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**Parsha Vayakhel-Pekudai - Shabbat Parah**

**March 10, 2018 23 Adar, 5778**

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Today's Congregational Kiddush is sponsored by the Landau Family celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Faye. It will take place in the Belzberg Weisberg Social Hall on the lower level.

Mazel Tov to Faye Landau and all of her family celebrating today. Following services, invited guests of the Landau Family are invited to the Bojman Bresler Social Hall adjoining the sanctuary.

Heartfelt condolences to Dorothy, Sanford & Ida, Larry & Arlene and all of the Shessel Family on the passing of David Shessel. Shiva sits at 8 Edmund Seager Dr., Thornhill. Visitors welcome Sunday to Tuesday - 1:30 to 5pm and 6:45 to 9pm Davening: Mornings at Beth Radom, Evenings at Shiva House - 7pm

**Come and help pack Passover Food Drive Boxes!**

Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:45-1:45 pm  
 at the National Council of Jewish Women  
 4700 Bathurst Street, Toronto

Please RSVP to [info@bethradom.com](mailto:info@bethradom.com) Space is limited.  
 Open to kids & adults of all ages.



**CANDLE LIGHTING & SERVICE TIMES:**

Friday, March 9, 2018 Light Candles at 5:58 pm  
 Saturday, March 10, 2018 Shabbat ends at 7:08 pm  
**SATURDAY NIGHT REMINDER! Spring ahead 1 hour!**  
 Friday, March 16, 2018 Light Candles at 7:07 pm  
 Saturday, March 17, 2018 Shabbat ends at 8:16 pm  
 Sunday Mornings-9:00 am - Weekday Mornings-7:30 am

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

Sunday, March 11 | 9am  
 Monday, March 12 | 7:30am  
 Tuesday, March 13 | 7:30am



As some members are currently Sitting Shiva or 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!

Rabbi Haber's Adult Education Class **is cancelled on Tuesday, March 13**  
 Please join Rabbi Haber for **Passover University**  
 Tuesday, March 20 at 7pm

**Check out Beth Radom's 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](mailto:afryman@rogers.com) for more information

**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

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**We wish Refuah Sh'lema to:**

Marc Rochweg	Allan Fryman	Joel Zeger
Frank Kerman	Dorothy Shessel	Anice Stark
Rachel Akierman	Abe Swimmer	Gerald Robinson
Sam Weisberg	Rosa Weisberg	Nelson Ludwig
Harry Leichner	Ruth Leichner	Phillip Shadlesky

**With Reverence, We Honour The Yahrzeits of:**

Alex Mishevski	Father	Lucian Michaels
Kay March	Mother-in-law	Marlene March
Renee Bailin	Mother	Ida Shessel
Lila Bernknopf	Mother	Jeffrey Bernknopf
Marion Dyson	Sister	Dasha Vinsky
Zelda Lang	Mother	Martin Lang
Samuel Grossman	Brother	Sadie Katz
Abraham Glass	Father	Rosalie Goldberg

**Happy Birthday Wishes to:**

Kate Pearlman	Emma Vernon
Rabbi Dr. Geoffrey Haber	Sheldon Katz

**Happy Anniversary Wishes to:**

John & Sheri Weeks 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



**VOLUNTEER for BINGO** It's fun!

Upcoming sessions:  
**Saturday, March 17 11pm – 3pm**  
[miriam@bethradom.com](mailto:miriam@bethradom.com) or 416-636-3451 x24



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**RABBINIC REFLECTIONS**  
**PARSHAT 'VAYAQEL-PEQUDEI'**

Rabbi Dr. Geoffrey Haber, MA, DMin, DD

When I was a younger rabbi working in Chicago, I was invited to my uncle and aunt's 40th wedding anniversary party in Montreal. I was extremely busy, with two individuals expected to pass away imminently and felt I was just too busy to get away for the family simcha. Two weeks later, my uncle died of a heart attack and I went to the funeral; indeed, I conducted it. Later I turned to Gilah and said, "If I can make time to come to a funeral, I should be able to make time to come to a simcha." Since then, I have never missed a family simcha. Unlike the procrastinator, who says, "Why do today what you can put off until tomorrow," I say, "Why put off until tomorrow what you can do today." This is an important lesson that we learn in this week's double portion, which concludes the Book of Exodus (Sefer Shemot).

The latter half of the book, once the Ten Commandments are given, deals with the instruction to build the Mishkan, the Sanctuary that accompanied the Israelites throughout their desert wanderings. After elaborately giving instructions to the Israelites over the past few Torah readings, in today's portion, the Israelites actually build the structure in accordance with the previously given instructions. And, essentially, the Torah repeats what we already read, as the Torah describes how each element was made just as instructed. Even the great medieval commentator Rashi has almost nothing new to add.

However, because we trust the belief of our Sages that there is nothing superfluous in the Torah, we continue to search these portions for lessons to learn and discover that the Torah does have important things to teach us. Rabbi Joyce Newmark of NJ, in her reflections on this portion, points out that near the beginning of this week's reading, we learn that Moses asked the people to donate the materials needed to make the Mishkan. The men and women responded generously, so much so that the Torah says (Exodus.36.5-6): "The artisans who were engaged in the tasks of the sanctuary came . . . and said to Moses, "The people are bringing more than is needed for the tasks entailed in the work that the Lord has commanded to be done." Moses thereupon had this proclamation made throughout the camp – let no man or woman make further effort toward gifts for the sanctuary." Newmark writes: "Certainly, this was the first – and very possibly the last – time in the history of Jewish fundraising that people were told to stop donating.

However, as Moses' accounting shows, all the donations were used for their intended purpose, with nothing left over for operating expenses or an endowment fund."

According to the midrash Tanhuma, it took only two days to collect all of the materials needed for the Mishkan. That being the case, there must have been hundreds, even thousands, of people who had things they sincerely wanted to contribute to the project, but they waited – just a little bit—and thus missed out on the opportunity. Perhaps they had something else they wanted to finish first, or they got distracted. Perhaps they were tired or the weather was lousy. "I'll get to it tomorrow or maybe the next day," they thought. But suddenly, it was too late. Everything that was needed had been collected and the procrastinators lost their chance to be part of this most holy effort. Newmark concludes: "We never know how much time we have. We go around assuming we can take care of this or that task tomorrow or next week, and quite often this is fine. Our parasha reminds us that sometimes putting it off for even a day or two means you will be too late." What we learn is precisely the hard lesson I learned with my uncle's passing: Don't put off to tomorrow what you can do today!

So, as Rabbi Newmark emphasizes, if it's really important to make that phone call, thank someone who helped you, visit a family member, see the doctor, offer an apology, buy a gift, or say, "I love you," don't wait until it's too late; do it now!

Shabbat Shalom!



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