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L'chvod HaRosh HaYeshiva, Rabbonim¹, Members of the Passaic-Clifton COVID-19 Task Force², Members of the Medical Committee of the Passaic-Clifton COVID-19 Task Force³, Shlita⁴:

Sholom u'vrocho,

It is imperative that this community be restored to a rightful setting where Torah is paramount, and individuals are respected.

In the ongoing debates about masks and coronavirus vaccines, I suggest that the masks and the prospect of vaccines are a valid concern but still is a distraction. The real issue is that the government has decreed who is essential and who is not essential. Essential people can make a living. Those decreed non-essential cannot make a living and either starve or become a ward of the state. There is no basis or definition in any law, just decrees. The fact that the Jews are not singled out is no comfort – this is war against humanity. The danger of such decrees cannot be overstated, and they must be rejected.⁵

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² Rabbis Cohen, Glasser, Hirth, Zupnick, Assemblyman Schaer, Councilman Munk, Mr. Brisman, Mr. Rackoff.

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⁴ While ideally, I would meet with each recipient in advance of delivering this letter, that is not practicable. This letter is not intended as a private letter. Due to the vital nature of this communication it may be distributed to anyone who will benefit from this information.

⁵ It was in 1933 that the concept of lives unworthy of life (*Lebensunwertes Leben*) was introduced by the Nazi's to justify their sterilization campaigns, and the euthanasia of the elderly, ill and disabled, including disabled children with the participation of hundreds of asylum directors, pediatricians, psychiatrists, family doctors, and nurses. The euthanasia campaign did not originally target Jews – it targeted Germans. Only later in 1941 was the definition of lives unworthy of life expanded in the implementation of the massive and broader euthanasia campaigns, commonly called the Holocaust. In the death camps there were selections between essential and non-essential people, those who could work and those who could not. And, on Kristelnacht, only the Jewish businesses were shuttered, but in this year nearly *all* businesses have been shuttered, something unheard of in the history of the world, where it has now become

There is no place in Torah for a Jewish community to be governed by a committee of medical doctors. Nor by an unelected committee composed of Rabbonim, politicians and doctors.

The concept of a doctor in Torah, and the permission to heal, is based on a personal relationship between a doctor and an individual patient where the doctor is both an expert in a relevant disease and knows the patient *personally*. Such a doctor is a doctor that a Rov has permission to listen to and to take into consideration the medical insights of the doctor as to that patient. However, a doctor cannot make decrees for a community of individuals that he has never met, or knows nothing of their health, and/or regarding a disease that he has no personal experience with.

Civilization is going through the writhing pangs of the establishment of public health supremacy which intends to overrule all other considerations, including Torah. Public health is not ‘refuah’ in Torah. Public health is not a substitute for Torah.

In Round One of the Public Health decrees, the Rabbonim were overwhelmed with pressuring doctors and threats of ventilator shortages⁶ and news reports of hospitalizations and deaths and not given proper access to evaluate the metzius hadevorim and innocently made decisions accordingly. But there has now been plenty of time to become knowledgeable and there remains time to use the remaining days and weeks to become knowledgeable.

A Rov *must* educate himself in the metzius hadevorim. He *must* also educate himself in the skills necessary to understand and evaluate the metzius hadevorim. For example, in the current situation, a Rov must learn basic statistics and understand a numerator and a denominator and the elements that contribute to the increase and decrease of each of those and what effect that has on such output numbers as infection rates and mortality rates. Just as a Rov cannot make a ruling in industrial kashrus without taking the time to investigate and understand modern food production methodologies, so too a Rov cannot merely ratify the recommendations of a doctor or a group of doctors who have been trained and influenced in universities and training programs to further the public health program.⁷

illegal for many to make a living. That shuttering was followed by actual burnings in many places.

⁶ The threatened ventilator shortages never materialized but the spectre of not enough hospital equipment is now being used by public health policy groups to advocate the rationing and prioritization of allegedly ‘scarce’ health care resources going forward. Fear of scarcity is a key tool of increasing control of health care and choices as to who has access to what health care and which people are no longer worthy of efforts to keep them alive, Rachmana litzlan. Parents of disabled children and children of aging parents, more than they should be concerned about coronavirus, should be concerned about the move to rationing health care and the essential/non-essential classification.

⁷ The role of a Rov is to connect his congregant to Hashem and point out that healing is from Hashem, not to add to the panic and be a meturgeman to only certain doctors who promote the idea that there is an unknown disease that has no treatment and no cure.

Furthermore, a Rov must investigate alternative viewpoints. Science is predicated upon a process of hypothesis and challenge. It is impossible to claim that a decision is made based on ‘science’ if no challenge is allowed or investigated. Just as a Dayan cannot make a ruling without hearing the opposing side, decrees cannot be made upon the people, if they can be made at all, without a thorough investigation as to whether Torah and the metzius hadevorim support such a decree.

A Rov *must* research and understand the cruel history of public health and its methods and goals. That is part of the metzius hadevorim.

Throughout the period from Purim until now massive and destructive decrees have been issued without a metzius hadevorim that supports the rulings.

I hesitate to delve into the COVID-19 metzius hadevorim because the danger lies in buying into the idea that scientists and doctors should make decisions for everyone else. But to clarify matters it is necessary to shed light where there has only been darkness, confusion and doubt.⁸

The COVID-19 metzius hadevorim is as follows: A ‘novel’ virus only means that its genetic code was not previously recorded in a database of viral code. There are many viruses in the world and in the human body that have never been studied or recorded in that database because they are harmless. It does not mean it is a new virus. People are misled into thinking that ‘novel’ means new and unknown and that since it is unknown it might behave differently than other viruses, which only sows fear and terror and conditions people to be willing to accept any decree so that they can be saved from the unknown ‘novel’ virus.⁹

There was never a mortality rate of 3.4% in the population as a whole. Those numbers were created by testing only a very small population – the sick and dying in the hospitals – and then showing that 4 out of 100 died in those populations and then claiming that that would apply to the world as a whole. This trick is done by limiting the size of the denominator in the mortality rate. That is not science and it was and is entirely dishonest for anyone to say or imply that.

It is admitted by government officials that coronavirus deaths include anyone who tests positive for coronavirus when they are not even experiencing coronavirus symptoms. This trick increases the numerator in the mortality rate. This is falsification of the data.

⁸ I studied and trained at the University of California, Berkeley, in molecular biology, virology and infectious diseases. But that is not relevant because in our days the only credentials of any remaining value are honesty and common sense. Every man and woman needs to educate themselves to evaluate what they are being told and not rely on the appearance of consensus or the weight of credentials. I am prepared to make myself available to the community to present the tools needed to make educated evaluations and decisions for their own well-being and that of their families.

⁹ The suggestions that the virus is created in a lab in China is also a distraction used to terrorize people even more by speculating (fear mongering doubt) that a human modified virus is even more dangerous than a natural virus.

Furthermore, it is undisputed that people who test *negative* are classified as coronavirus deaths because the doctors or hospital ‘suspect’ that it may have been coronavirus despite the negative test results. This trick increases the numerator in the mortality rate.

In some states positive antibody tests are being recorded as “new cases” of COVID-19 for people who were infected months ago. This trick increases the numerator and creates spikes and waves as more people are conditioned into being tested regularly and tested for antibodies.

We all know people who died over the last few months. Most of the deaths were unnecessary. I also know people who did not have coronavirus who were publicized in the frum websites as having died from coronavirus.

The early symptoms of a coronavirus infection are similar to panic attacks. Our Rabbonim and Rosh Yeshivas and elderly saw their minyonim that they have attended every day for decades destroyed before their eyes, were panicked at the onset of seasonal symptoms, rushed to hospitals, isolated, denied visitors, denied spouse and family, denied second opinions, denied chaplains, told they had a disease with no hope, no treatment and no cure, put on ventilators which hastened their death and then left to die without fluids or food or actively killed with morphine drips.¹⁰ In my own research, I have discovered the horror stories of the conditions of the bodies reaching the chevra kadishas and heard first hand testimony from true front line doctors (not oncologists, radiologists and other specialists¹¹) who report the ‘swooping’ of hospice care into the rooms of the COVID-19 patients in New Jersey urging morphine drips. I have heard first-hand accounts of patients not being given fluids because the doctors considered the patients ‘dead’ while they were still breathing. Aleihem Hashalom is not the way to refer to these victims but rather Hashem Yikum Damam.¹²

Yet, people still persist in believing that coronavirus is especially dangerous and requires the shutting of shuls and yeshivas and schools and the wearing of masks, the obsessive compulsive washing of hands, reform of Jewish practice and human avoidance.

That persistent mistaken belief is understandable because the local Medical Committee releases vague and unverifiable information such as the recent email that there are “20 new cases” in Passaic driving more fear. No information is provided about those cases – are they positive virus tests, positive antibody tests, presumed cases even with negative test results? What are their symptoms, what other conditions do they have? Were other respiratory disease possibilities

¹⁰ Starvation diets and medicine overdoses were used in Nazi hospitals to do an end-run around the public’s opposition to the direct euthanasia programs.

¹¹ Similarly, Hatzolah while providing a valuable service with great self-sacrifice, is trained in basic life support and is not an authority on pre-existing conditions, what really happens in the hospitals afterwards, and virology, and is not qualified to advise the community on COVID-19.

¹² In our further investigations, in response to requests to sue the doctors and hospitals, we discovered the lack of proper medical records and documentation and that the governors relieved the doctors of traditional negligence liability, making lawsuits nearly futile to recover for the families.

ruled out? All this information could be released without violating patient confidentiality, but it is not.

Venishmartem m'eod l'nafshoseichem is often thrown about as the reason to shut shuls and yeshivos. But this posuk is really referring to the need to cleave to Hashem and not be distracted by the worldly pressures into leaving Hashem and adopting foreign worldviews. In fact, the only time this posuk appears in the Gemora (Brochos 32b) it is the non-Jewish governor who uses this very posuk against the Jew to argue that davening should be interrupted because of 'danger.' The response of the proud confident Jew on behalf of Yiddishkeit is NO!, we will not even allow this possuk to be used to confuse us to interrupt even ONE tefillah. And, as the story concludes, continuing our Yiddishkeit without the slightest modification brings true respect from the non-Jews.¹³

Instead of following the Gemara's model Jewish behavior, our community has been treated as a 'fantastic experiment' by the infectious disease experts at Montefiore hospital as communal Judaism and chinuch is eviscerated without community member agreement in participating in the experiment, without access to the information tracked in the experiment and without any advance warning of what will be next in the experiment.¹⁴

The Task Force primary message at the outset was to only access information through the Task Force. That should be enough of a warning sign. We have not heard from the Task Force information from the many, many distinguished scientists and doctors who have exposed the falsification of information, who have said that the restrictions on assembly and businesses are unnecessary and destructive, have called masking children 'child abuse' and called the current mindset 'pandemic psychosis.'¹⁵

We should know enough that committees in Jewish communities can be manipulated and through those committees the population can be led to terrible results. That's even when they start with the best of intentions.¹⁶

¹³ Note that the Jew did not just walk away. He took the time to explain and educate the non-Jewish governor about G-d Almighty being the only true authority.

¹⁴ Hamodia interview with members of the Task Force. Scan of the article provided to me is undated.

¹⁵ I do applaud the local doctors who have diverted patients from the hospitals and made available helpful remedies to those suffering from symptoms, which does show a degree of independent thinking. But the doctors need to become further aware that the ulterior motives that have blocked access to HCQ and other helpful remedies are not limited to mere financial motives related to treatments but are ulterior motives that are at the core of the public health movement ideology and that they need to use their independent thinking to critically re-examine every assumption and piece of information especially from the sources that they have been educated to trust.

¹⁶ It is of particular concern with medical doctors. In our litigation against physician assisted suicide in New Jersey, I have come to learn that the cornerstone of the Nazi death machinery was the doctors and the Nazis put great weight on medicalizing the sterilization and euthanasia

Here is what is unacceptable and cannot be repeated no matter how scary the metzius hadevorim is made to appear in future 'spikes' and 'waves'¹⁷:

- 1) Decrees closing shuls, yeshivas, schools and mikvaos.¹⁸
- 2) Making it difficult for women to go to the mikvah because of their seasonal symptoms.
- 3) Threatening Rabbonim who don't want to sign their names to the decrees.¹⁹
- 4) Decrees banning people under 16 years old from buying food. This decree is **ruthless, inhumane and must be defied by all means**. No human being has the right under any circumstances to tell another human that they cannot access sources of food.
- 5) Forcing children to wear masks in school. This is child abuse and it is adult abuse to require adults to do the same. Compelling men and women to wear masks in order to access food and stand in line six feet apart outside at any time, and particularly in the rain, cold and extreme heat, is also abuse.
- 6) Pressuring people to stay home, not go to work, to close their businesses, to stay apart from family members, to neglect their parents and grandparents, and grading people by their Body Mass Index (BMI), age and health conditions, leaving people alone on Yom Tov and the Seder, reforming mechiras chometz, deconstructing be'ur chometz, encouraging the buying of chometz on Pesach (gevald!), disrupting shofar blowing, deconstructing Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur prayers, banning hachnosas orchim,

programs. German public health officials were instrumental in creating sealed ghettos. It was the medicalization that made the process presentable to the German people. The doctors who ran the programs to euthanize the elderly and the sick and the disabled children went on to run the death camps. So doctors in a committee making decrees is unacceptable. Doctors cannot be allowed to run communities and institutions as medical committees.

¹⁷ Unbeknownst to the Rabbonim Shlita, the decrees were not invented on the spot in a panicked response. Rather, infectious disease professionals have been planning all the details that transpired. They were presented to the Rabbonim as necessary and new. Yet, these pandemic response plans have become universal in most centers for disease control and health departments and there was no coincidence that the decrees approved by the Rabbonim were implemented by the governors within a few days. This was not told to the Rabbonim and they were not given access to the World Health Organization publications detailing the planned 'pandemic' responses. Nor were the Rabbonim told that according to those same publications the restrictions were never contemplated to be short term or only for a week or two. The further planned restrictions for the 'Second Wave' are also found in those same publications.

¹⁸ Prominent Rabbonim and Roshei Yeshivos Shlita did not close their shuls and yeshivos. Others reopened them as soon as they realized that the metzius hadevorim was not as it had been presented to them. I was zoche to advise and guide many of these gedolim and help encourage and protect their vital work. **There was no universal daas Torah to close shuls, chadorim and yeshivos.**

¹⁹ This not only squelches dissent to ensure the population complies, it creates a false presentation of achdus to the community for the sake of achdus and then is used to claim that the independent thinker who refuses to sign or comply is the baal machlokes. This is actually divide and conquer, and not real unity, by forcing the dissenter to feel isolated and under threat.

banning bikur cholim, banning adult social interaction, preventing playdates, leaving women and children excluded from shuls, barring household help and babysitters pushing families to and past breaking points, all of which promote a decrease in human spiritual, mental, emotional and physical health.

- 7) Discouraging people from independent sources of information.
- 8) Creating a false impression that shuls, Sifrei Torah, mezuzahs, the air, in-person contact, are dangerous and life threatening and that children can kill their grandparents.
- 9) Supporting the government in violating a person's fundamental rights to assemble, speak and observe their religious beliefs.
- 10) Registering Jews who want to engage in communal prayer.
- 11) Appointing enforcers of the decrees in each outdoor minyan and synagogue.²⁰
- 12) Condoning mesira, Chas V'shalom.^{21 22 23}

²⁰ Rabbi Ron Yitzchok Eisenman, Shlita, had the courage to publicly admit his error in appointing enforcers throughout his congregation after realizing the hate filled hostility and zeal those enforcers showed against those not wearing masks exactly according to the public health decrees. His letter is only a beginning in realizing the terrible trap that the public health ideology has thrown our people into and the great dangers of public health enforcers in general and with the combination of heady power and religious zeal.

²¹ **These decrees were not driven by G-d's Torah, but rather driven by the bible of the public health ideology.** The hallmark of public health is making decisions for others and the radical restructuring of human interactions. The missionaries of public health co-opt the language of each target group (Jews, Catholics, Protestants, Muslims, Hindu, Sikhs, etc.) and present compliance with the public health measures as the highest form of service to the target group's ideals. In the case of Jews, words such as 'pikuach nefesh', 'saving lives', etc., were co-opted and then used to justify the dismantling and destruction of Jewish communal life and individual lives and businesses and then applaud the wreckage as the highest form of self-sacrifice in the service of G-d and Torah observance. However, there is nothing Jewish in the decrees, just the trappings needed to make them palatable or, at least, difficult to resist to ensure Jewish compliance. Now we can understand why getting into arguments about, for example, wearing masks or exactly how dangerous the virus could be is a waste of our precious energy. It goes without saying that we are not going to wear masks and not putting masks on our kids. That's self-understood and does not require discussion. The only issue is the battle between primacy of G-d Almighty and Torah versus the primacy of the public health ideology. I can't imagine anyone in our holy community continuing to advocate the ideals and priorities of public health any longer.

²² Every effort must be invested to undo the damage caused by the speed and degree to which the fundamentals of Yiddishkeit were disposed of in deference to a substitute ideology and priority, 'public health,' both because that is the right action and for the sake of our children's chinuch that Jewish principles are not negotiable. Hashem is malei rachamim for those that have gone astray in this regard and can now have the courage to publicly acknowledge their past participation and, even more importantly, provide solid, unwavering leadership going forward to contribute to the unbending thriving of Yiddishkeit and prosperity of this country.

²³ In previous generations the Yidden knew that even though mitzvos were banned, the banned mitzva was still a mitzva. In our times, the decrees are so twisted that mitzvos become aveiros

There is more that is planned, G-d forbid, and it must be stopped now:²⁴

- 1) The Governor of New Jersey has already announced and implemented a statewide database to track testing results and is rolling out testing of health professionals, prison inmates and other populations, testing every two weeks, with intentions for broader frequent testing conditioning the population to ‘know their COVID status.’
- 2) The Governor of New Jersey announced on April 27, 2020, in “The Road Back: Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health”, “Principle 4: Secure Safe Places and Resources for Isolation and Quarantine: To the greatest extent possible, provide individuals who do test positive in the future with a safe and free place to isolate and protect others from COVID-19.”²⁵ This means that people who test positive will be removed to a safe and free location, G-d forbid! Shortly thereafter, in its May 8, 2020, “Patience and Perseverance” letter, the Task Force declared its hope that “(c) critically important testing will be more available so that we can determine those who are infected and introduce appropriate interventions to disrupt any further spread of the virus.” (emphasis added) In this one sentence, the Task Force brings to the Jewish community Principle 2 of the Governor’s Plan, “Expand Testing Capacity”, Principle 3, “Implement Robust Contact Tracing” and Principle 4, quarantine. Out-of-home quarantine has not been rolled out yet but is anticipated as the Second Wave is built up. An ‘appropriate intervention’ to be introduced, meaning one that was not yet used, may look like this – you feel under the weather, do your duty and call your Rov, he tells the committee, they evaluate your situation and determine that your family cannot remain safe with you at

and aveiros become mitzvos. If a person wants to serve Hashem, for example, by davening with a minyan he is told he is doing an aveira and is actually a murderer, Hashem Yirachem. And even the person who does the mitzva anyways is made, falsely, to feel that he is going against daas Torah! **There has never been a darkness as great as this! Oy, Abisthter, have rachmanus on your precious people!!**

²⁴ The increasingly draconian local measures are based not only on WHO ‘pandemic’ plans but being modeled on implementation in Communist China where public health measures can be carried out in their ‘ideal’ ruthless form. Some infectious diseases experts in the United States calling for Chinese Communist measures to be implemented in the United States to control the people are actually on the payroll of the Chinese Communist government. As recent arrests have exposed, not only are many US-born American scientists and professors receiving payments from China but many have concealed their payments and their affiliation with the Chinese Communist government. Investigate who the experts really are, which governments and which foundations fund them and pay for their labs and research and consulting, and what their training history is and financial and ideological loyalties are.

²⁵ This comports with World Health Organization statements by Dr. Micheal Ryan, Executive Director of the WHO Health Emergencies Program, on March 30, 2020, that those likely infected need to be identified and removed from the home: “In most parts of the world, due to lockdown, most of the transmission that’s actually happening in many countries now is happening in the household, at family level...In some senses, transmission has been taken off the streets and pushed back into family units...Now, we need to go and look in families to find those people who may be sick and remove them and isolate them in a safe and dignified manner...”

home and then you are removed to a ‘safe and free’ place with the use of chaplains and social workers to placate the family by reminding them that ‘this is what Hashem wants,’ ‘it’s the best for your safety,’ ‘we are on your side’^{26 27} Shul registrations and encouraging reporting symptoms to the rabbi are important building blocks of the contact tracing program which allow more aggressive measures in the future.

- 3) Socialist doctors, including the coronavirus advisor to one presidential candidate, are advocating an 18-month shut down of the entire United States including no non-essential travel, with only ‘truly essential’ people allowed to leave their homes, G-d forbid. Their intention is that the process of people becoming wards of the state with money from the government and food from the government will be accelerated along with the complete closure of businesses and the destruction of capital.²⁸ G-d forbid there will be increased disruptions to food production and distribution. We already see people being forced to stand in line for hours just to buy food.
- 4) Required vaccines – pro-vaccination supporters are alarmed about the coronavirus vaccine which is being used with humans within months rather than after years of testing, using mRNA an unproven concept in humans designed to affect human genetics, and which vaccines will be mandated to return to ‘normal’ life such as being able to buy food and attend schools and work. One of the primary private sponsors of the WHO is promoting tattoos to track who has had the vaccine and is a ‘green person.’²⁹ Checking

²⁶ Contact tracing is the step before quarantine. You can read CDC contact tracing scripts online (nearly 6500 words of script of what to tell you when being sent into, in the case of this script, home quarantine), where it is suggested they be modified for “cultural nuances,” meaning the key words to persuade a Jew, in our case, to cooperate. First rapport and trust is to be established, then collecting great detail about the person’s life, then giving them quarantine instructions, then daily check-ins. Remember, this is the quarantine of perfectly healthy people who have been tracked as being close to a positive person. Let’s be blunt, the Task Force is the Jewish presentation of the WHO and CDC material.

²⁷ It is self-evident that an independent communal protection communication system needs to be established now to alert the community to any removal attempts so that community members can mass at the targeted family’s home and physically prevent the removal. We must do the same to protect our non-Jewish neighbors not only because it is the right thing to do but also because every removal must be thwarted to save our lives. Similar measures must be developed to prevent the removal of children directly from schools by health authorities should they be labeled “unhealthy.”

²⁸ The 2021 Davos World Economic Forum is being titled “The Great Reset,” namely the great reset of capitalism.

²⁹ To grasp the worldview and goals of the public health establishment and its supporters that are promoting the COVID-19 pandemic, search online for ‘vaccines and fertility’ and learn from National Institutes of Health websites, about the scientific papers reporting the development of vaccines to implement human population control. The major prior activity of the current head of the World Health Organization, aside from being a member of an Ethiopian Marxist terrorist organization, was the implementation of birth control and fertility reduction while he was Minister of Health in Ethiopia. The major private funder of the WHO has publicly expressed alarm at the rate of human population growth and said that smaller families are healthier than

temperatures is conditioning people to expect to be ‘checked’ as ‘ok’ wherever they go, with the temperature checks to be replaced with scanning tattoos that are being developed. The same private funder paying for the mRNA vaccine development is enthusiastic about the tattoo and paying for its development.

- 5) Action against the 25% to 33% of the population that are predicted to refuse to take the COVID-19 vaccine. After months of lock-up and universal vaccine usage presented as the only way out, the vaccinated will become desperate and enraged that the unvaccinated are prolonging the lockdown. Those that choose not to take the COVID-19 vaccine will be portrayed as “enemy of the people.”^{30 31}

Now is the time to stop these measures.^{32 33}

Justice will be served now and later. We can expect and hope that the children now victims of the public health measures, restrictions and experiments will later seek retribution and justice from the doctors, nurses and school administrators as they mature. Just like years and decades later the children that suffered sexual abuse came to pursue their predators, in the future those damaged by the health restrictions, mask wearing compulsion and vaccine experimentation will return with a vengeance and charge the health authorities, the school administrators, and

large families. All this is publicly available information in their own words. On one hand they want ‘healthy’ humans, on the other hand, not too many of them. Similarly, the very same politicians and many doctors who argue that even one Coronavirus death is too much advocate physician assisted suicide and late-term abortions. It is beyond the scope of this letter to address the larger war against *pru u’vru* and each person should educate themselves urgently.

³⁰ “Enemy of the people” is terminology used in communist revolutions to identify all who do not agree with the revolutionaries and to rile up the ‘people’ against the independent thinkers, part of the divide and conquer strategy in play now where every group is pitted against others.

³¹ When *Venishmartem m’eod l’nafshoseichem* is ignored and Torah exchanged for foreign ideologies like ‘public health,’ then there materializes a real physical danger to the body, the medical compulsion of the public health authorities.

³² The misinformation that the COVID-19 is a political ploy between political parties is a distraction. Rather it is a public health strategy that transcends all political affiliations and governmental administrations and the election results will not materially change the march of the public health autocracy.

³³ Confusion is caused in the Jewish world by how Jews interpret the Israeli government’s totalitarian measures against the population. There is an unspoken assumption that the Israeli government could do no harm to the Jewish population and that if the Israelis are doing it too, the public health decrees must be well-meaning in America and other countries. These naive assumptions induce inaction and acceptance. In reality, the Israeli government is working in lockstep with the international public health ideology and has submitted itself to its goals and measures. The trust that Jews have for the Israeli government, because at the end of the day those making the decrees are Jews, is the very reason the Israeli government is able to get away with so much and not meeting resistance as in other countries such as Germany where massive demonstrations against the public health restrictions openly identify the public health authorities as the re-emergence of fascism in Germany.

enforcers, with abuse and breaking the Neurenberg war crimes code. For all those who are a community leader, the time to decide which part of history you are on is now!

People should educate themselves and consider not volunteering their information into the government database and not reporting their health symptoms and not testing because that information will be used as grounds for “appropriate interventions” in the words of the Task Force or in plain speak to take people away...³⁴

Dina d'malchusa dina does not apply here for various reasons including the nature and motivation of the government decrees and their uneven application. Even if it did, the Governor makes his rules and attempts to enforce his rules, which we have a right and obligation to challenge. We do not agree to local enforcement committees under the imprint of our Rabbonim.³⁵

There is no place in Torah where we find authority to make decisions for the people taking into consideration only one factor or one danger. The effect of the decrees include the destroyed spiritual service of G-d, destroyed or thwarted chinuch, spreading of terror about the air and other humans, social isolation, separation of families with the isolation of the elderly, families

³⁴ Health care and public health systems is the means by which population control is implemented and enforced. For example, the limitations on the number of children in China are enforced through doctors and nurses - sterilization, forcible IUD implantation, forced abortions and so forth. To enforce the abortions, women are required to report monthly to local nurses with proof of their cycle to verify that they are not pregnant.

³⁵ In hindsight, we often ask ourselves how in the world were the Jews of Europe not able to see what was coming and imagine ourselves wiser. The Jews complied with every order being told it was for their safety. At what point do we stop and ask ourselves are we being carefully conditioned to follow orders that are given with misleading and constantly changing excuses and conditioned to not ask questions. We are particularly susceptible to this conditioning because we place such a high premium on Emunas Chachamim and Daas Torah. But that premium obligates a Rov even more so to become very knowledgeable before putting his name on any statements and decrees for the very reason that people are relying on him and feel obligated to follow his instructions. A Rov who does not understand what he is being told should not sign a decree for the sake of group participation. Rather he should admit he is not sufficiently familiar and stay out of the decrees so that people don't follow him assuming he has researched the metzius hadevorim thoroughly. (Being 'very knowledgeable' is not satisfied by merely being able to rattle off statistics and terminology, it is in understanding the history and goals of public health and population control measures, and the essential/non-essential classification as a move from the individual as paramount to the socialist collective classification of people based on their value to the collective and then disposition of people accordingly, including understanding the public health and medical doctor role and methodologies in the euthanasia programs from 1933 to 1945 and ongoing in many countries.)

lacking income and food, millions out of work, and financial instability of the country.³⁶ These are vital life and death - spiritual and physical - considerations that must be part of any decision.

Furthermore, over the last 100 years, over 500,000,000 human lives have been eliminated at the hands of governments in control of the lives of people, often using medical means, doctors and nurses to carry this out. The deadly dangers of all powerful governments far exceed, by many multiples, the danger of any disease, including COVID-19 even if it were to be as dangerous as the worst speculation.³⁷ These are all factors that must be considered by a Rov in guiding an individual, family and community. In addition to a Rov's obligation to his congregants, it is the obligation of a Jew in America to speak up about what is right for the country considering all these factors.^{38 39}

A shul Rov is a guide for *his* congregation and it is questionable the extent to which he can make decrees on his own congregation. But even if he does, a congregant can leave. A shul Rov cannot make decrees for the population as a whole.

³⁶ While we don't need to turn to doctors to tell us how to run our affairs, there are many doctors who are sounding the alarm that the coronavirus restrictions and resulting economic destruction is more deadly than the virus.

³⁷ In a revolution (as distinct from a war of independence) when the revolutionaries gain power they utilize the new powers surrendered by the people to the government in their fear and weak-heartedness. The first to be eliminated are those who supported the revolution but still hold on to the illusion that the revolution is for the benefit of the people and can't pivot to the brutality required in the next stage of the revolution. And, those who survive these purges are punished after the revolution fails. So it will not help to go along with the flow and try to be in the good graces of the revolutionaries.

³⁸ Given that the United States has been the leading country honoring our right to serve G-d freely, to 'yes, yes' a Governor's decree is an abdication of responsibility and does not exhibit loyalty to the country. It shows naiveté as to how the freedom we enjoyed until recently was actually earned and maintained.

³⁹ We have an urgent responsibility to bring to our non-Jewish neighbors an awareness of the contents of this letter because they, too, are suffering tremendously with the same terror, confusion and the same constantly shifting doubts and targets and livelihood destruction, as the Jewish community. The police officers, too, are alarmed and don't want to enforce the decrees made by the Governor. We have millions and millions of allies. When we explain to the non-Jews why we do what we do as Jews for the benefit of every resident of this city, county, state and country, then we don't have to worry about what the non-Jews think - on the contrary they will be inspired and take hope from our leadership. **They will come and defend the yeshivas and chadorim and shuls.** If the non-Jews had been observant of the Sheva Mitzvos Bnai Noach there would not have been a Holocaust in the natural order of things because not only would the doctors and public health officials not have murdered but the Jews would have known as the valued teachers of humanity that we really are and those who sought to harm the Jews would have been eliminated. Every non-Jew needs to demand of his Jewish neighbors and business associates that he teach him the Sheva Mitzvos and the knowledge of G-d's Unity and Providence.

The Task Force has no authority and the Medical Committee has no authority. Both should be dismantled.

Each person should make their personal and family decisions with relevant input and guidance from their personal Rov and, for their personal health issues as needed, from their *personal* doctor, and as indicated, including obtaining a second medical opinion.^{40 41}

Don't be afraid, Hashem is with us. Some will feel that fleeing is the solution. G-d forbid that we come to that need. All that is needed is the common people to continue their lives fully, as they are entitled to do so, without regard to the decrees, no matter who issues them. There is no power held by those issuing the decrees other than that which is gifted to them through compliance. There are simply not enough government officers to enforce the decrees on the people.⁴² **The fastest and best way to nullify a decree is not to volunteer for it in the first place.**

Many available resources for further study on the points made here are available upon request.

No human is above errors or beyond reproach and I encourage your response pointing out any inaccuracies in Torah or the metzius hadevorim set forth here.

I also welcome in person face-to-face meetings with you in your individual capacities to further discuss this.

⁴⁰ In particular, consult with someone who KNOWS rather than those that say "we don't know" who intend to keep people in a vague place. As noted at the outset, corona is not a new unknown entity and there is plenty known and the rest is speculation that generates fear.

⁴¹ Each person should ensure their access to a mikvah that will remain open regardless of the purported severity of a Second Wave and any decrees. While in the First Round only the men's mikvah locally was closed hastily and unnecessarily, based on an inaccurate metzius hadevorim, in other communities the women's mikvas were under threat and/or raided and forcibly shut. The time to address this need is now and unofficially, under the supervision of mikva experts who are committed to keeping them open no matter what, v'hamavin yavin.

⁴² Some will suggest that given the choice of directly dealing with the government public health officials or through the culturally sensitive interface of the Task Force, they would opt for the Task Force. *This is a grave error.* The whole point of the culturally sensitive interface is precisely to obtain compliance from us which cannot be obtained by the government officers. In fact, we see that the Jewish intermediaries come with an extra level of force, hysteria and religious fervor urging compliance lest the Jewish community be ill-regarded for not being in compliance. This is a level of energetic enforcement not found in the government, and precisely why the intermediaries are used - they are more effective. We saw this in Round One when good people who were horrified at the decrees chose to comply simply because they were afraid of being accused of making the Jewish community look bad.

With blessings for a ksiva v'chasima tova, tefillos for a year of nullification of harsh decrees, refuas hanefesh v'refuas haguf and beas goal tzedek, and it ⁴³ כימי צאתך מארץ מצרים אראנו נפלאות⁴³ should be with rachamim and b'simcha u'b'tuv levav.

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⁴³ The imminent full and complete Redemption from this Exile mirrors the original redemption from the Egyptian Exile in every detail except for one vital detail - whereas during the Redemption from Egypt, $\frac{4}{5}$ (80%!) of the Jewish People perished in Egypt and only $\frac{1}{5}$ were redeemed, in the imminent Redemption, *every single Jew* will proceed to the Redemption.

Key Takeaways

- The Rabbonim were presented with a false metzius hadevorim leading to decrees that harmed the people spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically.
- There is no grounds in Torah, science or medicine for the decrees against Judaism and normal human interaction and destruction of livelihoods. It must be rejected. Every human is essential and all efforts to make a living are essential.
- The selection of people as essential and non-essential is a decree with deadly consequences and implications, right now.
- The planned Second Wave is being used to implement greater and far more destructive decrees, Chas V'Shalom.
- It is false to claim that a halachic ruling can be made while only taking into account one factor and ignoring all other effects of the ruling.
- The public health ideology has co-opted the words of Torah to present itself as the fulfillment of the highest ideals of Judaism, when, in fact, it has replaced Torah, rachmana l'tzlan.
- Only independent health, not health authorities. No health/medical compulsion.
- The non-Jews are suffering greatly also and are our allies, as are the police and health department officials who do not want to become the enforcers of these decrees.
- The Task Force and Medical Committee have no authority and must be dismantled.
- The sakana nafashos from an all-powerful government is many orders of magnitude more deadly than the most deadly virus.
- The people must take immediate and courageous action to preserve their children's chinuch al taharas hakodesh, protect their shuls from further disgrace, ensure that the in-person study of Torah continues uninterrupted and preserve taharas hamisphacha by building multiple independent mikvaos.