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**Parshat Vayelech – Shabbat Shuva
September 15, 2018 6 Tishrei 5779**

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

Last minute visitors? Extra tickets for Yom Kippur will be available until 12 noon on Tuesday, September 18.

Special Pricing for Parents & Adult Children of Members

Email office@bethradom.com or call 416-636-3451 ext.24

Yom Kippur begins at Sunset on Tuesday, September 18th

Tickets are required for entrance to the High Holiday Services

G'mar Chatima Tova!

We still have a few Lev Shalem High Holiday Prayer Books available for purchase. Please call the office on Monday and enjoy Beth Radom's High Holiday Service to the fullest!

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CANDLE LIGHTING & SERVICE TIMES:

Friday, September 14 Light Candles at 7:10pm

Shabbat Mornings - Service begins at 9:30am

Saturday, September 15 Shabbat ends at 8:17pm

Tuesday, September 18 Light Candles at 7:03pm

Wednesday, September 19 Fast Ends at 8:11pm

Friday, September 21 Light Candles at 6:58pm

Saturday, September 22 Shabbat ends at 8:04pm

Monday- Friday - Daily Minyan begins at 7:30am

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starting at \$300**

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**Tuesdays
Oct 9, 16 & 23
7pm
Adult Education
with
Rabbi Haber**

coping with compassion fatigue

Registration required – email office@bethradom.com

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018
SAVE THE DATE FOR SHIR CHADASH
Beth Radom's 4th Annual Chanukah Extravaganza!
Cantor Magda Fishman, Chazzan Jeremy Burko
And the Yonge Guns Quartet!**

Details to follow!

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We wish Refuah Sh'lema to:

Howie Meyer

Joel Zeger

Rachel Akierman

Gerald Robinson

Ilsa Matheus

Joe Levitan

Dorothy Shessel

Phillip Shadlesky

Sam Weisberg

Ruth Leichner

Bella Davidson

Allan Fryman

Anice Stark

Abe Swimmer

Rosa Weisberg

Do you know Beth Radom members who would benefit from Clergy outreach or should be part of our Refuah Sh'lema list? Please contact the shul office. We assure you of confidentiality.

With Reverence, We Honour The Yahrzeits of:

Antonia Silver

Nisso Cordovi

Elinor Ruth Haber

Zindl Fichtenbaum

Yosef Fichtenbaum

Chaya Esther Streiman

Ephraim Eliezer Streiman

Meyer (Alek) Goldstein

Cyla Fiksel

late Mother-in-law of Kurt Rohringer

late Brother of David Cordovi

late Mother of Rabbi Dr. Geoffrey Haber

late Grandfather of Pearl Rosen

and late Father-in-law of Frances Fichtenbaum

late Uncle of Pearl Rosen

and late Brother-in-law of Frances Fichtenbaum

late Grandmother of Fred Streiman

late Grandfather of Fred Streiman

late Grandfather of Elana Ravas

late Mother of Miriam Birnbaum

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

Merle Rosenstein

Harvey Shapero

Ariela Rojek

Moriah Vernon

Carol Bruman Okorofsky

Morton Allen Cohen

Margo Kardish

Sam Akierman

Alison Shapiro

Jeffrey Seigel

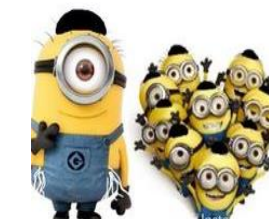
Happy Anniversary Wishes To:

Allan Newman & Sharon Rubin

29th Anniversary

Beth Radom hosts a morning minyan,
**Monday to Friday at 7:30am
Sundays & Stat Holidays 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!



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

THE BLESSING FOR STUDY:

Barukh attah Adonai

Eloheinu melekh ha-olam

asher qidshanu b'mitzvotav

v'tzivanu la-asoq b'divrei Torah.

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.

ברוך אתה יהוה
אלהינו מלך-העולם
אשר קדשנו במצותיו
וצונו לעסוק בדברי-תורה

“The need for connection and community is primal, as fundamental as the need for air, water and food.”

--Dean Ornish (1953-), American physician, researcher, author

What does the Yekke say to his wife when he leaves for shul on December 5th?

“Honey, I’ll be home late.”

If you tell this joke to a Polish Jew who is both observant and over the age of 60, it’s a good joke. If not, it is very likely to elicit some very confused looks, but not to worry! If you happen to fall into this second category, I’ll explain so that we can all be in on the gag.

The first thing to know is that there is a stereotype for what some call the Yekkeshe (German ancestry) Jew. A Yekke (for short) is dressed impeccably well, is organized and methodical, punctual to the point that some might call obsessive compulsive, and insistent on decorum, particularly when it comes to the synagogue. This is in contrast with Jews of Polish ancestry from whom we get JST (Jewish Standard Time), an odd way to say that davening at shul (or any Jewish event for that matter) may start somewhere between 10 and 20 minutes behind schedule.

Still don’t get the joke? We’ll have to first learn a bit of halachah l’ma’aseh, that is, ‘practical Jewish law’. In the weekday liturgy, one of the many petition-blessings is for the land which changes depending on the season. From Passover until December 4th we say one version, and from December 5th onward we say a different version which is TWO WORDS LONGER. Two more words, means an extra half a second of time to say them, and for a Yekkeshe Jew, half of a second late is still late. Cue the raucous laughter (or groans as the case may be). Now wasn’t that worth it?

Whether Ashkenazi or Sefardic, Polisher or Yekkeshe, religious or secular, or even in the non-Jewish world, we all approach the idea of ceremony differently. But ‘ceremony’ as a concept, is something that mankind in all corners of the earth and throughout history has craved as an existential necessity. Objectively, it is a rather odd sociological concept. Imagine we are aliens observing humanity, who at regular intervals assemble to recite the same script over and over. There’s no new information being given out. Usually, there’s no expectation of food or serious entertainment value. Nobody (again, usually) takes the advantage of these gatherings as business opportunities or other financial gain; or any measurable gain for that matter. The gain is a matter of spirit.

In this week’s parsha, Vayelech, Moses is winding down his last speech. He reveals to the people that he will not be crossing the Jordan River into what will become the Land of Israel. He tells the assembled Israelite nation that God has appointed Joshua to be their new leader, and God instructs Moses and Joshua to enter the Tabernacle together for Joshua’s formal ‘installation’.

Joshua’s installation ceremony, or any ceremony for that matter, though commanded by God, it is not for God’s sake, but rather for our own. Ceremony is the method by which many people speak as one voice and act as a single entity. Unlike a discussion where we express individual ideas and listen to different opinions, the purpose of a ceremony, religious or otherwise, is to unify a group to express a single idea that the whole group shares. Joshua was appointed by God, not by any election. But through his installation, the nation of Israel is able to participate in the process, and collectively ratify his appointment.

The High Holyday season is a time when many Jews reflect on their commitment to synagogue. Many of us ask ourselves if we really want to spend hundreds of dollars on holyday tickets just to show up as late as respectably possible in order to minimize the actual amount of time we spend in the service. We ask ourselves if we really believe in God, and whether or not we are only coming to shul to appease our parents or grandparents who would be horrified if we missed Kol Nidre this year. We ask ourselves why we should go begrudgingly if the only reason is out of a sense of obligation.

As a cantor, I like working hard to make the High Holyday services enjoyable. I think that good music, among many other things, is ‘Hidur Mitzvah’ – beautification of a commandment – an idea that is encouraged in Judaism in order to make our rituals more fun. But we don’t come to High Holyday services for the ‘hidur’ – beauty – we come for the MITZVAH – the obligation, and that’s ok. We should come because we are obligated to join together and be a part of this single entity we call the Jewish people. While we certainly each seek to be motivated by our religious services to make changes for the better in our personal lives, it is our inescapable obligation to merge our own voice with Jews around the world, to collectively declare who we are, to celebrate the history and culture we share, to honour our values, and stand as one. So come one, come all. Period. But while you’re here, the Beth Radom team and I will do our job to make you glad that you did!

Shabbat Shalom,
--ChazJ

A Prayer For Healing

Mi she berach avoteinu
M'kor hab'racha l'imoteinu

May the source of strength, who blessed the ones before us;
Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing.

מי שברך: אבותינו,
מקור הברכה לאמותינו

and let us say: Amen.

Mi she berach imoteinu,
M'kor hab'racha l'avoteinu

Bless those in need of healing with refuah sh'lema
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit, and let us say: Amen

מי שברך: אמותינו
מקור הברכה לאבותינו

Beth Radom Upcoming Events!

September:

Monday, Sept 24 –1st day of **Sukkot** Festival Services 9am
Tuesday, Sept 25 –2nd day of **Sukkot** Festival Services 9am
Saturday, Sept 29 – Family Shabbat 9:30am

(Special Program)
and Kiddush in the Sukkah
Sunday, Sept 30 – Hoshana Rabba – Festival Services 9am
Sunday, Sept 30 – Clergy Sukkah Hop starts at 12 noon

Sukkah Hop Schedule

Meet at the Beth Radom Sukkah 12:00 noon
Hop to the Cantor’s Sukkah 12:45pm
Hop to the Rabbi’s Sukkah 1:30pm

(Please contact the shul office to register and for address info)

October:

Monday, Oct 1 – Shmini Atzeret – Festival Services 9am
(Yizkor Service will be at approximately 10:45am)
Monday, Oct 1 – Erev Simchat Torah 7pm

Services, Hakafot & Interactive Torah Experience
Come Dance with the Torahs!
Monday, Oct 2 – Simchat Torah 9am
Festival Services & Hakafot Dancing

November:

Saturday, Nov 3 – Radomer Memorial Shabbat 9:30am
Special Kiddiush and Guest Speakers
Monday, Nov 5 – Holocaust Education at Beth Radom 7pm

How Japan saved Thousands of Jews
Sunday, Nov 25 – Chanukah Concert – Shir Chadash 7:30pm
Cantor Madga Fishman / Yonge Guns Quartet

December:

Chanukah begins! Light candles every night - Dec 2 - 9
Saturday, Dec 3 – Family Shabbat and 9:30am
Chanukah Celebration

Thursdays Dec 13, 20, Jan 10, 17: Adult Ed with Cantor Burko
Heretic! The Lives & Beliefs of Infamous Jewish Thinkers
Details to follow.

NEW DISPLAYS FOR THE NEW YEAR!
CHECK OUT BETH RADOM'S MUSEUM AND GALLERY

If you have anything your family is willing to part with, entrust to our care, 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.