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**Parshat Terumah**

**February 9, 2019 4 Adar I 5779**

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Today's Congregational Kiddush is sponsored by Greg & Rebecca Segal in celebration of their son Noah being called to the torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Kiddush will take place in the Belzberg-Weisberg Social Hall on the lower level.

Heartfelt condolences to the Apter Family on the passing of Honey Apter. Shiva will take place at 53 Markwood Lane, Thornhill. Sat 7-9pm, Sun-Wed 2-4pm & 7-9pm. 7:30pm Davening

**ADULT EDUCATION WITH RABBI HABER**  
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**Purim Party & Celebration at Beth Radom**  
**Save the Date!**  
 Wednesday, March 20, 2019  
 Happy Purim

**CANDLE LIGHTING & SERVICE TIMES:**

Friday, February 8 Light Candles at 5:20pm  
 Saturday, February 9 Shabbat ends at 6:29pm  
 Friday, February 15 Light Candles at 5:30pm  
 Saturday, February 16 Shabbat ends at 6:39pm  
 Daily Minyan (M-F) begins at 7:30am Sunday at 9:00am  
 Shabbat Mornings - Service begins at 9:30am

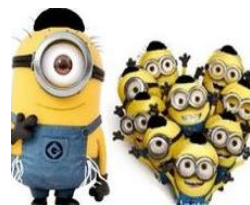
**BOOKED YOUR TEE-TIMES FOR YOUR WINTER VACATION?  
 NOW SCHEDULE BETH RADOM  
 INTO YOUR SPRING TEE-TIME CALENDAR!**



A Minyan has been requested for the purpose of saying Kaddish on

**Tuesday, February 12 at 7:30am and  
 Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30am**

Please attend. It's a Mitzvah!



Members of Beth Radom needing a Minyan to say Kaddish for a loved one should contact the Shul office at least 1 week in advance. We ask that you try to attend morning services as regularly as possible to help achieve a minyan each day.

**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.

**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.

*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	Bella Davidson	Sima Rosen
Anice Stark	Allan Fryman	Howie Meyer
Rose Rosenbaum	Phillip Shadlesky	Joel Zeger
Abe Swimmer	Rosa Weisberg	Gerald Robinson
Ruth Leichner	Janice Rothman	Ilsa Matheus

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:**

Samuel Szolowicz	Late Father of Ruth Berneman
Stewart Rothman	Late Brother of Charles Rothman
Goldie Fryman	Late Mother of Allan Fryman
Morris Ellison	Late Brother of Ruth Alexon
Harvey Anisman	Late Father of Stephen Anisman
Samuel Gutstadt	Late Husband of Rena Gutstadt-Fronenberg
Hilda Galt Rosen	Late Mother of Norman Rosen
Sarah Martin	Late Mother of Ruth Alexon
Mary Gelbard	Late Mother of Edna Gelbard
Beverly Sinclair	Late Mother of Stephen Sinclair
Miriam Naiman	Late Mother of Philip Naiman
Miriam Naiman	Late Mother of Eva Nightingale

**Happy Birthday Wishes To:**

Chelsea Rothman	Chelsea Haber-Riesz	Liv Nisker
Fela Zegman	Lauren Kohn	Jordan Caplan
Joshua Erdman	Sandra Cibleman	Ariella Haber
Ruth Bleiwas	Laura Rose	Sheila Miles
Shayna Lavi	Adam Shapero	Daniel Kasrelevicius

**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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RABBINIC REFLECTIONS—PARSHAT “TERUMAH”  
Rabbi Dr. Geoffrey Haber, MA, DMin, DD (Hon.)

What is the tallest building in the world? The library; it has the most stories! Did you hear the joke about the roof? Never mind, it's over your head! What did one wall say to the other wall? Meet you at the corner. What area of a room is the warmest? The corner - it's always about 90 degrees! What animal can jump higher than a house? Any animal - a house can't jump.

Parshat Terumah takes us far afield from the realm of drama, but not from theater. Here, we are talking about the set. From the grandest scope to the smallest detail, the Torah describes the wonderful place where the contact with God was. Interestingly, there's a blessing for when we pass by a place where a miracle occurred: ...She-assa nisim la'avoteinu bamakom hazeh, "...Who performed miracles for our ancestors in this place," yet, as Rabbi Joel Berman points out, we don't have a blessing for Sinai, arguably the holiest of locales. We, as a people, encountered God directly at Sinai. However that happened, Sinai was the major event, when the line between the human and the divine blurred, and we all stood in the presence of God.

Tradition holds that, as descendants of those who were there, we are supposed to view ourselves as having come out of Egypt and followed Moses to Sinai. Even those who join our tribe and come under the wings of the Shehinah, once the conversion process is completed, are also supposed to see themselves as having been there. The story of the Exodus captures the imagination that needs to be told every year, as we do at Passover. And as great as the story of the Exodus is, it's not the end or even the climax of the story. Neither is walking through the Reed Sea. It's the giving of the Torah. It's Sinai. It's at Sinai where a rag tag motley group of tattered slaves became a people.

The Midrash teaches that Sinai was chosen not because it was the greatest of mounts, but because it was the most modest. God actually had to come a little further, just to “meet us half way.” This was a great Chessed, because we were not exactly in a strong bargaining position. But Sinai lost its holiness the minute we packed up and left. The holy mountain was just not holy any more. God is holy, and where God is shown or is revealed, that's the holy spot.

We don't make Sinai a shrine. If Sinai is not a shrine, what is? To the Israelites after Sinai, it was the Tabernacle, the Mishkan. That's the holy space. We have gone through the phases of seeing how the commandments created holy behavior, and how Shabbat defined holy time. Now we encounter holy space. There's a coffee

table book that took the descriptions of the Mishkan, and visually reconstructed it. The book was put together a very religious artist, and it is in fact very beautiful, if you like that sort of thing. But, as Rabbi Berman teaches, it is not the only way to visualize the Tabernacle. That is part of the lesson. The Bible is not a picture book. We don't know exactly what the Mishkan looked like. Just as we don't know exactly what Sinai looked like, what Moses, Abraham, Isaac or Jacob looked like, we aren't given this description just so we know what it looked like, but rather we are told about the various parts of the tent so we can know what they did.

For example, we get the instructions to build an ark for the tablets of the Law. Now, there are as many ways of depicting two cherubs whose wings spread over the Ark of the Covenant as there are artists. Just as there are no descriptions of people, there is no way to actually know how the Mishkan looked. We may know more about the Temple, but since the destruction of the Temple, we have moved the center of worship to the synagogue and the home. The idea now is that we can make our home a beautiful place where God can visit. And we can do it a lot of different ways; there's no set description for adding an element of holiness to our home.

The Bible doesn't describe places or people—it leaves it up to us. Paradise will look different to everyone. When we read the stories of the Torah, we can imagine Moses or Abraham to look like our personal heroes. Some will think of actors, others will imagine relatives, and still others leaders and heroes from other contexts. The chosen image will have the most power imaginable, because it's imagined. When we read a good book, and then see the movie, is the casting ever as good as how we cast it in our heads when we read it? In the same way, holy space will be as different to different people as there are differences in the way we think. So, I guess one could say that the ultimate holy space is in our heads.

And what does God have to say about how we design our holy space to make God feel at home? There's the story of The Kotsker Rebbe, who once asked the people of his village, “Where do you find God?” They answered what they thought he wanted to hear, “God is everywhere!” He replied in Yiddish that they were only partly right: Vu m'lust ehm ah'rein, “Where you let Him in!” God is everywhere we let Him in. Here's to hoping that our houses and our heads are places that let God in.

Shabbat Shalom!



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The next volunteer opportunities are all on:

**Tuesday, March 19**

**Session 1: from 11am – 3pm**

**Session 2: from 2pm – 6pm**

**PLUS Session 3: from 5pm – 9pm**

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