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Parshat Tazria

Rosh Chodesh Nisan

April 6, 2019 1 Nisan 5779

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Kiddush is sponsored by Stephen and Marilyn Sinclair in honour of the engagements of Chazzan Jeremy and Jamie, and Gabbai Mark and Cindy. 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

First Seder is Friday, April 19th!

Monday, May 20 **UJA** **CELEBRATING 25 YEARS** **Earl Bales Park**

walk with israel

SHOP CAFE Ramunt St

Walk begins at 9am

CANDLE LIGHTING & SERVICE TIMES:

Friday, April 5	Light Candles at 7:31pm
Saturday, April 6	Shabbat ends at 8:40pm
Friday, April 12	Light Candles at 7:40pm
Saturday, April 13	Shabbat ends at 8:49pm

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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MITZUYAN KOSHER CATERING

is offering an extensive Passover Menu
A minimum expenditure of \$100.00 is required.
Orders can be placed up until April 12, 2019
View their Passover Menu at <https://mitzuyankoshercatering.com/passover-menu>

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'dibri-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.

We wish Refuah Sh'lema to:

Joe Levitan	Bela Davidson	Howie Meyer
Anice Stark	Allan Fryman	Joel Zeger
Rose Rosenbaum	Phillip Shadlesky	Gerald Robinson
Abe Swimmer	Rosa Weisberg	Ilse Matheus
Ruth Leichner	Janice Rothman	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. We assure you of confidentiality.

With Reverence, We Honour The Yahrzeits Of:

Belle Unger	Late Mother of Arlene Solomon
Etel Bronsteter	Late Mother of Alex Bronsteter

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

Eric Bresler	Stephanie Rothman	Shelly Glass
Ethan Rich	Kobi Ravas	Mindy Green
Bryna Kay	Carol Lithwick	James Van Bergh
Bella Borts		

Happy Anniversary Wishes To:

Robert Haberman & Bluma Wagner	40 th Anniversary
Joe & Sima Rosen	52 nd Anniversary
Stanley & Carol Okorofsky	27 th Anniversary

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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RABBINIC REFLECTIONS—PARSHAT “TAZRIA”

Rabbi Dr. Geoffrey Haber, MA, DMin, DD (Hon.)

There’s been a lot of controversy about vaccines in the news lately. A group calling themselves “Anti-Vaxxers” claims that vaccines are harmful to children and should not be given. This is based on false information erroneously linking autism to the MMR vaccine, which was debunked years ago. Still, some people have become anti-vaccination and as a result, there are a growing number of cases of measles in the US and Canada resulting in needless illness and death. Vaccines are important and have a demonstrated track record of helping, rather than harming, vaccinated individuals. Ask anyone who suffered from polio if they wished they could have had the vaccine. Ask the thousands of dead from the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918 if they wished they could have received a vaccination. Vaccines are an important part of maintaining good health in our modern world.

Indeed, as Rabbi Jonathan Waxman observes, these days we go to great lengths to protect ourselves. We create and rush vaccines into production against new strains of flu; we develop emergency protocols to deal with outbreaks; and we separate suspected individuals with contagious diseases. But, in a sense we are not that different from ancestors who isolated those afflicted with Tsara’at, the ones who suffered from this Biblical skin disease. We just have a few more weapons of technology at the ready. But we, too, ultimately shun the infected.

The Torah shows that those infected were chased out of the camp of Israel and later the towns of Israel. They were treated as lepers—though there is an ongoing debate about whether Hansen’s disease really was to be found in ancient Israel—they were shunned and isolated. Indeed, it is not too long ago that there were leper colonies. Not too long ago Father Damien, who ministered to lepers in a 19th century Hawaiian colony, was canonized, made a saint of the Catholic Church. And for centuries, if one couldn’t quarantine the infected because they were too many in number, then if one had money, one fled the city and moved to the healthy air of the countryside to avoid the plagues that ravaged urban areas and its inhabitants.

We can understand the medical precautions: the need for isolation; the need for quarantine. But what of the human cost? What about the sense of abandonment by those who were quarantined? What about those who were afflicted and locked up, cut off from society? How did they feel?

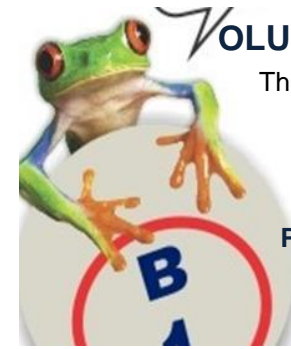
Rabbi Jonathan Waxman points out that, sadly, we don’t only isolate people who have medical conditions. We isolate others, for ideological and theological reasons. In Judaism we have the concept of being placed in herem; where one is shunned by one’s fellow Jews. In the 17th century, a contemporary of Spinoza, by the name of Uriel Da Costa, was put into herem for his unorthodox views and could not take the isolation. He recanted, but in the end after suffering physical punishment, committed suicide. But this kind of ideological shunning hasn’t disappeared from the Jewish world. You may recall that several years ago, Judge Goldstone, whose name was on the UN report about Israel’s behavior during the Gaza war, was declared persona non grata at the South African shul where his grandson became Bar Mitzvah. One may sharply disagree with the report, but to force him to miss this simchah; how petty and sad.

The Torah text speaks of an involved process of re-entry into the community. It marked not only the fact that the person had been healed; but symbolized the rejoining of the community. It must have been a powerful ceremony; when the person was no longer literally considered an untouchable. The weight of the world must have been lifted. One was no longer a pariah.

With a growing awareness of inclusion, especially the LGBTQ2S+ community, partners who were formerly not allowed to be part of the medical decision making process of loved ones in hospital because they were not considered relatives, such exclusion ostracized the patient as well as the care giver. The infirmed was left to suffer in silence, with little or no support by his/her self-identified family and community. Luckily things have changed. Regardless of what one thinks of the LGBTQ2S+ lifestyle, we can all agree that no one should suffer alone and in isolation needlessly. This may not be quite as dramatic as the ritual of purification described in the Torah portion; but its effect is the same; to end the separation from loved ones and to be recognized as fully part of the community.

We take seriously those afflicted with communicable diseases. But we don’t fully appreciate what it means to be isolated when one is so afflicted. Even more so we are often times less sensitive to the impact upon those whom we isolate in various ways because of their views or their life styles.

Shabbat Shalom!



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 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 for more information.

A Minyan has been requested to say Kaddish on

SUNDAY, April 7 | 9:00am
& THURSDAY, April 11 | 7:30am



Are you a Member of Beth Radom
wishing to say Kaddish for a loved one?

Please contact the Shul office at least a Week or two in advance
so we can make the necessary arrangements.

Do consider showing your appreciation to fellow members by
sponsoring the breakfast. *Food sponsorships are fully receiptable
for tax purposes!* And please, do try to attend morning services as
regularly as possible to help achieve a minyan each day.



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to share with your Beth Radom Family?**
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