

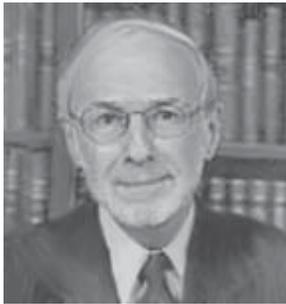


BETH EL NEWSLETTER

The Heights Synagogue

February 2005

שבטואדר א 5765



Rabbi Moshe Adler



Notes from the Rebbe

Open-Eyed Faith

When a disaster like last month's tsunami (December 26, 2004) strikes, wiping out thousands of lives and destroying entire towns, people all over the world are moved to react out of brotherhood. Suddenly, it matters little whether one is pro-this or anti-that; all that matters is that we want to help. We are all human beings, and both disaster and the need to aid its victims unite us in bonds of caring.

Such is the way our people have traditionally reacted; such is the way of the Torah. "Charity saves from death" (Proverbs 10:2, 11:4): by sharing our skills and resources, we save people from death or help survivors cope with death. Our first reaction is, and should be, not to question why it happened, but to act charitably.

Yet, when the severity of the disaster has sunk in, we do begin to ask why. Some are tempted to see in the disaster a sign from G-d. To yield to that temptation is to be seduced into despair and cynicism.

The Talmud teaches us that "*olam k'minhago noheg*, the world pursues its natural course, and as for madmen who wrongfully exploit it, they will have to render an account" (Avodah Zarah 54b). Nature in itself cannot be called good or evil. Only human beings' use or misuse of nature can be called good or evil. When

a tsunami overwhelms land where many people live, we experience the event as an evil, yet we cannot blame the tectonic plates of the earth for shifting. If we cry out to G-d, "Couldn't You have made the earth stable?" we receive the answer that G-d gave Job: the only one to whom I could possibly explain My actions would be a peer, a fellow infinite and omniscient being who, like Me, is the one and only ground of all existence.

Only a true prophet, bearing an oracle from G-d, can state with authority that a given event reflects punishment or reward. Everyone else – even the prophet himself, when he is not speaking in prophecy – must accept the fact that *olam k'minhago noheg*, the world pursues its natural course. G-d has "programmed" the universe to run according to certain laws. If explaining those laws in scientific terms is a work in progress, explaining them in moral terms is an impossibility.

But G-d, as we have come to know Him, is not only the ground of all existence, the G-d who is "out there." He is also the G-d who is here, with us and for us, who loves us unconditionally, teaches us how to live holy lives, and supports us in times of distress and sorrow. "When he calls on Me, I will answer him," says the Psalm. "I will be with him in distress; I will set him free and honor him" (Psalms 91:15). (*ctd. on p.4*)

**Kabbalat
Shabbat
services
6:00 PM,
first Friday
of each month:
February 4
and March 4**



Jack Valancy

Come In and Get Warm

Ah, February in Cleveland! The weather is, shall we say, *brisk*. We dress for the weather in our parkas, scarves, hats, gloves, and insulated boots. We keep track of the wind chill factor, a statistic unknown in warmer parts of the country. Most of us raised in Northern climates enjoy coming home on cold days to a warm house redolent with the aromas of our favorite comfort foods. We stamp the snow off our boots, shuck our outerwear, and greet our loved ones. When it's cold outside, it feels good to be warm and cozy inside.

It feels especially good to be warm and cozy inside Beth El – The Heights Synagogue. Walk through the doors and there's a good chance you will be greeted warmly before you get your coat off. If you bring your children, their friends will greet them and they will soon be learning and playing happily together.

At our monthly Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat, we come in from the cold to light candles and welcome the Sabbath. Many months, we also enjoy Shabbat dinner together in the social hall after services. Although we may not be serving exactly what Mama used to make, it's still prepared with love.

Settle into your usual seat in the sanctuary and immerse yourself in our member-led worship services. Sing familiar melodies and learn new ones. On Shabbat morning, reflect on the thought-provoking, and often entertaining, d'var Torah presented by Rabbi Adler, a member, or a distinguished guest.

If you come for a twice-monthly Saturday morning Learner's Service, you will join a small seminar facilitated by a skilled leader. Regardless of your Jewish knowledge, you will enjoy learning with friends.

Our weekly Shabbat morning kiddush is in many ways like a good party: Food, friends, and lots of talk punctuated by laughter and singing. Many weeks, a group gathers to explore Rashi's wisdom on the week's Torah portion. As the crowd disperses, families extend and confirm invitations to spend the remainder of the afternoon together.

At our monthly Lunch and Learn programs, speakers address a variety of topics; some serious, some light-hearted. Here, too, the meal is prepared by loving hands. Some of our programs, like our Short Stories by Jewish Authors Reading and Discussion group and our Mentoring Program, take place in our members' homes. We appreciate their hospitality. We enjoy each other's company even when we're working. Our Board and committees meet at the synagogue and in our homes to plan programs and solve problems. We also do some socializing - and often enjoy snacks!

As winter wears on, the risk of cabin fever soars. Why take a chance? Put on your warm coat, pull on your boots, and come to Beth El – The Heights Synagogue. It may be cold outside, but it's always warm in our home for worship, learning, and community.

QUESTIONS?
CONCERNS?
COMMENTS?
COMPLAINTS?
As always, please do not hesitate to contact your President by e-mail jack@valancy.com or home telephone (216) 371-1439

HELP US STAY IN TOUCH!
Please be sure we have your current contact information: phone number and home and e-mail addresses. Send changes to Blanche Valancy, blanche@valancy.com or call her at (216) 371-1439

E-Mail Newsletter
If you'd like to get the pdf e-mail version, contact benews@apk.net (You must have the free Acrobat Reader in order to open the attachment.)

Adult Education

Upcoming Dates:

February 6, 7:00 PM – Short Stories
Evenings resumes with four stories from
“An Hour In Paradise” by Joan Leegant at
the home of Sondra and Harvey Jacobs.

February 12 – Learner’s Service with Cheryl
Birkner Mack

February 12 - Kiddush with Rashi with
Cheryl Birkner Mack - Highlights from
Shemot

February 26 – Learner’s Service with Nili
Sharon Adler – exploring the Torah Service

February 26 – Lunch and Learn with
Carole Zawatsky, Executive Director of
the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage.
Topic: Art and Creativity in Judaism

Upcoming Dates:

March 19 – Lunch and Learn with Shelley
Bloomfield, PhD

April 9 – Lunch and Learn with Alan
Levenson, PhD

Join the Mentoring Program – It’s a Mitzvah!

On January 8, a spirited kiddush kicked off
this years Mentoring Program of the Adult
Education Committee. Several people
jumped at the chance to be matched up in
order to teach and learn about their subject
of choice. But there is still room! Contact
David Shutkin to study or teach prayer,
Torah reading, kashrut, sabbath observance,
Jewish history, mikveh or anything else that
piques your interest. Study at synagogue on
Shabbat. Ask those burning questions by
phone in the evenings. Set up study times
that meet your needs with your mentor.

Contact David Shutkin (216-371-3145,
dshutkin@jcu.edu)

New Short Story Discussion Group Series Begins

We plan to continue with the “Short
Stories by Jewish Authors” Reading/
Discussion Group beginning Sunday,
February 6, 2005, 7:00—8:30 p.m.

For this series, Joy Collas has selected three
very contemporary (recently published)
authors who were reviewed in the NY
Times:

**February 6 – Joan Leegant: An Hour In
Paradise**

“How to Comfort the Sick and Dying”

“Mezivosky”

“Seeker in the Holy Land”

“Accounting”

*“Each story is a gift ...” “Characters drawn
with wit and warmth ...”*

**March 6 – David Bezmozgis: Natasha and
Other Stories**

“Tapka”

“An Animal to the Memory”

“Natasha”

“Minyan”

*“Exquisitely crafted stories ...” “Russian Jews
in diaspora ...”*

**April 10 – E.L. Doctorow: Sweet Land
Stories**

“A House in the Plains”

“Baby Wilson”

“Child, Dead in the Rose Garden”

“Astonishing narrative powers ...”

If you would like to participate in this
continuing program, please contact Sondra
Jacobs, sondrajacobs@sbcglobal.net,
216-397-1481, for further detail. It is not
necessary to attend all three evenings, but
please let Sondra know which evenings you
plan to attend.

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Occasions for Giving

Still calculating profits from our nation's most intense period of retail business, perhaps the last thing we want to think about is another "gift occasion." Of course, Beth El–The Heights Synagogue accepts our donations at any time of year, but what are occasions upon which we might think of making such gifts?

- For an aliyah or other Torah honors.
- For the yartzeit of a loved one.
- To honor the birthday of someone special in our lives.
- To thank someone for something they did for us that cannot be paid directly.
- To commemorate a wedding anniversary, bar/bat mitzvah, or school graduation.
- To thank G-d for sparing us from a serious accident, healing from a grave illness or injury, or safe return from a long journey.

The next question is, "How much should I give?" While there are traditions about this, any amount that seems right to you is fine. When you make a gift to honor someone else, a letter recognizing your gift (not the amount) will be sent to the person being honored.

Our tradition teaches that the material world is intimately related to the spiritual one, and what we do with our money both reflects and impacts our spiritual lives. Make giving to the synagogue a habit.

Emily Dennis, Development Chairperson

(Notes from the Rebbe: Open-Eyed Faith, continued from page 1)

When our ancestor Jacob was about to set out for Egypt, G–d assured him, "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt...I Myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I Myself will also bring you back" (Genesis 46:3, 4).

A hasidic master taught: "When misfortune strikes, one should not say, 'This is evil,' one should say, 'This is bitter.'" The first statement implies a judgment on G–d's governance of the universe, whereas the second is a legitimate human cry of distress. G–d cannot answer our questioning of His actions, but He can and does answer our cry of pain. When a Jew is bereft of a loved one, he expresses grief by tearing his garment and saying the blessing, "Blessed are You, HaShem our G–d, Ruler of the universe, the true Judge." The tearing is a cry, "How bitter this is!" The blessing is a faith-affirmation, "My G–d, I accept Your judgment."

We will ask questions and we will try to make some sense of it all. But as we do so, we need to remember two things: First, theology arises not from G–d's need to be justified, but from our need to align our brains and our "kishkas." As Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits used to tell his students, "A good question is better than a bad answer." Second, theology is never a substitute for charitable action. Charitable action trumps theology every time.

May the victims of disaster find peace and consolation. "He will swallow up death forever; HaShem G–d will wipe away tears from all faces" (Isaiah 25:8).

Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, February 4 – Join us again for kabbalat Shabbat services at 6:00 PM.

That same evening – a Virtual Congregational Shabbat Dinner, held in congregants' homes. We would like as many Beth El families as possible to attend services and then have shabbat dinner together. To participate: you can

- a) invite another Beth El family to your house for dinner,
- b) call another Beth El family and ask for an invitation,
- c) call or email Lisa Berusch (216-397-9060 or lberusch@sbcglobal.net) by Monday, January 31 and offer to be a host family or a guest family -- and she will match you up!

We encourage you to invite someone new -- get to know another family -- and remember to come to services first!

Friday, March 4 6:00 PM – Beth El participates in Shabbat Across America (and Canada)! According to the National Jewish Outreach Program, "Tens of Thousands of North American Jews will participate in the biggest, boldest organized event that unifies Jews across North America for a national Shabbat celebration." Be part of this event by attending kabbalat Shabbat services at 6:00 PM and then joining us for dinner, dessert, singing, and discussion following the service. The service is free, dinner will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Please see the enclosed flier for more information and to RSVP for the dinner. Questions? Call or email Lisa Berusch (216-397-9060 or lberusch@sbcglobal.net).

It's MOVIE NIGHT at Beth El-The Heights Synagogue

Saturday, January 29, at 7:30 PM

For adults only: THE QUARREL (1991) A pair of Holocaust survivors meet accidentally in Montreal in 1946 and spend an afternoon discussing their divergent paths. One has become a writer whose experience convinced him to cast off his faith, while the other fervently embraced religion and pursued ordainment as a rabbi. They can't quite decide if they are great

friends or bitter enemies. A thoughtful, acclaimed drama, adapted from a story by Chaim Grade.

For kids: The AGENT EMES films. Mysterious earthquakes are devastating Pittsburgh. Rabbis are disappearing from their yeshiva classes. The very foundations of the world are crumbling. Sound hopeless? Then it's a job for Agent Emes, the fearless yeshiva-boy-turned-crime fighter who battles to save the Jews from sin and thwart the evil schemes of the fiendish Dr. Lo-Tov of Aveiros International.

Admission: \$4 adults, \$2 children

Chesed Committee

Beth El-The Heights Synagogue is still "matched" with Homewood Residence in Cleveland Hts. The reason for little news about this is that there are few Jewish residents, and only one so far who seemed interested in a periodic visit or even a visit to our synagogue. We have made Homewood aware of this project, which is organized by the Federation, and asked them to contact us if anyone who is Jewish moves in at Homewood and might desire a connection to the Jewish community. If anyone is willing to be on a "waiting list" for this effort, please contact Beth Wachter at 216-932-5964. Keep in mind, there is minimal time required. Thus far, it has been just a visit or two with the Jewish residents. We would like to especially make an effort around holidays.



You probably wouldn't like our shul.

REASON #1:

We're in the "old neighborhood."

We're in Cleveland Heights.

The place some people gave up on years ago.

You remember — tree-lined streets, front porches, sidewalks, diversity, walkable neighborhoods, high crime rate (roughly comparable to Chagrin Falls).

We love it. We send our kids to public schools, to Jewish day schools, or both. Some of us walk to shul; some drive from as far away as Geauga County or Solon. On foot or on wheels, we'd love to have you join us.

If you think you might like this kind of place, give us a call.
Beth El-The Heights Synagogue. 216-320-9667.

NEWS FROM BETH EL

חדשות

If you would like a family member's name read at the time of their yahrzeit, but you believe they may not be on our list, please contact Merry Lugasy, 216-397-9305 or MLugasy@core.com

Thanks for Donations to:

- Henry Bloom and Marilyn Malkin
- Robin Dubin and Richard Krueck
- Molly and Saul Genuth
- Louis Gray
- Lillian Grunberger
- Harvey and Sondra Jacobs, in memory of
- Henry and Celia Jacobs Z"L
- Marlene Leitson, in memory of Hyman and Sarah Cohen Z"L
- Harold and Ellen Ticktin, in memory of Lincoln Thorman Z"L
- Ieda and Marvin Warshay, in honor of Italo Gonzales passing the Professional Engineer's License Exam with flying colors

Contributions in memory of Nili Adler's Mother, Nechama Schultz Shalit ז"ל, ז"ל

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- Nili Adler
- Clara Dick
- Harvey and Karen Kugelman
- Leonard and W. Joyce Levitan
- Karen and Leonard Steiger

Condolences to:

- Enid Kushner and family, on the death of Enid's sister, Charlotte Hope Saltzman Z"L

Refuah Sh'lema to:

- Solomon Rabinovich

Yasher Koah to:

- Italo Gonzalez, Ieda and Marvin Warshay's son-in-law, who recently passed his Professional Engineer's Exam.

Thanks for Kiddush sponsorships to:

- January 8 – Mentoring Program of the Adult Education Committee
- January 29 – Ellen and Harold Ticktin, in honor of Italo Gonzalez
- February 5 – Henry Bloom and Marilyn Malkin, Adi and Judith Gerblich and Laura and Marty Rabinowitz, for Nili Adler, in memory of Nili's mother, Nechama Schultz Shalit Z"L

Thanks, from the Chesed Committee:

- Beth and Scott Wachter would like to thank Karen Kugelman for spearheading an organized effort to direct contributions to victims of the tsunami. People were at a loss as to how to help, and we appreciated her efforts in assisting with this.

Thanks for your help to:

Those who helped with the January 7 Shabbat dinner:

- The Berusch children
- Frank and Jeannette Buchwald
- Joe and Mia Buchwald Gelles
- Laura Gooch
- Merry Lugasy
- Marvin Palevsky
- Arielle, Caitlin and Matthew Palevsky
- Tali Lugasy
- Linda Tobin
- Beth Wachter,
- and the countless others who pitched in to help clean up.

Beth El–The Heights Synagogue member Daniel Shapiro will give a piano recital of music by Bach, Beethoven, Ravel and Dutilleux on Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at 8:00 pm in Kulas Hall in the Cleveland Institute of Music, 11021 East Blvd, Cleveland, Ohio. There is no charge for admission. For more information, call 216-791-5000.

CALENDAR, FEBRUARY 2005

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Saturday, January 29

Kiddush sponsored by Ellen and Harold Ticktin, in honor of Italo Gonzalez

7:30 PM – Movie Night! (see page 5 for details)

Friday, February 4

6:00 PM – Kabbalat Shabbat services, followed by a virtual congregational Shabbat dinner, held in members' homes. See page 4 for details.

Saturday, February 5

Kiddush sponsored by Henry Bloom and Marilyn Malkin, Adi and Judith Gerblich and Laura and Marty Rabinowitz, for Nili Adler, in memory of Nili's mother, Nechama Schultz Shalit

Sunday, February 6

7:00 to 8:30 PM – Short Stories Discussion Group at the home of Harvey and Sondra Jacobs. Author: Joan Leegant. See page 3 for details.

Saturday, February 12

Approx. 10:15 AM – Learner's Service with Cheryl Birkner Mack
Kiddush with Rashi with Cheryl Birkner Mack: Highlights from Shemot

Saturday, February 12

9:30 PM – Yiddishe Cup will appear at Wilbert's Food & Music, 812 Huron Avenue East, Cleveland, www.wilbertsmusic.com

Saturday, February 26

Approx. 10:15 AM – Learner's Service with Nili Sharon Adler: Exploring the Torah Service

Lunch and Learn with Carole Zawatski, Executive Director of the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, Topic: Art and Creativity in Judaism

Friday, March 4

6:00 PM – "Shabbat Across America" Kabbalat Shabbat services. Dinner at the synagogue to follow. Reservations required. See page ____ for details.

Sunday, March 6

7:00 to 8:30 PM – Short Stories Discussion Group at the home of Harvey and Sondra Jacobs. Author: David Bezmozgis. See page 3 for details.

Saturday, March 19

Lunch and Learn with Shelley Bloomfield, PhD

Friday, April 1

6:00 PM – Kabbalat Shabbat services

Saturday, April 9

Lunch and Learn with Alan Levenson, PhD

Sunday, April 10

7:00 to 8:30 PM – Short Stories Discussion Group at the home of Harvey and Sondra Jacobs. Author: E.L. Doctorow. See page 3 for details.

Scheduling
Your Event
at Beth
El-The
Heights
Synagogue

If you wish to schedule an event at the synagogue, you must contact Fern Grunberger to book/confirm the date in the shul calendar.

Fern may be reached at 216-321-8570 or FERNETTE@aol.com

YAHARZEITS, FEBRUARY 2005

5765 שבט/אדר א'

JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 4

19 SHEVAT – 25 SHEVAT

William Berkman	19 Shevat
Abraham Margolis	19 Shevat
Howard B. Cohen	19 Shevat
Mathilda Mendelow	19 Shevat
Rose Reiss	20 Shevat
Euginea Sender	20 Shevat
Abe Lipoff	21 Shevat
Helen Haskin	23 Shevat
Sam Cohen	24 Shevat
Jules Pepper	25 Shevat

FEBRUARY 5 – FEBRUARY 11

26 SHEVAT – 2 ADAR I

Irving Bloom	29 Shevat
Emanuel Mills	29 Shevat
Phil Mishinsky	29 Shevat
Edith Bertman	30 Shevat
Dorothy Samuels	30 Shevat
Rabbi David L. Genuth	1 Adar
David Beckerman	1 Adar
Sam Buchwald	1 Adar
Mary Rachel Linden	1 Adar
Clara Miller	1 Adar
Rose Rock	2 Adar
Kurt Brandes	2 Adar

FEBRUARY 12 – FEBRUARY 18

3 ADAR I – 9 ADAR I

Abe Hoicowitz	5 Adar
Julius Weinberg	5 Adar
Clara Adler	5 Adar
Isaac Wachter	6 Adar
Sonia S. Goldstein	7 Adar
Zali Schlesinger	7 Adar
Samual Taubman	8 Adar
Hannah Eifer	9 Adar

FEBRUARY 19 – FEBRUARY 25

10 ADAR I – 16 ADAR I

Bertha Pepper	10 Adar
Boris Kushner	10 Adar
Harry H. Sobel	11 Adar
David Negin	13 Adar
Selma Chernikoff	13 Adar
Malke Bilkes	14 Adar
Jacob Chassis	14 Adar
Phyllis Sharpe	14 Adar
Dora J. Horwitz	16 Adar

FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 4

17 ADAR I – 23 ADAR I

Isadore Glanz	17 Adar
Solomon Malkin	19 Adar
Esther Hollander	20 Adar
Daniel Geddes	20 Adar
Barbara Becker	22 Adar
Ida Weiss	23 Adar



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REASON #7:

No bar mitzvah every week.

We know that for many people, a bar or bat mitzvah every week is the main reason they come to shul.

But it's not for everyone.

We're small. We've got lots of kids, but most of them are younger. So most weeks, we've just got our usual morning service. You'll be davening among people who know your name, not bar mitzvah guests. And on the rare occasion when we do have a bat mitzvah or a bar mitzvah, it's something special.

If you think you might like this kind of place, give us a call.
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What's Going On?

BETH EL

The Heights Synagogue

Issue 19, February 2005

Donor Recognition

The Development Committee, headed by Emily Dennis, has researched ideas for donor recognition that would go beyond the standard plaque and serve to enhance our addition as well as thanking generous members and friends. Proposals for several creative and beautiful approaches to donor recognition art were presented at the last Board meeting and are being considered by the Board.

Elevator?!

At newsletter deadline, the Facilities Team is on tenterhooks, awaiting completion of a final bit of work on the elevator that was required by the State elevator inspectors. All we can say is, "Soon!!" Maybe we will even have permission to use our elevator (it works, we just need the certificate!) before this newsletter hits the streets.

Although we'll be using the new entrance and the elevator before long, we are planning to have a Grand Opening in a month or two. Stay tuned for details, and plan to come join us as we celebrate the success of our congregation's generosity and hard work!

Still Looking Ahead

Once we start using the addition, you will no doubt notice things that we still need to do. We'll take care of necessities (like runner rugs, a more permanent screen to go behind the reading table, and coat racks) first. Once those are out of the way and we have a final picture of the total cost of the renovation project, we will consider whether we can move ahead with some more costly enhancements, such as tile for the ground floor, treads for the stairs, and carpet for the second floor landing. The Decorating Committee will work on decorations for the walls in the addition and elsewhere. Call Debbie Small (216-321-0448) if you'd like to help with decorating.



Swing Gates, Fire Doors, Areas of Refuge, and Other Fire Breathing Monsters

Both our new and old buildings include some features that are designed to keep us safer in the event of a fire. Some of these features are familiar, while others are new fire code requirements and seem unfamiliar or strange. Here's a rundown on our fire safety features and how they are intended to keep us safe:

- **Interior Fire Doors:** Many of the interior doors in the old and new buildings are marked as fire doors. These doors are intended to prevent the spread of fire. They must be kept closed (except when you are going through, of course) and should not be propped open.
- **Exterior Exit Doors:** All of our exit doors to the outside are now fire exit doors. These doors can always be opened from the inside by simply pushing on the inside handles, whether or not they are locked from the outside. They may not be blocked, chained or bolted shut.
- **Swing Gate:** A swing gate has been installed at the top of the stairway leading down to the Social Hall from the ground floor of the new addition. The swing gate is a new requirement of the fire code that is intended to keep someone from running downstairs (instead of out the door to the outside) during the panic of a fire. The gate is always unlocked and always closed unless someone is passing through.
- **Areas of Refuge:** On the Sanctuary and Social Hall levels, there are marked Areas of Refuge in the new addition, each equipped with a telephone and an intercom. These areas allow people with handicaps that prevent them from using the stairs to await help in the event of a fire or other emergency that disables the elevator. The intercoms can be used to communicate with a call box located in the synagogue kitchen. The telephones have access to an ordinary outside line. The Areas of Refuge must be kept clear of anything that would prevent two wheelchair-bound people from waiting there without obstructing the stairwell.
- **Emergency Lighting:** Bill Schmitt has installed new emergency lighting in the stairwells and other areas throughout the building. This lighting will help us exit safely in the event of a power failure.

JECC Offers Camp Sponsorships, Scholarships, and Fellowships

The Jewish Education Center of Cleveland can help send your child to camp this summer. Here are three of the JECC's programs:

Sponsorships pay part of the cost of sending your child to Camp Ramah, Camp JRF, or a similar Jewish camp. Parents pay the balance of the cost. Sponsorship applications must be filed by March 15, 2005. For more information, contact Marilyn Malkin, mxm74@po.cwru.edu, 216-932-1949.

The Frances and Sanford M. Tolchinsky Camp Scholarship for Leadership Training is for incoming

9th and 10th graders, and older students, who attend a Jewish camp offering leadership training. For more information, contact Helen Wolf at the JECC, 216-371-0466, hwolf@jecc.org.

Students currently in 10th and 11th grade are eligible for two weeks at a Jewish camp in Szarvas, Hungary. The program is administered by the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation, in cooperation with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. For more information, visit <http://www.szarvas.org> and contact Helen Wolf at the JECC, 216-371-0466, hwolf@jecc.org.

Join Beth El For...



On Friday, March 4,
Beth El – the Heights Synagogue is participating in
“Shabbat Across America (and Canada!)”
Be part of this event –

Candle lighting at 5:50 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat services at 6:00 PM
Dinner at 7:00 PM, followed by
Dessert, Singing, and Discussion

The service is free; dinner will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Please fill out the form below and send it (with payment) to Lisa Berusch, to reserve your spot. Questions? Call or e-mail Lisa Berusch (216-397-9060 or lberusch@sbcglobal.net)

Yes, we are coming to the Shabbat Across America dinner on March 4.

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of adults _____ Number of children under 12 _____

Number of vegetarians _____

Yes, we'd love to help, just give us a call! _____

Please mail to:

Lisa Berusch, 2219 Lamberton Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118