**KOL KOREH (Proclamation)**

to our brothers in Bnei Yisrael

Nation of Hashem, wake up and be aroused and call out to Hashem

There is substantial panic about the virus in the city streets and in the entire world; people are showing anxiety, as no one knows what each day will bring, and this is an appropriate time to allow the fear and worries to straighten out the crookedness in our heart, to see and to understand, that Shomayim is demanding that we be aroused to do teshuva, and each person should examine the cracks in his house and return to Hashem, because He is merciful and very forgiving.

The Rambam already ruled in the laws regarding a fast: it is a positive mitzvah from the Torah **“to cry out and to blow the trumpets about every trouble that will come upon the community. And this is part of the ways of teshuva, that when a trouble comes, they should scream and cry out about it, and they should sound the trumpets, and everyone should know that their bad situation is because of their evil deeds….but if they will not cry out and will not sound the trumpets, but they will say, ‘what is happening to us is just the way of the world’… this is cruelty, etc.”**

At this time we are calling upon our brothers, Bnei Yisrael, wherever they live: “Nation of Hashem! Be strong and let us strengthen ourselves with emuna and with bitachon in Hashem, May He Be Blessed, from whom no evil comes forth, and to anticipate His salvation.

Dear brothers, all we can do is take measures that our forefathers have taken throughout the generations. The command of the hour is to become unified as one person with one heart for a worldwide day of tefilla by men, women and children in each and every land, each and every person and his household, in his home, to remove every plague and sickness, chas v’shalom, and only good and kindness should pursue us.

**On Wednesday, 29 Adar, Erev Rosh Chodesh Nissan at 5:30 p.m.  Israeli time,**

**To say the following perakim of Tehillim: 13, 20, 91, 112, 120, 121, 127 130,**

**and “Avinu Malkeinu” and “Acheinu Kol Bais Yisrael”**

**At 6 p.m. Israel time – worldwide Kabbalas Ol Malchus Shomayim\***

[\*This involves saying the following pesukim that we recite at the end of Neila on Yom Kippur –

“Shema Yisrael Hashem Elokeinu Hashem Echad”  - one time

“Boruch Shem Kvod Malchuso L’Olam Va’ed” – three times

“Hashem Hu Ha’Elokim” - seven times]

Teshuva does not come about from only our speech, but from our actions. We will return to Hashem vigorously, we will improve our ways, between man and Hashem and between man and his friend, by abstaining from lashon hora, machlokes, rechilus and technological media that destroy the soul. We will increase love of other people; we will see each the good quality of our friend and not their flaw; we will strengthen in Torah and in Yiras Shomayim, and in fulfilling the mitzvos, to serve Hashem with joy and goodheartedly; we will intensify tefilla and supplications, and Hashem, Blessed Be He, will hear our cry and He will not abandon His nation, and He will have mercy on the remnant of His inheritance. **And all will be blessed with physical health, with enlightenment from above for many days and years, and may we merit to celebrate the coming Pesach with much happiness and rejoicing, and may we eat there [in Yerushalayim] from the zevachim and from the pesachim, Amen, may it be Your will.**

**With the bracha of a kosher and happy Pesach**

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