



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Torah
Tidbits

Dear Torah Tidbits Family,

I hope this note finds you safe and healthy, be”H.

One of the highlights of *Simchat Torah* is the moment we begin the Torah again from *B'reishit*. The *Chattan B'reishit* is called to the Torah and with his blessing the cycle of reading *Parshat Hashavua* is renewed.

This week's edition of Torah Tidbits also contains within it the excitement of restarting the *parshiot* of the Torah. In the coming weeks and months be”H we will share together uplifting insights from the weekly parsha, penetrating divrei Torah, and pertinent information geared to helping guide you with the *halachot* and *minhagim* that we observe throughout the coming year.

Over the past weeks I was so grateful to read many of your emails, notes of thanks, and *chizuk* during these trying days.

I received a very touching note from a young woman who recently made aliyah. She described how she was informed suddenly that she would

have to enter '*bidud*' due to a co-worker having COVID-19. It was just hours before Rosh Hashanah when she received this information. She found herself passing the OU Israel Center and hoped that she could find a copy of Torah Tidbits. She did.

Copies were sitting at the entrance of the building as they do each week. She described in her note how that edition of Torah Tidbits was a source of true comfort for her as she read and reread the many divrei Torah. Perhaps most importantly, she thanked us for helping her navigate the holiday prayers that she had recited for the first time alone, not in a Shul.

I must thank the many wonderful staff members here at the OU Israel, along with many volunteers who give a great deal of time and effort in order that each of you can enjoy your copy of Torah Tidbits.

Enjoy it! We hope it offers inspiration and that you gain from its Torah wisdom and helpful content.

May we soon emerge from these challenging days and be together in person again - with an even greater sense of oneness and love!

Shabbat Shalom,

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