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# CER's programme of chizuk for the Three Weeks

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With the reopening and return of Jewish life in shuls, the leadership of the Conference of the European Rabbis has initiated a plan to restore communities centred on "Holiness of Life and Remembrance of the Dead." From 17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz, and during the Three Weeks, rabbis will teach the works of Lithuanian Rabbonim with the worshippers every day in memory of COVID 19 victims. Dayan Chanoch Ehrentreu, Rosh Beis Din of Europe, President of the Conference Rabbi Goldschmidt, CEO of the Standing Committee, Dayan Menachem Gelley and the Rabbinical Director of the Conference and head of the yeshiva "Toras Chaim," Rabbi Lebel will give the rabbis a series of halocho shiurim. Rabbi Goldschmidt said: "On the days when we mourn the destruction of the Beis Hamikdosh and painfully remember the heavy blow we absorbed, we should rejoice in the return to the beis-midrash and strengthen our knowledge".

The rabbis in the communities will also learn the sefer "Ahavas Chesed" written by the Chofetz Chaim about the care for one's neighbour. "It is being learnt to increase the number of the acts of chessed in a time when many members of the community lost their livelihood, the elderly are in solitude and the fear and death has risen in many families.

In his letter to the rabbis of the communities Rabbi Goldschmidt wrote: "Today we should rejoice in the return to the botei midrashim, but we should, as the great Lithuanian Rabbis wrote, strengthen the sanctity of the shul and relations between people. At the same time, we will remember those taken from us by the COVID-19, including leading rabbis, public figures and other members of many communities. We will remember them by learning Mishnayos. We all feel it is necessary. And we pray and hope that in the plan of return to the shul that the leadership of the Conference has formulated, we will redevelop kehillas throughout the continent, support the connection we have and all of us will merit the building of our Holy City and Beis Hamikdosh.

Rabbi Lebel said: "The coronavirus period has revealed opposing phenomena. On the one hand, as a result of the closure of the shuls, Jews have moved away and must be brought back to their Jewish spiritual home. On the other hand, precisely during the days of locking the gates, a great thirst was felt and the number of participants in remote davening and learning programmes was far greater than the number of regular participants in community life and its institutions before the epidemic. Now it is necessary to pave the way to their hearts and bring them to the shuls. This is the mission of the CER: to resume Jewish life as it was across the continent".



The Great Synagogue of Frankfurt

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