September 16 at 1:30 pm

the communal **Kvell.**

Join us for a day of kvelling

and comedic relief!

You are invited to join Jewish communities from around North America in this rare celebration. Connect with like-minded people from across the Federation Movement and hear about the impact you've had through your local Federation, especially during the current crisis. And it wouldn't be a party without our celebrity guests — **the Levy family from *Schitt's Creek*.**

Wednesday

September 16, 2020

1:30-2:15pm (ET)

[Register Now](#)

Mishpacha

MAZEL TOV TO

Marilyn and Art Feinberg on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

GET WELL WISHES TO

Lowell Seyburn and Judy Davis Rosenthal

— Donations have been made to the following funds. —

GENERAL FUND

Mazel Tov to Marilyn and Art Feinberg on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Wishing Lowell Seyburn a complete and speedy recovery

*Wilma Kahn & Phil Horwich, Tamara & Earl Norman, Diane & Harvey Fogel
Beth & Stephen Grode, Shirley Wise, Pnina & Judah Ari-Gur, Cindy & Larry Beer
Emily Freed & Brad Hershbein, Men's Club, Judy Davis & Al Rosenthal
Joanne & Mike Simon, Men's Club*

Wishing Judy Davis Rosenthal a complete and speedy recovery

*Al Rosenthal, Joanne & Mike Simon, Men's Club, Beth & Stephen Grode
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Condolences to Earl Norman and family on the passing of his mother, Ruth Norman

Sandy Rose, Kim & Arlen Rubin, Liz Thall, Alan Cohen, Rebecca & Adam Strauss

In loving memory of my aunt, Ruth Norman

Marcia Kasper

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In loving memory of my parents, Esther Tigay Weiner and Meyer C. Weiner

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Brad Hershbein

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Wishing Judy Davis Rosenthal a complete and speedy recovery

The Fischell Family, Judy & Lowell Seyburn

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In loving memory of my husband, Donald Thall

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In loving memory of my husband, Richard Star

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Michelle & Alan Angel

HARRY AND LILLIAN SOFEN LEARNING CENTER

In loving memory of my father, Harry Sofen

Nancy Zarnow

KIKAR FUND

Condolences to Brad Kennedy and family on the passing of his mother, Audrey Smith

Sandy Rose, Alan Cohen

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always welcomes comments from CoM congregants and invites you to attend its regular meetings, held monthly.

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Mishpacha

*Thank you to all our CoM friends for the many contributions wishing Lowell a speedy and complete recovery after recent knee surgery.
 ~ Lowell and Judy Seyburn*

*Thank you to everyone for your wishes for a speedy and complete recovery after my recent shoulder surgery. I am progressing and doing well.
 ~ Judy Davis Rosenthal*

*Thank you to all who donated to COM with wishes for my complete and speedy recovery. I am encouraged and strengthened by your support. With gratitude and best wishes,
 ~ Earl Norman*

The CoM newsletter is published monthly by the Congregation of Moses for the benefit of its members. **The deadline for submitting articles, photos and ads is the 18th of each month, for publication the following month.** Please send submissions to both the editor, at bulletin@congregationofmoses.org and assistant editor, at congofmosesbulletin@hotmail.com.

Spiritual Leadership Search Committee

The newly formed Spiritual Leadership Search Committee (SLSC) kicked off this summer and is concentrating on the important task of finding our next rabbi.

Laurel Ofstein is the chair and committee members include Shayna Barry, Maxine Berke, Leslie Bez, Jeff Haus, Andrea Johnson, Wilma Kahn, Sharon Kaufman and Allison Weiner. The group is working with a synagogue consultant, Judy Beck, who has substantial experience in organizational change, strategic planning and program development across many different synagogues. The search will follow the process outlined by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) and the Rabbinical Assembly (RA), with the possibility of looking beyond these organizations if needed.

Synagogue leadership has expressed a preference to hire an interim rabbi to help us in this critically important transition as Rabbi Spivak looks forward to a much-deserved retirement. Thus far, the committee has reviewed the USCJ and RA rules governing the hiring process, learned about different movements within Judaism (thanks Jeff Haus!) and discussed lessons learned from the prior rabbi search process. Members of the previous rabbi search committee were interviewed to find out what went well and what could have been improved upon.

The committee is currently preparing a survey that will be sent to all CoM members after the High Holidays in late October. The input of every member will be solicited through electronic means, paper surveys and personalized calls to help determine and prioritize the qualities and experience we seek in our next spiritual leader.

As we search for the right fit for a bright future at Congregation of Moses, congregants are welcome to contact any member of the SLSC with questions or concerns, or to email the committee directly at: rabbisearchteam@congregationofmoses.org. Thank you.

TOOT YOUR OWN HORN!

Here's your chance to blow your own shofar this High Holiday season. This beauty comes with a stand so you can proudly display it in your home.

It can be yours for a contribution of at least \$50 to our ongoing fundraisers. Please contact the office at 342-5463 for arrangements. Free delivery in the Kalamazoo area! First come, first served.

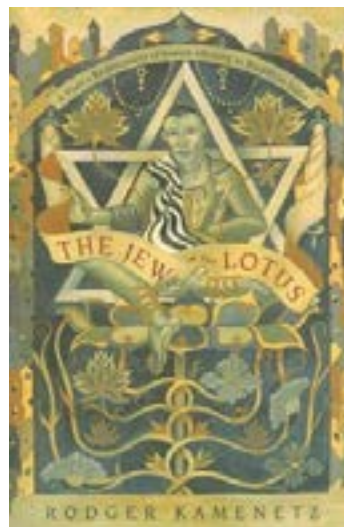


Next TBI/CoM Book Group

Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm

The Jew in the Lotus, written in 1994 by Rodger Kamenetz, is about a historic dialogue between rabbis and the Dalai Lama, the first recorded major dialogue between experts in Judaism and Buddhism. The book was primarily potent in capturing an ongoing engagement in the US between highly secularized Jews and Buddhist teachings.

Kamenetz popularized the term JUBU or Jewish Buddhist, interviewing poet Allen Ginsberg, vipassana teacher Joseph Goldstein, Ram Dass and other American Jews involved with bringing Eastern traditions to the West. The book also made prominent a Jewish mystical response to Eastern spirituality in the Jewish renewal movement, led by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, and Jewish meditation as taught by Rabbi Jonathan Omer-Man. The title is a pun on the Vajrayana mantra *Om mani padme hum* which is frequently interpreted as “hail to the jewel in the lotus.”



The Jew in the Lotus inspired a PBS documentary and was released theatrically in New York, Los Angeles and Boston.

Please RSVP to Sharon Kaufman at programdirector@congregationofmoses.org if you plan to attend. You will receive a Zoom link to the discussion.

Bring some Light to the World

The Congregation of Moses stocks candles for our Jewish rituals. Please call the office if you wish to stop by and purchase any of the following:

Electric yahrzeit lamps-only 2 left	\$10 each	Replacement bulbs, \$ 2 each
Havdallah candles	\$ 4.25 each	
Plug-in Yahrzeit candles	\$ 4 each	
Decorative Yahrzeit candle- only 1 left	\$ 4 each	Pictured in lower right
Yahrzeit candles in Glass	\$ 2 each	
Shabbat candles -72 per box	\$12 each	
Candle holders (aluminum bobeches)	\$ 4/box	

Why do Jews light candles?

See this article from Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS):

www.jtsa.edu/why-jews-light-candles





Nora Chaus, Director



Religious School Update

Registration is now open for the 2020-21 school year! School starts September 13. You can register your child(ren) online.

This summer, more than 800 Jewish educators came together online to plan for the upcoming school year. It has been my honor and pleasure to work with and learn from these amazing people! Because of the pandemic, we have had to think outside the box and as a group, we think that Jewish education may be the better for this unusual opportunity to do things differently.

At Zoom Town Hall Meetings on August 23, the plans for our upcoming school year were introduced to parents. For the safety of our children and teachers, we will learn online for the first semester. In the second semester, if in-person learning is safe, we will stay one phase behind the State's back-to-school guidelines.

Our children will experience synchronous learning in weekly teacher-led classes that will be offered online all year long. When it is safe for us to be together in person, the online class will originate from one of our school's physical classrooms. This will provide an option so that families can determine what is best for them and all children will be able to participate at all times.

Off-line, the students will delve into module-related content and concepts. PreK-3 will explore them through a curated box of hands-on activities, while learners in grades 4-7 will receive engaging weekly challenges.

While developed to be done independently with minimal at-home adult responsibility for learning, resources are offered to encourage informal family conversations.

Judaism (PreK-7)

The weekly Judaism topics of study for PreK-7 will be realigned so that each grade will be studying the same topic each week but at grade-appropriate levels. The thought behind this is a more seamless preparation for staff as well as providing a greater opportunity for family learning.

This year, using lessons from our curriculum that are anchored in Jewish texts and history, we will focus on the Jewish values that build resiliency and guide personal as well as communal health and wellness: Sukkat Shalom (a shelter of peace), Ometz Lev (inner strength), G'vurah (courage), K'hillah (community) and Hesed (loving kindness, tying into hope).

Hebrew (PreK-7)

In grades PreK-5, we are adding a language acquisition strategy in which students learn Hebrew by hearing and responding to Hebrew commands. We will introduce Hebrew in a playful and meaningful way, creating a positive first link between children and the Hebrew language. Using the latest brain research on learning, we will provide an aural foundation for Hebrew that opens the door to more facile Hebrew decoding and reading.

In addition to our Sunday lessons, we will be adding weekly 1:1 Hebrew instruction for each child which will be scheduled at the convenience of the teacher and family.

High School (Grades 8-10)

Students will continue with year two of their three-year curriculum studying the history of the Jewish People in America, Jewish Ethics and Social Action, and Madrichim training. Online games based on curriculum content will be included for review and to make learning fun.

Teaching Teams

This year our teaching teams are:

PreK-3 - Sam Arnold (Lead), Nava Haus and Naomi Verne

Grades 4-7 - Rabbi Schicker (Lead), Rabbi Spivak, Cary Mannaberg and Rob Manson

Grades 8-10 - Steph Haft (Lead) and Karl Schook

Professional Support for Our Teaching Team

In order to ensure that our teachers will have the skills necessary to teach our children appropriately in an online format, we have partnered with the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland (JECC) for teacher training and support. Our teachers will also be a part of two online forums led by the JECC that will allow them to collaborate with Jewish educators around the country who will be following a similar plan to the one we have chosen.

2020-21 Schedule



Sundays Online All Year			
In-person choice when safe. (See * below).			
Hard Start Time Soft End time	PreK-3	4-7	HS
9:15	N/A		Jewish Ethics & Social Action (1 hour)
9:30	Zoom Classroom Open for Socializing		
10:00	Introduce Week's Theme (10-15 minutes) PreK-7 are all working on the same theme to ease demands on parents		
10:15	Judaism (30-40 minutes)	Judaism (30-40 minutes)	Jewish History in America (1 hour)
11:15	Hebrew (30-40 minutes)	Hebrew (30-40 minutes) (See ** below)	Madrachim (1 hour)

Weekdays Online All Year			
Replaces Wednesday School but offered as an option for all PreK-7 students.			
Start Time	PreK-3	4-7	HS
Scheduled at the convenience of teacher and family	Weekly 1:1 Hebrew instruction (10-20 minutes)	Weekly 1:1 Hebrew instruction (20-30 minutes)	Madrachim may volunteer as Hebrew coach (optional)
Drop in or sign up for time slot M-Th 4:30-6:30	Weekday afternoon review, fun, games (Jewparty, Kahoots!)		Madrachim may volunteer to run games (optional)
Drop in or sign up for time slot M-Th 4:30-6:30	One teacher available to help with activity boxes	One teacher available to help with challenge projects	N/A

At Home All Year			
	PreK-3	4-7	HS
Independent learning	Independent learning with fully supplied activity boxes including photos/videos shared with class online	Independent learning with weekly challenge projects including photos/videos shared with class online	N/A
Family activities	Optional family activities on the week's theme		

* Prior CoM/TBI boards and JRSC approval required prior to any in-person activity. Any in-person activities will follow **one phase behind** the MI Safe Schools Roadmap in effect at the time of the event.

** May run until 12:15 for 4th and 5th grades.

September Celebrations



The Congregation of Moses wishes **mazel tov and yom huledet sameach** to our members who are celebrating anniversaries and birthdays this month. If you would like to be included in our monthly recognition of birthdays and anniversaries, please contact Joanne Simon at 324-6054 or jhsimon@charter.net.

BIRTHDAYS

- 9/3 Margot Cecily Weiner
- 9/5 Shirley Grekin
- 9/6 Ellis Koshira Frank
- 9/6 Robert Lando
- 9/6 Cindy Beer
- 9/7 JoAnn Martin
- 9/8 Renay Berkowitz
- 9/8 Nathan Strauss
- 9/8 Charles Ofstein
- 9/9 Alan Angel has a Special Birthday! Mazel Tov!
- 9/10 Allison Camhi
- 9/10 Shirley Mengel has a Special Birthday!
Mazel Tov!
- 9/11 Jonah Benjamin Weiner
- 9/15 Miriam Verne
- 9/17 Sarah Kirsch
- 9/18 Madeline Richman
- 9/19 Rich Verne
- 9/20 Micah Ofstein
- 9/20 Joanne Simon
- 9/22 Fabio Lando
- 9/27 Shirley Wise
- 9/30 Naomi Marshall
- 9/30 Cheryl Tenenbaum has a Special Birthday!
Mazel Tov!



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/6 Michelle & Troy Zukowski-Serlin
- 9/23 Carrie & Steve Richman
- 9/28 Kim & Arlen Rubin





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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Summer is coming to an end, and Elul has arrived as we prepare for the upcoming High Holidays. Zoom has continued to take over everyone's lives this past month; I am pretty sure that I spent more time talking to people over Zoom than over the phone! Between Zoom meetings, webinars and calls with friends and family, I am definitely feeling "Zoomed out." I miss being able to do simple things, like running errands, without having to worry about whether or not I have a new mask ready to go in my car. Despite this, some things have gone back to "normal." This past week, I joined other CoM members in volunteering with Meals on Wheels. During this time of upheaval for many in the Kalamazoo community, it felt great to be able to give back and actually interact with people in person (while also maintaining six feet of distance and wearing masks).

This past month, we had another Outdoor Shabbat service. We were all able to enjoy a Shabbat evening service under the portico while being socially distant and masked up. Luckily, the weather cooperated and we celebrated welcoming the Sabbath bride on a beautiful night. The next Outdoor Shabbat is scheduled for Friday, September 4th; make sure to mark your calendars! We will continue to hold outdoor events and services until it becomes too cold to do so.

Zoom services are still ongoing: Daily Minyan will continue Sunday through Friday. Shabbat morning services are held every Saturday morning beginning at 9:30 am. **[You can sign up for both at congregationofmoses.org.](https://congregationofmoses.org)**

As you probably already know, all High Holiday services will be livestreamed online this year. More details about how to access the service will be coming soon. We will also be putting together gift bags that will contain some High Holiday essentials, including High Holiday chumashim. Each family will be able to pick up a bag and book—more information on how to sign up will be coming shortly.

As you read on page one, we are also planning an exciting, musical livestreamed family service for all ages on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and also on Yom Kippur. **We are very grateful to some members of the Oversight Board who are subsidizing this special High Holiday event. Thank you!**

Beyond Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we are looking forward to celebrating Sukkot and Simchat Torah in new and interesting ways. As long as the weather holds, we are planning on outdoor services for both holidays. After Sukkot services we are planning on decorating the Sukkah, playing some outdoor games and having a socially distant picnic lunch together. Rabbi Spivak's adult education classes, The Ethical Life, will also be returning once the High Holidays are over.

I hope that you all are continuing to stay safe and healthy, and wearing masks whenever you are out in public. Shanah Tovah U'metukah!

Sharon Kaufman, Program Director

Yahrzeits

September 4, 5 (16 Elul – 22 Elul)

William A. Austin	Katherine Bachenheimer	Max Bennison*
Tobias Budin*	Dyna Gitel	Henry Graff*
Harry Halpert*	David E. Hyman	Harry Kaufman*
Miriam Kaufman*	Ida Rubel*	Ida Schensul*
Mitchell Sternfield*	Joseph Thall	

September 11, 12 (23 Elul – 29 Elul)

James Bellis	Lillian Brot*	Herbert Fisher*
Janet M. Hoffman*	Martin Krasnick*	David Loeser*
William Norman	Patti Paull*	Leon Slavin*
Dr. Richard Weiss		

September 18, 19 (1 Tishrei – 7 Tishrei)

Helen Arlene Gerber*	Nell Gluck*	Ed Goldenthal
Robert Goodman	Leonard Haus	Celia Schiff Horwich*
Samuel Benjamin Horwich*	Louisa Inselberg	Harry King*
Michael Liepman*	Peter Kevin McCain	John Jacob Moyer*
Ruth Simon	Eli Verne	

September 25, 26 (8 Tishrei – 14 Tishrei)

Sarah Besbris*	Blanche Kushner Ell*	Gertrude Forman*
Belle Franklin*	Samuel Franklin*	Gil Golde
Eva Halpert*	Sam Kurlandsky*	Rosa Levi*
Martha Loeser*	Melecio Marzan	Ada Mostcovy
Shay Okun*	Sidney Rose*	David Rosenberg*
Abraham Rozanoff*	Thomas Wolfe*	Rose N. Wruble*

* Denotes a memorial plaque in the synagogue

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		1	2 Second Cup Study Group, 7:00 pm	3	4 Outdoor Shabbat at CoM, 7:30 pm	5 Shabbat Services online, 9:30 am
6 Second Cup Study Group, 4:30 pm	7	8 OvB Meeting online, 7:00 pm	9 Second Cup Study Group, 7:00 pm	10	11	12 Shabbat Services online, 9:30 am
13 Religious School Online, 9:30 am Second Cup Study Group, 4:30 pm	14 SLSC Meeting online, 6:30 pm	15	16 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm Second Cup Study Group, 7:00 pm	17	18 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 7:30 pm 	19 RH Morning Service, 9:00 am RH Evening Service, 7:30 pm
20 No Religious School RH Morning Service, 9:00 am 	21 Hadassah Book Club online, 7:00 pm Bulletin Deadline, 8:00 pm	22	23 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm Second Cup Study Group, 7:00 pm	24	25	26 Shabbat Services online, 9:30 am
27 Religious School Online, 9:30 am Kol Nidre Service, 7:00 pm 	28 Yom Kippur Morning Service, 9:00 am Mincha, 5:00 pm Neilah, 6:30 pm	29	30 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm Second Cup Study Group, 7:00 pm			

October 2020

				1	2 Erev Sukkot Service online, 7:30 pm 	3 Sukkot Services online, 9:30 am 
4 No Religious School; Sukkot Services online, 9:30 am	5	6	7 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm	8	9 Erev Shemini Atzeret Service online, 7:30 pm	10 Shemini Atzeret (Yizkor) Services online, 9:30 am
11 No Religious School Simchat Torah Service online, 9:30 am	12	13 OvB Meeting online, 7:00 pm	14 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm	15 CoM/TBI Book Club online, 7:00 pm 	16	17 Shabbat Services online, 9:30 am 
18 Religious School Online, 9:30 am	19 SLSC Meeting online, 6:30 pm Hadassah Book Club online, 7:00 pm Bulletin Deadline, 8:00 pm	20	21 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm	22	23	24 Shabbat Services online, 9:30 am
25 Religious School Online, 9:30 am	26	27	28 Religious School Online, 4:30 pm	29	30	31

Hadassah

SodaStream Eases COVID-19 Patients' Breathing

Akiva Nachshon, a senior physician in the intensive care unit at Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital in Israel, made a call to SodaStream on a whim.

The doctor, who is on the front lines of the nation's battle against COVID-19, was lamenting to a friend about the current state of respiratory devices used to treat patients amid the pandemic. Ventilators, the default technology used by hospitals, are not only in short supply but they're also expensive and invasive, often leading to longer recovery times and damaging side effects.

Nachshon's friend suggested he reach out to SodaStream, the Israel-based PepsiCo business behind the countertop carbonated water machines, thinking there might be something to the company's technology that could be helpful. He called and left a note with SodaStream's customer service, which made its way to Avi Cohen, the company's head of research and development. The two met that same day and within an hour, Cohen realized the very physical principles behind the sparkling water maker could meet coronavirus patients' needs.



Less than three months later, a device called StreamO2—a collaboration between SodaStream and Nachshon's hospital (Hadassah Ein Karem)—is in the midst of a 40-person clinical trial after being approved by the Israeli Ministry of Health.

The StreamO2 works by pushing a mixture of oxygen and air through a patient's nose at a high flow rate. The device controls not only the flow of that mixture but also its temperature and its humidity, which is kept at more than 80%. This combination of flow, temperature and humidity is critical to the quality of the respiration.

The StreamO2 is designed to treat COVID-19 patients with mild to moderate conditions who are in respiratory distress but are still breathing spontaneously as it does not require intubating patients.

“Upon successfully passing clinical trials,” Cohen said in an email, “StreamO2 can potentially be next to every hospital bed.”

Caring Connection

Caring Connection—compassionate volunteers for the Congregation of Moses family. **Caring Connection is a network of volunteers who would like to support our CoM members in times of need, whether during an acute crisis or a need for ongoing support.**

The people on the list below, all part of **Caring Connection**, welcome your call. They have agreed to make their names and contact information available so that you can choose to connect with the person you feel most comfortable talking to.

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