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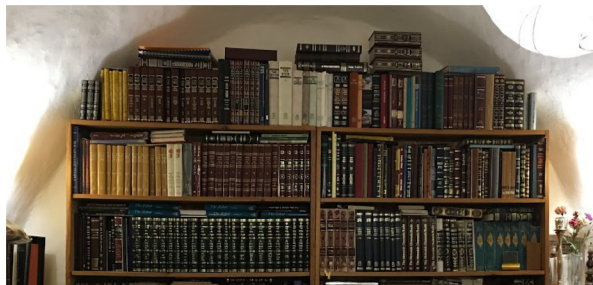
LESSONS FROM THE PANDEMIC IN ARTS, HISTORY, AND POLITICS

Dear friends,

As we welcome the new year in Israel, we embrace the spirit of change with a traditional saying that captures the essence of transition. It goes: "Tichle shana vekilelloteha" (as the old year and its curses end), "Teaher shana oobirchoteha" (let us hasten the arrival of the new year with its blessings).



Unfortunately, I could not attend my great-nephew Yonadav's bar mitzvah in Israel due to the restrictions imposed on Canadians. Nevertheless, I felt deeply honoured to share my thoughts with him: ['Letter to my great-nephew on his Bar Mitzvah.'](#)



The lingering shadow of COVID-19 prompts us to reflect on our shared humanity. ['Artistic Exploration: Seeking Ultimate Paradise'](#) offers valuable insights into our current reality through the diverse perspectives of various authors.



Can a society truly thrive if individuals prioritize only those closest to them? The resounding answer is no. In these challenging times, politics, science, and art each play equally crucial roles in addressing our collective challenges. For a deeper exploration, I would like you to go into '**Politics, Science, and Religion.**'

As we embrace the dawn of the new year, let us offer blessings and set intentions:

- Let us all commit to expanding our knowledge through regular study sessions.
- Let us actively confront and eradicate racism and prejudice wherever they may manifest.
- Let us aspire to treat all beings with empathy, respect, love, and justice.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and prosperous New Year.

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