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**Parshat Kedoshim**

**May 11, 2019 6 Iyar 5779**

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Today's Congregational Kiddush is sponsored by the Pearlman Family in celebration of Paige being called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Kiddush will take place in the Bojman Bresler Social Hall adjacent to the sanctuary.

Mazel Tov to Paige Pearlman, her parents Michael & Kate and all of their family celebrating today's Bat Mitzvah.



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**CANDLE LIGHTING & SERVICE TIMES:**

Friday, May 10 Light Candles at 8:13pm  
 Saturday, May 11 Shabbat ends at 9:22pm  
 Friday, May 17 Light Candles at 8:20pm  
 Saturday, May 18 Shabbat ends at 9:29pm  
 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

**A Minyan has been requested by a member of Beth Radom wishing to say Kaddish for a loved one on Monday, May 13 at 7:30am**

Are you a member of Beth Radom in need of a Minyan to say Kaddish? Then contact the Shul office at least a week or two in advance so we can make the necessary arrangements.



Please consider showing your appreciation to fellow members by sponsoring the breakfast. *Food sponsorships are fully receiptable for tax purposes!* We ask that you try to attend morning services as regularly as possible to help achieve a minyan each day.

**THE BLESSING FOR STUDY:**

Barukh attah Adonai ברוך אתה ה  
 Eloheinu melekh ha-olam אלהינו מלך-העולם  
 asher qidshanu b'mitzvotav אשר קדשנו במצוותיו  
 v'tzivanu la-asoq b'divrei Torah וצונו לעסוק 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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**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:**

Paul Pearlman	Late Father of Michael Pearlman
Rose Rubin	Late Mother of Sharon Rubin
Seymour Bleiwas	Late Husband of Ruth Bleiwas and Late Brother of James Bleiweis
Jack Nightingale	Late Father of Avi Nightingale
Molly Rubinoff	Late Mother of Ronald Rubinoff
Ralph Glass	Late Husband of Lottie Glass and Late Father of Janice Rothman & Shelly Glass

**Happy Birthday Wishes To:**

Hayley Goldsand	Belinda Charny	Michelle Goldsand
Marc Rochweg	Mitchell Chippin	Joseph Manner
Sydney Bernknopf	Sophie Tameshtit	Marissa Tameshtit
Amy Kohn	Greg Segal	Rebecca Madan
Eitan Askenazy	Sarah Warner	Ethan Lewkowicz
Frances Charkow	Martin Katzman	

**Happy Anniversary Wishes To:**

Jacob & Zipora Shapiro	51 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Seymour Hershenfeld & Susan Weltman	31 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WONDERFUL SHUL?**  
**Beth Radom always welcomes NEW MEMBERS!**  
 25% off Membership for Jewish Day School Families.  
 Check out our introductory offers at [www.bethradom.com](http://www.bethradom.com)

**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

“Know yourself. Don’t accept your dog’s admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.”

--- Ann Landers (1918-2002) - Pseudonym for the writers of the Chicago Sun column, “Ask Ann Landers”, Ruth Crowley and Esther Pauline

I imagine that Judaism must seem quite bizarre when observing it from the gentile world; the prayer shawls with their tassels, folksy circle dances and crusty flat bread that they eat for a week. Even among Jews, we readily admit it can be pretty strange at times, like when we wear black boxes on our heads and arms, or when we all gather to eat the ceremonial pickled fish at a bris at 8am (I absolutely love herring, but at the same time I assume that we all concede it’s objectively gross). But for all the weird hippy-Kabbalism and furry hats that comprise some of the more ‘romantic’ parts of Judaism, its core system, the basic values upon which our religion is based, are very simple, honest, and good. This week’s parsha, Kedoshim, lists pretty much all of them: love your neighbour as yourself, treat the disabled with dignity, respect your parents, leave the corners of your field to the poor, seek justice fairly, deal honestly in business, the list goes on.

It is plain for most to see. Even most non-Jews know that the single thing that we Jewish people venerate second only to God is Torah. If we take a look, we find that the basic substance of the Torah is 613 commandments. We then dismiss half of them that are irrelevant so long as we don’t have a Temple, which really leaves us with just a few uncomplicated guidelines and methods for respecting ourselves, one another, and God. The rest, honestly, is flavouring. The Talmud distills the core of Judaism even further with a story about a man who visits the great rabbi Hillel and Shamai. The man visited the great Rav Shamai first with a request, “teach me the entirety of Torah whilst I stand here upon one leg”. Shamai scoffed at the impossible and disrespectful question. The man then visited the wise Rav Hillel and asked him the same question, to which Rav Hillel replied, “do not do unto others what you would not have done unto you. This is the entirety of Torah, and the rest is just commentary. Go and learn it!”

Recent years have seen a dramatic resurgence in antisemitism in our schools, in governments, in the workplace, in popular opinion, in the news and in dramatic acts of extreme violence. Many argue that this hostility is in no way directed at Jews but only against Israel and Zionism, that Israel’s existence is a crime against displaced indigenous Palestinians. They curse Israel for committing war crimes in flexing its military might

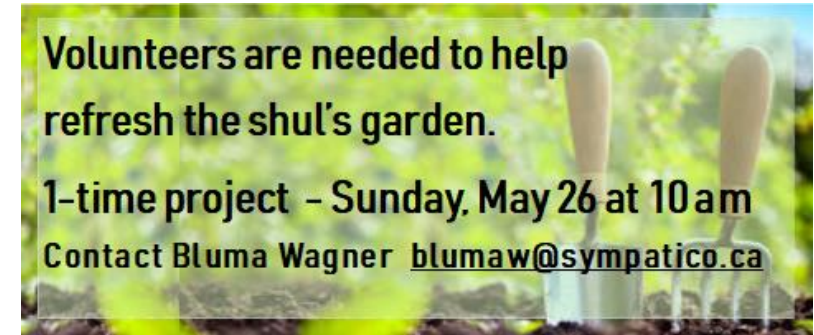
against children throwing rocks. While Israel has been conducting operations in Gaza this past week, they seem to be completely oblivious to the rockets fired from Gaza and terror tunnels.

The anti-Semitic cartoon that appeared in the New York Times revealed the core of Zionism, which should not have been much of a surprise to any Jew, but I have to admit that I was still shocked anyway. Not so much that something that bad could have made it to print without being caught by an editor, but that this blatantly obvious example of the rising issue of antisemitism masquerading as anti-Zionism would be largely ignored by the world.

For all his genius, Rav Shamai misconstrued the meaning of man’s question. Shamai assumed that the man was insulting him, asking for just a taste of quickie-Judaism, as if Jewish learning was really just a passing interest like stamp-collecting. Rav Hillel, on the other hand, did not take the man’s question as an insult, but as a genuine and earnest request to understand what was the most fundamental principle at the core of Judaism. In the same breath, however, Rav Hillel makes sure that the man understands that just because he knows the fundamental principle, does not absolve him from the responsibility of learning Judaism properly. “The rest is just commentary, go and learn it”, are Hillel’s parting words to the man.

The optimist in me wants to believe that most people, themselves, don’t actually understand the source of their feelings against Israel. All we can do is continue to demonstrate our core, as we have always done, while we, as a people, continue to press the important question: what is the core behind your hatred? Because calling it “anti-Zionism”, while still important, is really just commentary.

Shabbat Shalom,  
--ChazJ



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For information about Liberation75, its lead sponsors & participating organizations, visit [www.liberation75.org](http://www.liberation75.org)



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The next volunteer opportunities are all on:  
**Friday, June 21 2019**

**Session 1: from 8am – 12 Noon**

**Session 2: from 11am – 3pm**

**Session 3: from 2pm – 6pm**

**PLUS Monday, June 24, 2019**

**1 Session: from 8am – 12 Noon**

**To volunteer, please contact**

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