

I am writing my Elul Story on the same day that my husband, Ira, and I should have been on an airplane traveling to Africa for a two week tour/safari of Kenya and Tanzania. In a long list of plans cancelled since the coronavirus became part of our vocabulary and the avoidance of the coronavirus became the essential part of our lives, the most important lesson that I want to share after reading many news stories about people, who don't follow rules, is...

Reflections 2020 -

The Choices You Make Or My Life Is In Your Hands By: Sandy Cohen

I am Seventy Years Old
And if I may be bold
Sheltering in place is leaving me cold
And, YOU, without your mask, I WANT TO SCOLD!

This is not how I envisioned each Golden Year
So let me make clear
I had travels and places to go far and near
Africa, Asia, America, Cruises and Animals from Lion to Bear
Each cancellation I make causes me to tear
Although getting the coronavirus is my biggest fear.

Every day the news shows me that I am smart to wait
Since giving up your freedom you would hate
Social distancing for you should not be up for debate
And your selfish choices are really not great
My only hope is that when you get smart, it's not too late
To seal the finality of our fate!

Now I beseech
Each and every one of you, who believes Life Is A Beach
Please know your callousness and lack of concern puts
 Coronavirus within our reach
And that, and that alone,
 IS THE LESSON I WANT TO TEACH!

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