

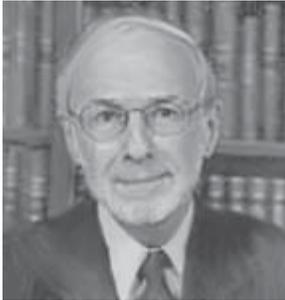


# BETH EL NEWSLETTER

The Heights Synagogue

January 2006

5766 טבת/שבט



*Rabbi Moshe Adler*

## Eternal Vigilance

During January, the month in which Martin Luther King Day falls, my thoughts turn to freedom and what it means.

In 1801, the Danbury Baptist Association of Connecticut wrote to the newly elected president, Thomas Jefferson, complaining that “what religious privileges we enjoy (as a minor part of the state) we enjoy as favors granted, and not as inalienable rights; and these favors we receive at the expense of such degrading acknowledgements as are inconsistent with the rights of freemen.”

Jefferson replied in words that constitute the classic statement on freedom of conscience:

Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legitimate powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, thus building a wall of separation between church and state.

Jefferson clearly connects the “wall of separation” with the establishment clause of the First Amendment. That connection has become an implied principle of constitutional law.

U. S. history has shown that, by enabling countless varieties of religion and non-religion to exist in this country, the “wall of separation” has enabled the development of the religious pluralism that most of us have come to cherish. Immigrants from Jefferson’s day to our own have come here seeking and finding the freedom to live out their religious or non-religious convictions. Religious pluralism is the primary reason for the flourishing of Judaism in this country, and it is why Jewish “radar” is ultra-sensitive to potential threats to the “wall of separation.”

Now, however, the religious right – which for decades has been working long and hard to weaken if not eliminate that wall – is making its long-planned move. It claims that “freedom of religion” does not mean “freedom from religion.” The contrary is true. If we Jews have learned anything, it is that theocracy is not healthy for religion, even if it’s one’s own theocracy. Indeed, freedom from religion is the most effective way of achieving freedom of religion.

We dare not allow the religious right to insinuate religion into the public schools in the guise of alternative scientific theory. I will defend a fundamentalist Christian’s right to teach his beliefs to his children at home and in a privately funded religious school, but I will oppose his attempt to teach his beliefs to my children in a public school.

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**Kabbalat Shabbat  
Friday,  
February 3**

**6:00 PM Services  
7:00 PM Dinner,  
followed by  
singing and  
dancing.**

*Reservations  
and prepayment  
required for dinner.*

# Our Shabbat Community



*Jack Valancy*

QUESTIONS?  
CONCERNS?  
COMMENTS?  
COMPLAINTS?

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No one was in our sanctuary as I climbed the stairs from the social hall on Saturday afternoon, December 3. The holy ark, the reading table and stand, the seats, the memorial plaques, and the seasonal decorations were a heart warming sight.

Cleveland was digging out from Friday's major snowstorm, the first of the season. I was beat when I arrived home late Friday afternoon. Thoughts of unfinished projects and the challenges of the week ahead added to my fatigue. A good night for staying home, but Blanche and I had dinner reservations for our congregation's Kabbalat Shabbat dinner.

Arriving at the synagogue, we greeted Ari Klein and Ditte Wolin, who were clearing snow from the sidewalk and unlocking the main doors. Ditte and I dashed around the building turning on lights and checking timers for our furnace and elevator.

As evening fell, members and friends in the sanctuary gathered chairs in a semicircle in front of the reading stand. Mia and Joe Buchwald Gelles led Kabbalat Shabbat services. Before each psalm, Mia invited us to share something pleasant that had happened to us during the week. Aliza Mack talked about school. Linda Tobin described how she was reunited with a Cleveland student she tutors in reading. I told of the jazz concert Blanche and I attended the previous evening at Cleveland Heights High School, featuring our congregation's Benj Bloom on bass. Joe continued services. Worshipping together, we were transported from a stressful week to the oasis of Shabbat.

Dinner was waiting for us at the oasis. Our social hall was filled with the delicious aromas

of Shabbat dinner prepared by Marvin Palevsky and the kitchen crew. The chicken and salmon were succulent, the salad and veggies were nutritious, and the freshly baked challah rolls and brownies were divine. After dinner, several happy members pitched in to help with cleanup.

Our Kabbalat Shabbat services followed by dinner are scheduled for the first Friday of each month. On Friday, February 3, we are hosting students from Case Western Reserve University's Hillel Foundation. See the announcement in this newsletter to learn how you can sponsor a student.

Saturday morning dawned on fresh snow, which had been cleared from our synagogue's sidewalks by some of Ari Klein's Boy Scouts. Our little kids were in the babysitting room, our older kids were in our Junior Congregation, some adults were in our Learner's Service, and the rest were worshipping in our sanctuary. The dedication of our service leaders and Torah readers and our appreciation of their diversity strengthens our communal bonds. Concluding with "Adon Olam," we see our future in our children's faces.

As always, our Kiddush was bountiful, enjoyed and appreciated by children and grownups alike. More than an hour after services ended, I climbed the stairs from the social hall with the enthusiastic singing of a table full of friends ringing in my ears. Retrieving my coat and hat, I stepped into the sanctuary. Forming a Shabbat community is one of our founding objectives. We are succeeding. The sanctuary glows and the steam radiators whisper.

# A Synagogue Where the Individual Makes the Group

**By: Shelley Costa Bloomfield, Ph.D. Special to the C/JN**

I have always been distrustful of groups.

As an only child growing up in New Jersey, I was a Brownie for a year, and no sooner did I “fly up” to Girl Scout-hood than I fled scouting forever.

At college, I joined a sorority – for one night. When the induction included sisters and pledges making a big circle out on the quad and holding hands and singing, I actually bolted across the grass and called it quits the next day.

I’d always rather be home reading, or dancing to show tunes, or writing mystery stories about mad doctors and embattled heroines. Those were my group n the characters I created. There was nothing so deeply involving to me as the life I gave to characters on a page.

During those years I was a Catholic, and there was a fair amount of deferring to the group will in that experience: We school kids sat together at Mass (no turning around!) and dutifully filed up together for Communion. Recite your catechism; question nothing. In a “faith tradition” where conformity leads to salvation, the group makes the individual.

As an only child, where the great luxury of my childhood was personal space, private time, and shalom bayit (peace in the home), I somehow understood that a group doesn’t give you anything you don’t already have as an individual. “Salvation” was certainly nothing I ever felt I needed n besides, it was a much more interesting proposition watching the likes of Huckleberry Finn, Hester Prynne, and Hamlet define n and seek n salvation in new ways.

During those years, one idea resonated: God created man in his own image. To me, this meant an expanded definition of the Divine. It spoke to human potential and human imagination and the kind of active goodness that transforms worlds.

On some level, I was waiting for Judaism.

It arrived around the time of my marriage, nearly 27 years ago, and in pursuit of our daughters’ religious education, I squelched my distrust of groups. I began my Jewish life as a Jew in the shadows, waiting for the inevitable moment when the group tries to shape me to

its will, when the group somehow makes it clear I can never measure up.

To what was unclear, but after all, when it came to religion, that was all I had ever known. So I spent many years just outside the firelight of our congregation, poised to bolt at the first sign of censure.

It never came.

I realize I could have hidden forever in those comfortable shadows as a Jew: Just hand me a chumash and a siddur, and let me sit anonymously in the assembly, a spectator at the faith. But after our longtime shul, Beth Am, disbanded a few years ago, we found our way to a lively remnant of the old Beth Am, which had paired with Beth El to become Beth El-The Heights Synagogue, a traditional, egalitarian and participatory congregation in Cleveland Heights.

Here everyone counts, but no one’s counting. Here is a remarkable set of men and women, sleeves perpetually rolled up, leading services, serving on committees, providing programs, and setting up the weekly fine spread for kiddush. Here we found a bright, warm tradition where the questions go something like this: What would you like to learn? What would you like to share?

As a fiction writer and English professor, as someone who finds joy in timeless themes and language, I gravitated to the study of classical Hebrew and Biblical narrative. Where are the points of intersection between those stories and themes and what we find in Walt Whitman or Mark Twain?

Over the years I was taught by Rabbi Moshe Adler to chant from the Torah, asked to present d’vei Torah (brief explanations of the week’s Torah portion), and invited to speak at our congregational Lunch and Learns. Like so many others at Beth El-The Heights Synagogue, where the interests and areas of expertise are far-ranging, I was seen as having something to contribute.

Here, the individual makes the group.



Dr. Shelley Costa Bloomfield is a resident of Chagrin Falls.



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# Adult Education at Beth El



Join us for  
the first  
Movie Night  
of 2006!

Saturday,  
January 21,  
7:30 PM

Adult Movie:  
**Trembling  
Before God**

Kids' Movie:  
TBA

\$4/adult  
\$2/child  
to cover cost  
of refreshments  
and equipment  
rental.

## Learners' Services Continue

Saturdays, January 7 – Learner's Service – Does the davening leave you in the dust? Come to our new and improved learner's service. Practice praying at a slow pace. Ask questions and get answers. Take-home study guides from the new Berhman House series for adults. Meet around 10:20 AM and rejoin the main service for the D'var Torah.

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### Negotiating with G-d Mini Series with Rabbi Adler – Part 3

Sunday, January 29 – “Negotiating with G-d – Moshe and the Golden Calf” with Rabbi Moshe Adler. This is part 3 of the Rabbi's mini-series. Please join us even if you missed previous sessions.

**Location:** Home of Stephen Pepper and Linda Tobin, 2440 Euclid Heights Blvd., Cleveland Heights

**Time:** 7:00 to 8:30 PM

The topic originally scheduled for that session, “Negotiating with G-d – Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev, Israel's Defense Attorney in the Heavenly Court,” will be presented at a fourth session in February, place and time to be announced.

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### Hebrew on One Foot at Siegal College

Sunday, January 22, 2006, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM  
Siegal College of Judaic Studies, 6500 Shaker Blvd.

Crash course for absolute beginners and returning students. \$40, includes kosher lunch, all materials, \$25 credit toward a follow-up language course. Sponsored by Moreshet: The Hebrew Literacy Project.

To register, call Jennifer Morton,  
216-464-4050, ext. 100, or e-mail  
[jmorton@siegalcollege.edu](mailto:jmorton@siegalcollege.edu)

## Short Stories by Jewish Authors Fall Mini Series In Its Second Year

Saul Bellow's story, “Him with His Foot in His Mouth,” offered a complex set of characters to fathom by members of the BE-THS Short Stories by Jewish Authors Reading/Discussion Group in November. It was an intricately crafted tale that was in some ways straightforward and in other ways quite mysterious. The group enjoyed trying out all of its possibilities. In addition, two Jewish short stories on tape provided further ventures into this milieu.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, January 22, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. We will discuss stories by author Sol Roth, specifics TBA. New participants always welcome! For detail contact Sondra Jacobs 216-397-1481 or [sondrajacobs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sondrajacobs@sbcglobal.net).

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### Movie Night 2

Saturday, January 21 – Movie Night – Looking for good company, stimulating discussions and something to nosh on a Saturday night? This is the second of our movie nights – taking place while Shabbat ends early enough to still party. You don't even need to hire a sitter for your school-aged kids. Bring them along to watch a children's movie with their friends.

**Location:** BethEl-The Heights Synagogue  
**Adult Movie:** **Trembling Before God** (2001). Built around intimately-told personal stories of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews who are gay or lesbian, the film portrays a group of people who face a profound dilemma - how to reconcile their passionate love of Judaism and the Divine with the drastic Biblical prohibitions that forbids homosexuality.

**Kids Movie:** TBA

**Time:** 7:30 PM

\$4/adult, \$2/child

*(Eternal Vigilance, Continued from p. 1)*

That doesn't make me anti-Christian; it makes me pro-another-religion or simply uncommitted to any religion. The claim that by opposing theocracy I am opposing religion is a vicious distortion of the truth.

We dare not allow the religious right to legislate its definition of the start of human life into law, thus imposing it on those of us who define it differently. Jewish law considers a fetus not a person but a part of its mother's body. However, though a fetus is not a person, it is a potential person, and should therefore be brought to term, unless doing so will endanger the mother's life. Jurists of Jewish law differ over the specific conditions under which a pregnancy may be terminated, but they agree that feticide is not murder. The claim that this fact makes Jewish law anti-life is yet another vicious distortion of the truth.

We dare not allow the religious right's support of Israel to blind us to their ultimate aim of Christianizing America. Militant

proselytizers continually seek to reach the most vulnerable among us – children, the sick, the psychologically wounded, the Judaically uninformed – and persuade them that by accepting Christianity they will be better Jews, “messianic” Jews. While we lovingly welcome Christian support of our people's nationhood in its ancestral homeland, we do not owe them a single Jewish soul in return, nor do we owe it to them to stand by while the religious right pulls down the wall of separation between church and state.

We must stop allowing the religious right to frame the debate – a debate that they themselves created. This is not about Republicans and Democrats, or about faith or the alleged lack thereof; this is about human rights and the future of pluralistic democracy.

Jefferson warned that “the price of freedom is eternal vigilance.” The unthinkable CAN happen here. May the American people come to their senses in time to prevent it.



## Adam Kugelman to Become Bar Mitzvah

Adam Kugelman will celebrate his bar mitzvah on January 28. Adam's proud parents are Karen and Harvey Kugelman. Adam lives in Cleveland Heights with his parents and his sister, Sonia. His brother, Eli, and his older sister and brother-in-law, Natanya and Kyle, live and work in Chicago. Adam is also the grandson of Sylvia and Walter Kugelman, Gerald Goldstein and the late Sonia Goldstein. A seventh-grade student at Gross Schechter Day School, where he is a member of the soccer team, Adam's favorite subject is math. He is an enthusiastic Star Wars fan, and loves playing all kinds of computer games. Adam is also teaching himself computer programming in his spare time. Adam has been taking piano lessons since the second grade. His favorite food is his mom's kielbasa-noodle casserole. Adam thanks his bar mitzvah tutor, Lance Colie, and all his teachers at Gross Schechter for helping prepare him for his special day.

The congregation is invited to a kiddush luncheon following services on January 28, in Adam's honor.



# How We Work Together

How we work together: guidelines for planning events at Beth El-the Heights Synagogue  
Please save for future reference.

*Take  
care of  
yourself  
— you  
never  
know  
when  
the  
world  
will  
need  
you.*

**Rabbi Hillel**

- Fern Grunberger, [FERNETTE@aol.com](mailto:FERNETTE@aol.com), 216-321-8750, maintains our congregation's comprehensive calendar. Please contact her first to avoid scheduling conflicts.
- Ditte Wolin, [adwolin@dasa93.net](mailto:adwolin@dasa93.net), 216-932-9907, heads our House and Operations committee, so she has to know about programs that take place in and around our building. For example, programming the lights and elevator on Shabbat, setting up tables in the social hall.
- Lisa Berusch, [lberusch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lberusch@sbcglobal.net), 216-397-9060, heads our Ritual committee, so she oversees rituals within and outside of the sanctuary, and coordinates these with Rabbi Adler, [moshetzvi@earthlink.net](mailto:moshetzvi@earthlink.net). For example, for Kabbalat Shabbats, this may also include scheduling service and meal times, ritual hand washing, motzi before meals, and benching after meals.
- Merry Lugasy, [mlugasy@core.com](mailto:mlugasy@core.com), 216-397-0305, heads our Social committee. In addition to her other responsibilities, she confers with Marvin Palevsky on pricing meals.
- Marvin Palevsky, [mpalevsky@mybunnies.com](mailto:mpalevsky@mybunnies.com), 216-382-7622, runs our kitchen, so plan catering with him.
- Merry and Marvin are recruiting kitchen volunteers to help with set up, clean up, and other tasks. Please contact them if you can lend a hand with weekly Shabbat kiddush and other programs.
- Laura Gooch, [lgooch@alum.mit.edu](mailto:lgooch@alum.mit.edu), 216-932-1002, is our Treasurer. Please go over payment procedures with her, especially if you are planning to spend or receive significant amounts of money so that she can account for them correctly.
- Mia Buchwald Gelles, [miabgelles@gmail.com](mailto:miabgelles@gmail.com), 216-321-7134, heads our Adult Education committee. Contact her as necessary.
- Mark Davidson, [markyosef@sbcglobal.net](mailto:markyosef@sbcglobal.net), 216-295-1715, chairs our Children's and Teen Programming committee, with help from Joe Buchwald Gelles, [thumpers@apk.net](mailto:thumpers@apk.net), 216-321-7134, and Ari Klein, [ari@dasa93.net](mailto:ari@dasa93.net), 216-932-9907. Marilyn Malkin, [mxm74@case.edu](mailto:mxm74@case.edu), 216-932-1949, has been arranging babysitting. Contact them, as necessary.
- Carol Bruml, [news@bethelheights.org](mailto:news@bethelheights.org), 216-932-9155, is our newsletter editor, and needs information about events in advance of newsletter deadlines, which typically fall during the first week of the month for the following month's edition, e.g., Friday, November 11 is the deadline for the December issue.
- Blanche Valancy, [blanche@valancy.com](mailto:blanche@valancy.com), 216-371-1439, heads our mailing committee, which typically prepares newsletters for mailing during the last week of the month. To avoid extra expenses, let's avoid mailing flyers separately from the newsletter.
- Marketing channels include articles in the newsletter (Carol Bruml, 216-932-9155, [news@bethelheights.org](mailto:news@bethelheights.org)), announcements at the conclusion of services (Jack Valancy [president@bethelheights.org](mailto:president@bethelheights.org), 216-371-1439), our web site (which receives content from our newsletter), Biglist (send your message to: [bethel@valancy.biglist.com](mailto:bethel@valancy.biglist.com)), flyers/posters within our building (contact Blanche Valancy, [blanche@valancy.com](mailto:blanche@valancy.com), for information about our special rates with CopyMax), personal invitations to prospective members, and press releases (Ditte Wolin, [adwolin@dasa93.net](mailto:adwolin@dasa93.net)) to the CJN, Sun Press, and other media.
- Jeff Halpern, [jeffrey.halpern@case.edu](mailto:jeffrey.halpern@case.edu), is our Membership committee chair. He may want to invite prospective members to services, educational programs, and events.

# NEWS FROM BETH EL

# חדשות

## Thanks for Donations to: תודה!

- Leah and Sam Austin, to the Capital Fund in honor of Elana Berusch's Bat Mitzvah.
- Ruth Ballonoff in memory of her mother Doris Glaser Z"L and brother Morton Glaser Z"L.
- Henry Bloom and Marilyn Malkin
- Leah Brenner in memory of Marc Harold Brenner Z"L.
- Bill and Carol Bruml, in memory of Jim Saunt Z"L.
- Rachel Chodock
- Valeriy Elnatanov
- Barbara Finnemore, to the Capital Fund.
- Connie Friedman and David Shutkin, to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.
- Leon Gabinet in memory of Laille Gabinet Z"L.
- Joe and Mia Buchwald Gelles, to the Adult Education Committee, for Lunch and Learn sessions.
- Saul Genuth
- Henry Goldhirsch in memory of his father, David Salomon Goldhirsch Z"L.
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- Louis Gray, in memory of sister Evelyn Gray Z"L, and parents Esther and Morris Gray Z"L.
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- Stephen Pepper and Linda Tobin
- Mary Valancy
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- Ieda and Marvin Warshay, to the Hased Committee, in memory of Jim Saunt Z"L.

## Refuah Sh'lema to: רפואה שלימה!

- Bill Bruml's sister, Jan Bruml
- Gerson Carr
- Clara Dick
- Miriam Palevsky

## Thanks for Kiddush Sponsorship to: תודה!

- Frank and Jeannette Buchwald, who sponsored Kiddush on November 26 in honor of Noam Gelles' birthday.
- Harvey and Karen Kugelman, who will sponsor Kiddush on January 28, in honor of Adam, who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah that morning.

## Thanks for High Holiday Ticket

### Contributions to: תודה!

- Bracha-Bronia Gerblich
- Devorah Silverman

## Yasher Koah to:

- Shelley Costa Bloomfield received an Honorable Mention from the 2006 Pushcart Prize (Best of the Small Presses) annual short fiction anthology. The story, "From the Personal Record Collection of Beniamino Gigli," appeared in the Fall 2004 issue of *The Georgia Review*.

## Thanks for Your Help to: תודה!

- Sue and Mickey Greenberg, Sue Klein, Teri and David Tomberg, Blanche Valancy, and Ieda Warshay for invaluable help with mailing the December newsletter.

## Apologies to:

- John Taddeo and family, whose mother, Loretta Gatins' Z"L, yahrzeit was inadvertently omitted from the listing in the December newsletter (28 Kislev, 12/3/2004).

## News From Afar

Elliott Magalnik, who now lives in Denver, writes,

"I received my Beth El Newsletter a few days ago and I even read it. I read about your new members Lila and Joe Newman. It mentioned in the article that they have a son in Denver named Paul.

So,...what the heck... I looked up Paul Newman in the Denver white pages and there were only three. The first was a disconnect and the second, lo and behold, it was our right Paul. Not only was it the right Paul but he belongs to my shul, Rodef Shalom and he knew who I was.

Not only does he belong to my shul and know who I am but he went to Heights High and he graduated in '67 and he knows Fern Grunberger.

Fancy that. Now if that ain't a small world then I don't know what is. That is your (and my) geography lesson for the day. I hope all is well with all of you."

# CALENDAR, JANUARY 2006

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Saturday, January 7, 10:20 AM – **Learners' Service**

Saturday, January 21, 7:30 PM – **Movie Night**. See page 4 for details.

Sunday, January 22, 7:00 PM – **Short Stories by Jewish Authors Discussion Group**, will discuss stories by **Sol Roth** (specifics TBA). See page 4 for details.

Friday, January 27, 5:00 PM – **Kabbalat Shabbat**. Evening services, led by Lance Colie. (No congregational dinner.)

Saturday, January 28 – **Adam Kugelman will become Bar Mitzvah**. His parents invite the congregation to a Kiddush luncheon following services.

Sunday, January 29, 7:00 PM – **"Negotiating with God, Part 3 – Moshe and the Golden Calf"** with Rabbi Moshe Adler. See page 4 for details.

Friday, February 3, 5:30 PM – **Kabbalat Shabbat**: Evening Services, followed by dinner, singing and dancing. Reservations required, if you would like to stay for dinner. See attached flyer for details.



## January Yahrzeits

### DECEMBER 31 – JANUARY 6 30 KISLEV – 6 TEVET

David Davis	30 Kislev	5713
Lenke Vamos	2 Tevet	5737
Manual Collin	4 Tevet	5714
Moses Horwitz	4 Tevet	
Sol Olshansky	5 Tevet	5726
Zoltan Saunt	5 Tevet	5736
Edward Crevoi	5 Tevet	
Sidney Spinner	5 Tevet	
Sam S. Birkner	6 Tevet	
Jack Lertzman	6 Tevet	5719
David L. Susman	6 Tevet	5721
Carl Gilbert Lampel	6 Tevet	5726
Adolph Weinberger	6 Tevet	5738

### JANUARY 7 – JANUARY 13 7 TEVET – 13 TEVET

Harry Samuel Weiss	7 Tevet	5710
PFC Michael Marks	7 Tevet	
Lawrence Mesnick	7 Tevet	
Rebecca Dorothy Charms	8 Tevet	5729
Dr. Samuel Gordon	9 Tevet	
Bella Sobel	10 Tevet	
Sidney Russack	10 Tevet	5755
Max Adler	10 Tevet	
Isadore Litt	11 Tevet	5722
Bertha Weinberg	12 Tevet	5692
Max Levinsky	13 Tevet	5719
Milton Gutentag	13 Tevet	5738
Minnie Jacobs Weinberger	13 Tevet	572

### JANUARY 14 – JANUARY 20 14 TEVET – 20 TEVET

Eliezer Lindenbaum	16 Tevet	5697
Henry Rocker	16 Tevet	5727
Fannie Spinner	17 Tevet	
Annie Moll	18 Tevet	5761
Louis Shifrin	18 Tevet	5727
Tamar Tepper	18 Tevet	
Fannie Eisenberg	19 Tevet	5733
Jack Gordon	19 Tevet	
Steve Cernigoj	20 Tevet	
Jacques R. Simons	20 Tevet	5739

### JANUARY 21 – JANUARY 27 21 TEVET – 27 TEVET

Samuel Soffer	21 Tevet	
Fannie Fromson	23 Tevet	5717
Celia Sobel	23 Tevet	
Joe Silver	25 Tevet	5733
Lillian Ratner	23 Tevet	
Sylvia Tucker	25 Tevet	
Rosalyn Louise Berkman	26 Tevet	
Morris Givertz	27 Tevet	

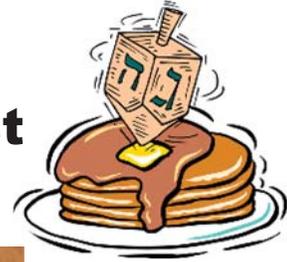
### JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 3 28 TEVET – 5 SHEVAT

Henry Gelfand	29 Tevet	
Harriet Feldman	2 Shevat	
Victor Reiss	3 Shevat	
Theresa Siegler	3 Shevat	
David Carr	3 Shevat	
Mordechai Lugasy	4 Shevat	

When I  
started  
counting  
my  
blessings,  
my  
whole life  
turned  
around.

Willie Nelson

# BE-THS' First Annual Community Pancake Breakfast Was a Rousing Success!



Robin Dubin



Merry Lugasy



Ditte Wolin & Henry Bloom  
check syrup vintages.



Blanche & Jack Valancy



Thanks to everyone who made the first annual Community Pancake Breakfast on December 25, 2005, a rousing success: Carol Bruml, Robin Dubin, Laura Gooch, Fern Grunberger, David Kazdan, Richard Krueck, Cheryl Birkner Mack, Marilyn Malkin, Merry Lugasy, Nissim Lugasy, Caren Shiloh, Eran Shiloh, Debbie Small, Andy Stone, Marvin Palevsky, Blanche Valancy, Jack Valancy, Ditte Wolin, Beth Wachter, Scott Wachter.

We look forward to next year's event!

*Photos by Laura Gooch  
and David Kazdan.*



Ed Small &  
Nissim Lugasy

Dreidel  
Painting



Ari & Shoshana Klein



# Kabbalat Shabbat

## קבלת שבת

Friday, February 3



**6:00 PM Services begin in the sanctuary**

**7:00 PM Dinner in the social hall,  
followed by singing and dancing**

The cost of the dinner is \$8.00 per person. Children 5 and under are free.

Beth El-The Heights Synagogue will be hosting Hillel students at the February Kabbalat Shabbat. We ask that members please consider sponsoring one or more students by paying the cost of their meals.

For more information call Debbie at 216-371-0327 or e-mail her at [michelson@goodmanweissmiller.com](mailto:michelson@goodmanweissmiller.com)

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**Yes, we are coming to the Friday night dinner on January 6, 2006**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of: Adults and children over 5 years old attending \_\_\_\_\_ Children ages 5 and under \_\_\_\_\_

Number of vegetarian meals needed \_\_\_\_\_

We will sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Hillel students at \$8.00 apiece.

Total amount enclosed (\$8 per person, including Hillel students; Children 5 and under free) \_\_\_\_\_

I can help set up/ cook (Thurs. Eve) \_\_\_\_\_ Set up (Fri. 4 PM) \_\_\_\_\_ Clean up \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve your spot by Friday, January 27, by sending in payment with response forms  
(to help us keep track of what your check is for!) to:

**Debbie Michelson, 2224 Lamberton Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118.**