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Parshat Shemini
April 14, 2018 29 Nisan, 5778

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Today's Congregational Kiddush will take place in the Belzberg Weisberg Social Hall on the lower level.

Heartfelt condolences to Sonja & Sid Tarek and Family on the passing of Sonja's mother, Faye Frydman. Shiva details on the Benjamin's website.

Mazel Tov to all of the Burko Family— on the birth of a baby boy, first child for Robby & Rebecca Burko.

Adult Education with Rabbi Haber
From our Ancestors to our Decendants
Tuesday, April 17 | 7pm

A Minyan has been requested by Members of Beth Radom Wishing to say Kaddish Monday, April 16 at 7:30am



Beth Radom hosts morning minyan on a daily basis.

As some members are currently saying Kaddish, we ask that you make every effort to attend morning services as regularly as possible to help achieve a minyan each day.

Please attend. It's a Mitzvah!

CANDLE LIGHTING & SERVICE TIMES:

Friday, April 13, 2018 Light Candles at 7:41pm
Saturday, April 14, 2018 Shabbat ends at 8:50pm
Friday, April 20, 2018 Light Candles at 7:49pm
Saturday, April 21, 2018 Shabbat ends at 8:58pm
Sunday Mornings-9:00 am - Weekday Mornings-7:30 am

J-SERVE invites Jewish TEENS in grades 6 - 12 to unite for an afternoon of community service & improvement projects. Tackle issues like poverty, hunger, homelessness, genocide, human rights, health, bullying and inclusion..
Sunday, April 15th | 2pm to 6pm
Lebovic Jewish Community Centre, 9600 Bathurst St, Vaughan
Register at www.jserve.ca

Check out our UPDATED Museum GALLERY!

The display cases in the lower foyer are being transformed into a museum of Radom artifacts and memorabilia! If you have anything that your family is willing to part with, to entrust to our care, to add to this museum, we are most appreciative. Our search list includes, but is not limited to, plaques, photos, paperwork, hand written letters, booklets, flyers, old landing papers – anything related to the once thriving, Jewish, City of Radom. And of course we are looking for funding streams to expand the presentation space.
Contact Allan afryman@rogers.com for more information



Volunteering at BINGO is FUN!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the April 29th and May 14th sessions!

The next available volunteer opportunities are:
Monday, May 28 | 8pm – midnight
Sunday, June 3 | 8pm – midnight
To volunteer, please contact miriam@bethradom.com or 416-636-3451 x24

A Prayer For Healing

Mi she berach avoteinu מי שברך: אבותינו,
M'kor hab'racha l'imoteinu מקור הברכה לאמותינו
May the source of strength, who blessed the ones before us;
Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing.

Mi she berach imoteinu, מי שברך: אמותינו
M'kor hab'racha l'avoteinu מקור הברכה לאבותינו
Bless those in need of healing with refuah sh'lema
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit, and let us say: Amen

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We wish Refuah Sh'lema to:
Ilsa Mathues Henry Icyk Joe Levitan
Marc Rochweg Allan Fryman Esther Icyk
Dorothy Shessel Anice Stark Joel Zeger
Phillip Shadlesky Abe Swimmer Rachel Akierman
Sam Weisberg Rosa Weisberg Gerald Robinson
Harry Leichner Ruth Leichner Nelson Ludwig

With Reverence, We Honour The Yahrzeits of:

Eli Majer Weisberg	Late Father of Sam Weisberg
Sharon Gelman	Late Mother of Lisa Gelman
Shane Okorofsky	Late Son of Stanley Okorofsky
David Shadlesky	Late Father of Seymour Shadlesky and Laura Greenberg
Janet Korn	Late Sister of Patricia Weinstein
Ruth Rothman	Late Mother of Charles Rothman
Ralph Horowitz	Late Brother of Rosa Weisberg
Rita Rohringer	Late Wife of Kurt Rohringer
Phoebe Jacobs	Late Mother of Sheila Miles

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

Henry Goldenberg	Bayla Katz	Arlene Solomon
Ronald Rubinoff	Corinne Rochweg	Sheri Weeks
Simone Mandelman	Carly Levitt	Rebecca Ravas
Noah Rich	Elisheva Lavi	Allan Fryman
		Serena Reiter

Happy Anniversary Wishes to:

Jeffrey & Kerry Bernknopf 27th Anniversary

Beth Radom welcomes NEW MEMBERS anytime!
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DID YOU KNOW that Jewish Day School Families
receive an additional 25% off Membership at Beth Radom

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THE BLESSING FOR STUDY:

Barukh attah Adonai ברוך אתה
Eloheinu melekh ha-olam אלהינו מלך-העולם
asher qidshanu b'mitzvotav אשר קדשנו במצותיו
v'tzivanu la-asoq b'divrei Torah. וצונו לעסוק בדברי-תורה.
Praised are you Adonai, our God, eternal Sovereign of the Universe, Who sanctified us with [God's] commandments and enjoined upon us to study Torah.

“May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.”

--Peter Marshall (1902-1949), author and theologian

The Torah likes separating things... all kinds of things. Most of us know about separating meat and dairy, but there really is much more to it: it is also forbidden to wear a garment that contains a mixture of wool and linen ('shatnez'), you can't sow a mixture of different seeds in the same field ('kilayim'), you can't plow using an ox and a donkey yoked together. If you visit a more orthodox community, you will see men and women separated to varying degrees, from a simple rope down the middle of a synagogue ('mechitza'), to local ordinances restricting men and women to separately designated sides of the sidewalk, and using separate entrances to public buildings. We also do a lot of separating holy from profane, such as the ritual of separating the end of Shabbat from the regular weekday is called "Havdalah", "the separation". We separate kosher from treif, ritually pure from the ritually impure, and I, personally, find it rather amusing that in the Talmud, the euphemism used in Aramaic for 'going to the bathroom' also translates to 'making a separation'.

What's with all the separating? Our modern sensibilities teach us to be averse to separation; togetherness is the overarching

philosophy that guides most of what we believe to be socially beneficial. Borders and walls that separate 'us' from 'them' are bad, unity and a welcoming spirit is good. Exclusivity and privilege are bad, while inclusivity and equal opportunity are good. Invoking a highly controversial topic such as immigration policy quickly rouses some strong views, but for the most part, I think we all agree that in an ideal and perfect world, all people should be welcome everywhere. It is only over how much risk to take, sacrificing personal security and economic prosperity that compel us to pick our sides of the immigration argument. Meanwhile, contrary to popular ideology, it seems that Jewish tradition likes separating things, and indeed, jumps on every opportunity to do just that.

In this week's parsha, Shmini, we learn about all kinds of separation. We are told we can only eat those animals that have split hooves and chew their cud. We also learn that we can only eat those sea creatures with both fins and scales. The Torah lists various birds which are prohibited to eat, and the four categories of locusts which are kosher (yes, some locusts are kosher!). But after listing all of the various rules and regulations about which animals are kosher and which are not, the Torah gives us an explanation as to why. "For I the Lord am your God: you shall sanctify yourselves and be holy, for I am holy." (Lev. 11:44).

Obviously, this answer does not give us much clue as to what is so special about split hooves and cud, as so in that respect we are left to wonder and speculate. However, inherent in the answer we are given, there is a suggestion that the issue about split hooves and cud is actually completely beside the point.

God intends for us to be a holy people, and the act of separating is part of the means to achieve that holiness. Separation, in this case, is simply the practice of self-restraint. When we restrict ourselves, we show discipline, forethought, measure and purpose, all of which are among the basic building blocks of holiness. God also tells us that he will make Israel an "Am Segulah", "a nation apart"; that is, a separate and distinguished people. And perhaps it is with this intention that the Torah offers most of its seemingly arbitrary rules, for no other reason than to have some rules at all, to have a challenge that we are meant to overcome, and an opportunity to distinguish ourselves. The Mishnah teaches "God wanted to reward Israel, and so he gave them Torah and Mitzvot" (N'zikin 3:16). That's the direct translation, but I have my own translation that I think is just as valid: "God wanted to give Israel the opportunity to be rewarded, and so he gave them Torah and Mitzvot." The reward for observing these laws of separation, of mastering self-restraint, is holiness.

Shabbat Shalom,
--ChazJ


The Jewish View of Organ Donation
Monday, April 16 at 7:30 pm

Contrary to popular perception, Judaism supports the donation of organs to save lives.
Come hear from expert rabbis and people whose lives have been touched by organ donation.

Guest Speakers

Joanne Shinwell <i>Donor Family</i>	Anne Bedford <i>Organ Recipient</i>
Rabbi Reuven Bulka <i>Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Machzikei Hadas, Ottawa Former Board Chair, Trillium Gift of Life Network</i>	
Rabbi Geoffrey Haber <i>Beth Radom Congregation Director of Spiritual Care, Baycrest</i>	Temple Kol Ami 36 Atkinson Ave Thornhill

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ATTENTION!!!
Parents of kids
Grade 4 & up!

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Info
Sessions will be held at
Waldorf School | April 15
Beth Radom | April 22
Presentations | 9:30am

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to start thinking about how to
make this very special day
meaningful & stress-free!
Get answers to all your
Bar/Bat Mitzvah questions!!



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