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**Parshat Metzora**

**April 13, 2019 8 Nisan 5779**

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Today's Kiddush is sponsored by Alex & Ilene Bronsteter observing the yahrzeits of Alex's late parents, Etel and Michael Bronsteter. Kiddush will take place in the Belzberg-Weisberg Social Hall on the lower level.

**Sell your Chametz Forms are available in the Shul lobby & @ [www.bethradom.com](http://www.bethradom.com)**

Sell your Chametz by noon on April 18 and join us on April 19 at 7:30am for the Fast of the 1<sup>st</sup> Born and to Burn your Chametz.

**SATURDAY APRIL 27** **Shabbat Service | 9am**  
**yizkor** **Memorial Service | 10:30am**

**CANDLE LIGHTING & SERVICE TIMES:**

Saturday, April 13 Shabbat ends at 8:49pm  
Friday, April 19 Fast of the 1<sup>st</sup> Born/Burn Chametz Minyan at 7:30am  
Friday, April 19 Erev Pesach - Light Candles at 7:48pm  
Saturday, April 20 Pesach - Light Candles at 8:49pm  
Saturday, April 20 Shabbat ends at 8:57pm  
Sunday, April 21 Morning Service begins at 9:00am  
Monday, April 22 Morning Service begins at 9:00am  
Friday, April 26 Pesach Day 7 - Light Candles at 7:56pm  
Saturday, April 27 Morning Service begins at 9:00am  
Yizkor Service begins at approximately 10:30am  
Saturday, April 27 Shabbat ends at 9:05pm  
Typical Daily Minyan (M-F) begins at 7:30am; Sunday at 9:00am  
Shabbat Mornings - Service begins at 9:30am

**Register NOW for Beth Radom's Annual Charity Golf Tournament Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

Join us for a funtastic day at the renowned Lebovic Golf Club at 14020 Leslie St. in Aurora

Includes GOURMET Lunch, Dinner & on-course Food Stations  
LIVE AUCTION \* PRIZES \* GIFT BAG\* \* & More  
\*gift bag includes vouchers for TWO rounds of golf, each followed by dinner and a drink - valued at more than \$200!

9:30am Registration opens  
11:00am Gourmet Lunch  
12:30pm Shotgun Start  
5:30pm Cocktails, Auction, Prizes & Gourmet Dinner  
Sponsors Welcome!  
Individual Golfer: \$360 | Foursome: \$1200 | Dinner Guest: \$100



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A Minyan has been requested by a member of Beth Radom to say Kaddish on

**Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30am**

Are you a Member of Beth Radom wishing to say Kaddish for a loved one? Contact the Shul office at least a week in advance so we can make the necessary arrangements.



**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

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

Joe Levitan	Bela Davidson	Noam Haber
Anice Stark	Allan Fryman	Howie Meyer
Rose Rosenbaum	Phillip Shadlesky	Joel Zeger
Abe Swimmer	Rosa Weisberg	Gerald Robinson
Ruth Leichner	Janice Rothman	Ilse Matheus
		Morton Cohen

*If you know Beth Radom members who would benefit from Clergy outreach or should be part of our Refuah Sh'lema list, please contact [office@bethradom.com](mailto:office@bethradom.com). We assure you of confidentiality.*

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

Morris Karalnick	Late Father of Ferne Kantor and Sue Weisbart
Sidney Robinson	Late Father of Gerald Robinson
Paula Cwang	Late Wife of Mordechia Cwang
Michael Bronsteter	Late Father of Alex Bronsteter
Rudolph Appel	Late Uncle of Carol Lithwick
Esther Miriam Salzberg	Late Aunt of Jack Apter
Alta Szejwa Horowitz	Late Mother of Rosa Weisberg
Samuel Flash	Late Father of Frances Fichtenbaum
	Late Zaidie of Pearl Rosen

**Happy Birthday Wishes To:**

Arlene Solomon	Sonja Tarek	Martin Rosenthal
Susan Bresler	Bayla Katz	Corinne Rochweg
Ronald Rubinoff	Sheri Weeks	Rebecca Ravas
Simone Mandelman	Carly Levitt	Eva Lewkowicz
Allan Fryman	Noah Rich	

**Happy Anniversary Wishes To:**

Jeffrey & Kerry Bernknopf	28 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Edna & Joseph Gelbard	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'mitzvotai **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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“Every step taken in mindfulness brings us one step closer to healing ourselves and the planet.”

-- Thich Nhat Hanh (1926-)

Vietnamese Buddhist monk, peace activist, author

The great artists of the impressionist movement such as Renoir and Monet painted the beauty of industrial cityscapes, but I must admit that it isn't really the kind of subject matter that appeals most to me. To each, their own, no? In that spirit, I cannot criticize the patrons of Toronto's new pop-up restaurant, "Dinner With A View", that, for \$550 per person, features a view of the underside of the Gardiner Expressway. That said, there is another problem with the restaurant that has me spiritually bothered.

It isn't a kosher establishment, which would otherwise preclude me from being able to try it out, but that isn't what bothers me, and it isn't the steep price either. In order to take in the "spectacular" view of what appears to be some kind of light/laser show projected on to the underside of the Gardiner, the restaurant is entirely outdoors with each table encapsulated in its own clear heated bubble-like tent, while wait-staff hustle from tent to tent serving food and bussing tables. It sounds like it has all the right makings for an exciting and unique dining experience, until you learn what transpired in a nearby location, also under the Gardiner Expressway, just two weeks prior.

It was called "Tent City"; a place where many homeless people in Toronto pitched tents of their own, using the Gardiner as a secondary refuge from the elements. Roughly two weeks ago, the city bulldozed through Tent City, destroying what few belongings this homeless community had, and forcibly removing the inhabitants. With Toronto's homeless shelters already at maximum capacity, the homeless population of Tent City had absolutely nowhere to go.

To be clear, I do not contest the city's actions, per se, in dismantling Tent City. They were there illegally on public property, and were well aware that the city could remove them at any time. That said, I found it to be uniquely callous of the city to remove them without being able to offer an alternative. Homeless people would typically seek out space in one of the many shelters across the city of Toronto, however, advocates have been telling us for years that the shelters are all full, and government funding allowing shelter expansion falls seriously short of addressing Toronto's growing homelessness crisis. Even this however, is not the reason why I am bothered by the pop-up restaurant, which technically, did not displace anyone, or have anything to do at all with the dismantling of Tent City.

The problem is optics. A man finds shelter in a tent underneath the Gardiner – it is a dismal, unsafe, and uncomfortable life, but an acceptable one because it means survival. He is removed and replaced by another man in a tent, but this one has paid \$550 for dinner, in a heated clear bubble where he enjoys dinner in luxury. The juxtaposition of these two people in these two tents, is disturbingly ironic, and while the restaurant's food may be delicious, I feel that eating there would leave a bad taste in my mouth. While I applaud the restaurant creator's ingenuity, in my mind, it is a restaurant that has sadly been afflicted with the spiritual disease of leprosy.

This week's parsha, Metzarah, is focused on the odd spiritual disease known in Hebrew as 'Tzara'at', we call leprosy. I prefer to call it by its Hebrew name, Tzara'at, because we do not want to confuse the spiritual disease of leprosy, as it is described in the Torah, with the one that doctors today identify as the debilitating disease that causes fingers and toes to fall off. According to the Torah, Tzara'at is a spiritual affliction that can manifest on the body in a number of ways, most commonly a discolouration of the skin. However, more interestingly, Tzara'at can also afflict inanimate objects, in particular, houses. The Torah describes at length how to identify Tzara'at in a home, how to treat it, and what to do if treatment isn't working. A house that persists in showing signs of Tzara'at after weeks of treatment, the Torah teaches, must be utterly demolished.

Unlike a physical ailment brought about by bacteria, a virus, trauma, etc., Tzara'at is a disease of the spirit, brought about by problems in a marriage, immorality, lack of conscience and the like. And why not? Bad behaviour is communicable, much like any disease. While it may strike us as odd that a disease can afflict a house, do we not sense something amiss in the atmosphere when we enter a home that is rife with relationship problems? (For the ultimate proof of this point and its solution, watch last week's episode of "This Is Us" – I wouldn't dare reveal any spoilers!)

While it may feel out-of-step with modernity to invoke a term like leprosy as a disease, most of us will probably admit to experiencing being in a place that seems spiritually plagued, just as we experience places that spiritually rejuvenating. We owe it to ourselves to notice when we have found ourselves in a place of spiritual affliction and to distance ourselves from it, or when possible, be an agent of spiritual healing by bringing warmth, love, and understanding.

Shabbat Shalom,  
--ChazJ



## VOLUNTEERING at BINGO is FUN!

The next volunteer opportunities are all on:

**Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

**Session 1: from 2pm – 6pm**

**Session 2: from 5pm – 9pm**

**PLUS Session 3: from 8pm – midnight**

**To volunteer, please contact**

[miriam@bethradom.com](mailto:miriam@bethradom.com) or 416-636-3451 x24

## CHECK OUT BETH RADOM'S MUSEUM AND GALLERY

Have you seen our new video display? It's on our website!

Does your family have things to add to this museum? We appreciate donations of 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.

**YOM HASHOAH  
V'HAGVURAH**  
Wednesday, May 1 | 7:00PM  
Shaarei Shomayim Congregation | 470 Glencairn Ave  
Community Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration

Monday, May 20 UJA walk with israel Earl Bales Park  
Walk begins at 9am