

# **One Rainy Friday in the Time of the Wuhan Virus**

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**Staying indoors is a privilege**, not a punishment, when it is raining outside—as it is today in Manhattan. My weather app tells me that the humidity is 92% and the risk of flu is “high in my area.” Thus, it’s a perfect day to do what I usually do: Read, write, and edit manuscript pages as I listen to classical music, scour my emails, and read articles.

I have more time to read books, which is the greatest luxury imaginable. I always read commentaries on the Torah, such as Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sack’s commentaries *Covenant and Conversation*