

June 15, 2020

Hello, everyone!

Welcome to the final class “reunion” for the year. I hope all of you are continuing to put in all of your best efforts to produce some spectacular Common Core Arguments. Remember this Argument takes the place of your Final Exam (and Regents.)

Complete information about your marks and “Honors” awards will be given at the very end of this letter.

Attached you will find 3 documents.

The first document is in reality the document 2a from Sing You Righteous in the Argument Booklet, but I accidentally omitted a few important lines when we initially scanned it in. You now have the complete document.

The second document is a political cartoon reproduced from the Hamodia. This political cartoon published a week and a half ago has become extremely relevant considering that over two dozen States in the USA have seen “Crisis Stage” surges in Covid19 cases due to the Umos HaOlam acting irresponsibly on Memorial Day weekend and during protests, by not observing social distancing and/or wearing masks

Document 3 is NOT for the Argument, it was included for the eleventh grade to read because you have learned about these events in American History. It’s Rav Miller’s commentary on 1944 D-Day and the 1989-1990 Fall of Communism. Hope you enjoy reading it.

MORE ON MASKS

Since I was very disconcerted and disheartened by the lack of accurate information circulating , as well as hearsay and rumors being circulated as “Medical Fact” (as well as inherent dangers of acting upon inaccurate information) I decided to have a conversation with one of the top physicians in Maimonides Medical Center, Dr. Robert Moskowitz, who not only treated dozens of patients in Boro Park with Covid19, but experienced his own 6 week life and death struggle with the deadly virus, to obtain some real, solid accurate information about what exactly is the current situation here in Brooklyn.

He explained as follows:

While **a lot** is still unknown about the nature of the Covid19 virus, it seems that all patients who previously had a Covid infection, (as can be confirmed by testing) have what is called a temporary “STAGE ONE” immunity lasting anywhere from 3 months (typical for all known coronaviruses) to a possible maximum of six months (typical for flu viruses.) During this “STAGE ONE” immunity a person cannot get re-infected with Covid19 or be an asymptomatic carrier. When a patient enters “STAGE

TWO" immunity, he can get re-infected but the new infection will be milder than the first. However, even more importantly, he can be an ASYMPTOMATIC CARRIER for two to three weeks.

Therefore Dr.Moskowitz concluded that since for many individuals can already once again unknowingly become asymptomatic carriers, he considers it to be extremely SELFISH not to wear a mask in PUBLIC, especially inside buildings, just because it's inconvenient or uncomfortable.

MORE ABOUT MARKS

To the Class of 11A:

With this "class", we conclude a two year "journey" together. It has truly been wonderful having the exact same class 2 years straight, a "zchus" that I am sure your Rabbeim would want also.

To the Class of 11B:

It seems that as soon as we were finally getting to know each other, we had to disband due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

However, we will be seeing each other B'Ezras Hashem in Elul in the Mirrer Bais HaMedrash. Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Your marks will be divided into 2 categories.

A numerical mark for your report card, and a letter mark A,B,C,D as your Regents replacement mark. A+ means over 90 plus HONORS.

In addition, all HONORS students who did truly exceptional writing on both ARGUMENTS, will be receiving a SEFER from me.

I will be contacting individually each of the HONORS students by phone, and I am looking forward to presenting the SEFER to each of you in person in Elul, B'Ezras Hashem.

Wishing you all an enjoyable healthy Summer.

Rabbi E. Isralewitz

638. A. I suppose that your optimism is augmented by the fact that you have an umbrella.

G. "Who is wise? He who sees the future" (Tamid 32 A). *Neglect to look ahead is one of the prime causes of unhappiness, and thus the Creator is blamed.* "The folly of a man perverts his path, and his heart is wroth against G-d" (Mishle 19:3). Because he fails to look ahead, he comes into conflict with G-d's benevolence. One who overeats, disparages the value of food; a quarrelsome man complains against the blessings of marriage and of kin and neighbors. By practicing foresight, *most* evils can be avoided; and one can more readily recognize the Creator's kindness. "The prudent man sees harm and hides; and fools go on (*Avru*: to go on, or *transgress*) and are *punished*" (Mishle 22:3).

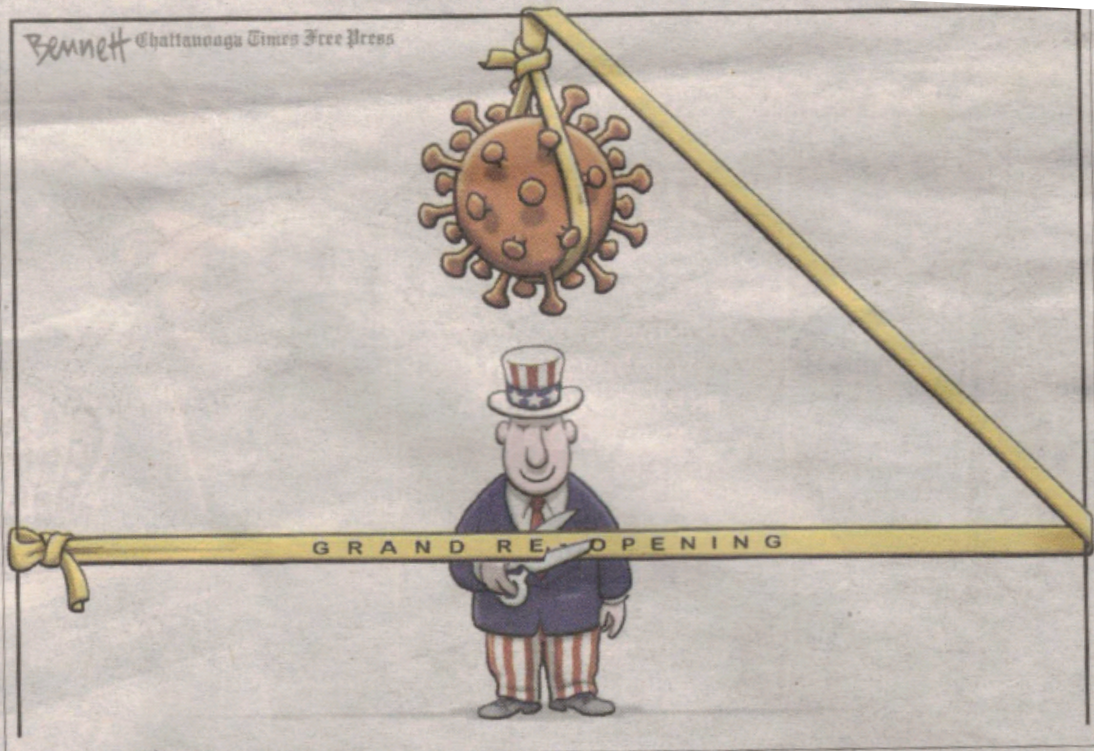
639. A. Which means: failure to look ahead is *transgression*, and incurs punishment.

G. "Every one who follows these ways which we teach, *is guaranteed by me* that he shall not be sick during his lifetime until he becomes very old . . . and he shall never need a physician, and that his body shall be always perfect and well; unless his body was imperfect from the beginning, or that he had in his earlier years conducted himself improperly, or in the event of an epidemic or famine" (RMBM, Deos 4:20).

642. A. Can one forestall every misfortune?

G. Even RMBM's remarkable guarantee leaves over numerous exceptions. G-d rewards the prudent, but He alone is the final arbiter. Even the greatest minds may be foiled. But the righteous make use of *every* situation.

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QUESTION: What lesson can we learn from the D-Day invasion of Europe which occurred 76 years ago this week?

ANSWER: I remember on D-Day in my Shul in Boston, people came and we said *tehillim*. Hitler had announced, and it was accepted by the entire Germanic people, that now there's a new order in Europe; the German Reich would last a thousand years. He was **all** powerful. At that time nobody challenged him, and **now** *Hakadosh Baruch Hu* showed a *mapala* of the *reshoim*. As soon as the Allies landed on the European coast they started destroying the armies of the Nazis.

Now that's an important lesson, we have to know that sooner or later the *tzedek* will conquer; wickedness does not last in this world. People look only for the moment, **all** the *reshaim* that you see who seem to be successful, you watch and you'll see what's going to happen. The end is always unsuccessful and unhappy. Hitler didn't realize that someday he'll have to commit suicide to save himself. And so D-Day was the beginning of the retribution on the **wicked**. It's very important for us to keep in mind, that beforehand nobody could see any **end** to his power. Nobody dreamed that he would come to such an end. He was wiped out quickly – the entire Nazi regime was wiped out.

In the times of the communist regime in Russia, it was **unthinkable** that this would ever stop. Jews in Russia gave up their identity. Except for small groups here and there, otherwise they gave up their identity. They stopped circumcising themselves, they spoke Russian, and many intermarried with Russian gentiles, and they thought from now on equality for all peoples, the communist regime will spread all over the world, all the nations are following us, and therefore it seemed forever and ever.

Who would have dreamed the time would come when the whole thing would collapse like a big bubble, and nothing would remain of the communist regime **at all!**

And so we have to learn that sooner or later *Hashem* brings a *mapala* on the *reshaim*. And so everything that happens in this world is for our lesson, so D-Day comes to teach us, the *mapala* of the *reshaim* is **imminent!**

When Rome was all-powerful, they destroyed the *Bais Hamikdash*, there were some Jews who were very much dispirited. How could such a thing happen? Rome ruled all over Europe, from Great Britain down into Africa – everywhere they were supreme. Did they dream that some day would come and Rome would no longer exist **at all**? The entire Roman culture – its religion, and its government would be wiped out of existence from the face of the earth? Nobody dreamed that.

And so when we see the conduct of history by Hashem, it teaches us that *sof kol sof*, the wickedness is destroyed.