

A Zoom Tisch is Still a Tisch!

An Invitation for Shabbat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim

Hi family,

I want you to do me a quick favor before we talk a little *tachlis*, okay? I want you to scoot your chair away from the table or put your phone down, and I want you to close your eyes and just take a couple of deep breaths.

Go ahead. Take your time; I'm not going anywhere.

Sorry, not trying to be a *nuddnik*, but I know that all of us could benefit from a reminder to recenter and add a little calm into our lives these days.

Okay! Now, let's get to it. I'm going to keep this brief, because I'm hoping that this message can help serve as a bridge to a little experiment we are trying out on Shabbatot immediately following services called, "Rabbi's Tisch."

The idea is to be able to have full access to Rabbi Starr or myself every Shabbos and to ask anything and everything that may be on your mind about Judaism, Jewish life, culture, identity, theology, etc., and to do so without any fear of embarrassment or judgment - which, to be honest, is something that Judaism could have benefited from for quite some time, because, let's face it, this tradition of ours can be complicated!

So here's where you come in. Rather than putting you on the spot via Zoom after our services finish on Shabbat morning, we're going to try to write out our questions ahead of time. I'm including a link to a Google Form at the end of this message, where you can write your questions and they will be sent over to me personally. We will get to as many as we can, and again, if you'd like for your question to be asked anonymously, just let me know!

Ask as many questions as you'd like, and feel free to be candid. There's not a whole lot that's considered too taboo for discussion in Jewish tradition (the Talmud is good evidence of that), so don't worry about offending anyone, and definitely do not worry about something that we far too often qualify as being "a stupid question."

THERE IS NO SUCH THING!

I'm looking forward to sharing my thoughts and opening up some good conversation. Until then, everyone, please stay safe and healthy. Wash your hands, take care of one another, and remember to breathe!

Meredith, Elior, and I wish you a beautiful and peaceful Shabbat, and we look forward to seeing you after services for the Rabbi's Tisch.

Shabbat shalom u'mevurach!

-Rabbi Yoni

GOOGLE FORM LINK: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePshKUHMpQK8XeP0dhuMyGri3N2F-am3DhBGmt0XHh8dgvYA/viewform?usp=sf_link

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