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Parshat Ekev

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Today's Congregational Kiddush is sponsored by Margo & David Kardish in celebration of David's upcoming birthday. It will take place in the Belzberg Weisberg Social Hall on the lower level.

Mazel Tov to new grandparents Phil & Dianne Naiman on the safe arrival of their grandson Rory, first child for Janelle & Marshall.

Heartfelt condolences to Ruth Leichner and Family on the passing of her husband, Harry Leichner. Details can be found on the Benjamin's website.

Heartfelt condolences to Jordan & Melissa Cait and Family on the passing of Melissa's father, Martin Shaw. Details can be found on the Benjamin's website.



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Saturday, August 4 Shabbat ends at 9:27pm
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Friday, August 10 Light Candles at 8:11pm
Saturday, August 11 Shabbat ends at 9:18pm
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We wish Refuah Sh'lema to:

Howie Meyer	Joe Levitan	Bella Davidson
Joel Zeger	Dorothy Shessel	Allan Fryman
Rachel Akierman	Phillip Shadlesky	Anice Stark
Gerald Robinson	Sam Weisberg	Abe Swimmer
Ilsa Matheus	Ruth Leichner	Rosa Weisberg

With Reverence, We Honour The Yahrzeits of:

Goldie Appel	Late Mother of Carol Lithwick
Anne Tinianov	Late Mother of Richard Tinianov
Marek Kirschner	Late Father of Rita Bresler
Irwin Rosen	Late Father of Joe Rosen
Aisik Tinianov	Late Grandfather of Richard Tinianov
Ezra Moses	Late Brother of Abraham Moses
Lily Glass	Late Mother of Frieda Himelfarb
Toni Kirschner	Late Mother of Rita Bresler
Tillie Fichtenbaum	Late Aunt of Pearl Rosen
	Late Sister-In-Law of Frances Fichtenbaum
Harry Wasserman	Late Father of Arlene Nisker

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

Dorothy Shessel	David Kardish	Lottie Glass
Shira Hershenfeld	Rebecca Bahar	Oliver Nisker
Pamela Freedman	Shirley Sazant	Betsy Haber-Riesz
		Arthur Birnbaum

Happy Anniversary Wishes To:

Henry & Esther Icyk	46 th Anniversary
David & Gail Chippin	35 th Anniversary
Thomas & Risa Burko	42 nd Anniversary

THE BLESSING FOR STUDY:

Barukh attah Adonai	ברוך אתה ה'
Eloheinu melekh ha-olam	אלהינו מלך-העולם
asher qidshanu b'mitzvotav	אשר קדשנו במצותיו
v'tzivanu la-asoq b'divrei Torah.	וצונו לעסק 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.

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“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”

--William Arthur Ward (1921-1994), American writer

Greetings from Havana!

This week, I am honoured to be visiting with the Jewish community of Havana. They are a small but remarkable community, who thrive in large part thanks to the support from Jewish communities around the world such as ours. The largest synagogue in Cuba, Beth Shalom in Havana, is a Conservative synagogue that operates an amazing public service out of their own building, something similar to a soup kitchen... but instead of serving food, they offer free over-the-counter pharmaceutical supplies to the needy. Items that we in Toronto often take for granted, like ibuprofen and infant diapers, are both hard to find (primarily due to the American embargo against Cuba, which may fortunately reach an end in the near future), and impossibly expensive for locals the rare occasion that they are available. Thanks to the generosity of the Beth Radom community, I am here with an entire suitcase full of supplies for the Beth Shalom Pharmacy.

As I write, please consider that I am aiming to be careful with my words, as I am here, enjoying Cuban hospitality.

I had a conversation with a local shop-keeper who explained the reality of his lifestyle to me as follows (paraphrased). “If all I have in the world is a banana, I am required to give my banana to the government. The government will then cut up my banana and give me back only a piece of it, and then give pieces to all of my neighbours. But I also know that I will never go hungry, and neither will my neighbours.” There has always been an historical connection between Jews and socialism. Following the Holocaust, the Jewish International Labour Bund, a socialist political organization, was founded in New York City. Today, kibbutzim in Israel operate under socialist ideologies in which all wealth and services are shared equally by the community members. Here in Cuba, the Jewish community supports their government. They do not have much, but what they have, they are not only extremely grateful for, but are more than willing to share. Every Shabbat, Beth Shalom organizes a kiddish, similar to our own, feeding about 70 people, many are young adults under 21. So what? Don't most shuls have a kiddish? Sure, but this community does it without the kind of resources that we have, and for many of these wonderful people, this kiddish is the only meal that they will have today. Beth Shalom is both proud and grateful for what they have, and they share it with open hearts.

In this week's parsha, Ekev, Moses teaches the assembled People of Israel about saying Birkat Hamazon, and it is a beautiful lesson in gratitude. “You shall eat and be sated, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you” (Deut. 8:10). Eat? Of course! Enjoy the wonderful food that this world has to offer (keep it kosher!), but we must be grateful – why? “[God] would make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but rather by whatever comes forth from the mouth of the Lord does man live” (Deut. 8:3).

Why is it that it is impossible to buy happiness? Because happiness isn't in having 'things'. Some may argue that people like you and I do not have the right to be saying such things because we cannot appreciate what it truly means to have nothing. It's true, perhaps we don't have the right. But then again, how can we account for the fact that some people who indeed have absolutely nothing, may still have happiness. The Jewish community of Havana does not have nearly the same kinds of luxuries that we are accustomed to, but here, happiness exists. That is because we, as Jewish people, have known since the time of Moses that happiness is not in 'having' things, but having 'gratitude for' things. It is in gratitude that we are able to take stock of ourselves and celebrate all that God has blessed us with, whether we have much or little.

Shabbat Shalom and Thanks.

--ChazJ

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A Minyan has been requested by members of Beth Radom wishing to say Kaddish on

Sunday, August 5th at 9am

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!



Beth Radom hosts a daily morning minyan
Weekdays | 7:30am Sundays & Stat Holidays | 9am

Members: Call or email the shul office request a minyan!

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 volunteers for Bingo!
The next available volunteer opportunities are:
Friday, September 21
(3 shifts to choose from!)
8am-12noon, 11am-3pm and/or 2pm-6pm
To volunteer, please contact
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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.

and let us say: Amen.
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