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Subject: IMPORTANT: Rimonim hybrid service this Shabbat, Jan 21 !!

Dear Friends,

Nearly three years ago, TeleTefila grew out of two of Ansche Chesed's minyanim: the West Side Minyan and Minyan Rimonim. In that time, we've grown into a strong and supportive chevra.

On January 21st, Minyan Rimonim will try a hybrid service with some people in person on the 6th floor of Ansche Chesed and others participating via ZOOM. This is definitely an experiment, with davening and leining by both folks in person and remote.

There will be differences from what you're used to at TeleTefila. If we have a minyan in person by 10:45 am, we'll repeat the Shacharit Amida, take out the sefer Torah, and have aliyot. We will not have some of the TeleTefila innovations such as "Good News" and Aliya Chatima.

We've tested the tech needed for hybrid services and it works. Tests were conducted at TeleTefila World HQ, twice at Ansche Chesed. plus a dress rehearsal at Ansche Chesed. There will, of course, be changes and improvements as we go along.

We thank the Hybrid Task Force (consisting of Marge, Michael B, and Paul Breese-Garelick from Temple Beth Am in Rochester NY), under the sage leadership of Percival and Ethelred, for guiding us through the complexities we faced. Thanks also to Iris, Marge, Miriam H-K, and Ralph for helping with the dress rehearsal. And to Nos, who was always available to lend a helping hand. We couldn't have gotten to this point without the cooperation and assistance of Josh Hanft and Tony Vicioso of Ansche Chesed. In addition, Jeremy G, Anne and Ellen raised important questions that helped us formulate our plans.

If all goes according to plan, *b'li ayin hara*, Minyan Rimonim will return to its previous schedule of meeting on the first and third Shabbat of each month. The WSM hasn't decided its path forward yet. In any event, TeleTefila will hold its familiar ZOOM services on Shabbat and holidays when neither minyan is doing so. Of course, Kaffeeklatsch, Havdalah, Kiddush L'vana, the Book Club, etc., will continue as before.

If you can, please attend our very first hybrid service, in person, this Shabbat, January 21 at 10:00 am SHARP, on the 6th floor of Ansche Chesed, 251 West 100 St (at Broadway) in Manhattan. Your help in making a minyan will be very much appreciated. The Shabbat elevator is not currently working, but a staffer will be operating it. Details about elevator service will (*b'li neder*) be sent out soon.

The ZOOM information for this Shabbat, Jan 21, can be found here: <http://www.teletefila.com/login.html#connecting> .

Thank you,

Iris, Ilana, and Jacob
Rimonim Vaad

Aloysius
for TeleTefila



Percival and Ethelred supervising the dress rehearsal on June 8, 2023, with Marge participating via ZOOM.