



BETH EL NEWSLETTER

The Heights Synagogue

June/July 2006

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Rabbi Moshe Adler

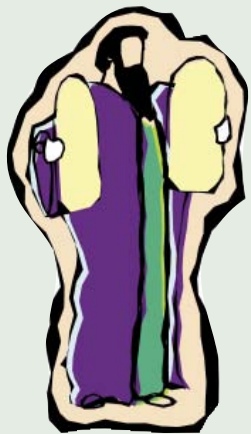
This Is Just to Say...

According to an old urban legend, a congregation called Shaarey Shamayim (Gates of Heaven) used to post a sign during July and August: "Shaarey Shamayim closed for the summer."

own encounter with the Giver of the Torah.

Like our ancestors, we first re-live the Exodus on Passover, then we count the days and weeks in spiritual preparation, and finally, on Shavuot, we stay up late and learn Torah, thus re-living the receiving of the Torah.

שבועות
וי סיון



This year Shavuot, the anniversary of the giving of the Torah, falls at the beginning of June, as summer fast approaches. Shavuot is the other "book-end" of a pair, the first of which was Passover, the anniversary of the Exodus. During the seven-week period between the two festivals, which is called the counting of the omer, we literally count the days and weeks leading from Passover to Shavuot – from the Exodus to the Revelation – in anticipation of receiving the Torah anew.

After such impressive spiritual progress, would we want to chuck it all and plunge into a summer virtually devoid of Torah and mitzvot? We want to take that well-earned vacation, but surely we wouldn't want to make it a vacation from Judaism. The gates of heaven don't really close for the summer, and neither does Beth El – The Heights Synagogue (or any other synagogue, for that matter).

**Shavuot
June 1-3**

Our Sages teach us that, during the seven-week journey from Egypt to Mount Sinai, our ancestors cleansed themselves of the paganism of Egypt, spiritually preparing themselves to meet their divine Liberator in person, so to speak. The masters of Kaballah see these seven sets of seven days as permutations of the seven qualities emanating from G-d that bring our universe into existence and continually sustain it, with each week and each day of the omer embodying one or another of those seven qualities. By tapping into each of those qualities as it is expressed within the human psyche, we prepare ourselves for our

Even when away on vacation, families can celebrate Shabbat together, learn the weekly Torah portion together, and daven together, whether at a synagogue or out under the sky. And, of course, there are always opportunities to help other people, to be friendly just for the sake of friendliness, and to thank G-d for creating the world and all its wonders and putting us here to enjoy and appreciate them.

Have a pleasant summer.

~ Moshe

מועדים
לשמחה



Jack Valancy

Freedom

“Our minds and hearts are free to believe everything or nothing at all-and it is our duty to protect and perpetuate this sacred culture of freedom.” – Thomas Jefferson

Freedom and democracy are priceless gifts. From the beginning, America has served as a beacon of hope for the oppressed.

Jews were among the first immigrants and patriots.

In 1654, the Portuguese recaptured northern Brazil from the Dutch. When they threatened to impose an inquisition, all 600 Jews in the port city of Recife fled the country on 16 ships. One ship set sail for Amsterdam with 23 Jewish men, women, and children aboard.

When Spanish pirates robbed their ship after a stopover in Jamaica, they changed course for New Amsterdam, which later became New York City. Although the Dutch colony's governor, Peter Stuyvesant, attempted to deny them citizenship, the penniless refugees established the first Jewish community on American soil.

By 1790, Jews numbered approximately 2,500 out of 2.5 million Americans, and contributed disproportionately in money and manpower to the Revolutionary War effort. Jewish patriot Haym Salomon's love of liberty and business acumen made him a vital force for freedom. Born in Poland, in 1740, he immigrated to New York and became a successful broker.

Although New York was the seat of British power, and Salomon was doing business with wealthy loyalists, he joined the Sons of Liberty, a group of revolutionary patriots.

When the Revolutionary War started in 1776, the British arrested Salomon as a spy. He was released, arrested again for his pro-revolutionary activities, and was condemned to be hanged. Salomon escaped to Philadelphia and returned to business.

Generals Washington, Lafayette, Von Steuben, and others depended on Salomon for food and material aid. He negotiated loans for the Colonies from France and Holland, but never took a commission for himself. A Revolutionary leader noted in his diary, “when money was needed for the Revolutionary War, you went to Haym Salomon.”

This Fourth of July, take a moment to appreciate how Jews in America enjoy freedoms unavailable to so many of our ancestors. Celebrate with a parade, a cookout, and other quintessentially American activities. (The City of Shaker Heights puts on a magnificent fireworks display each year!)

Our country is a work in progress in which we strive to achieve our founders' vision that “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

“May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants, while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid.” – George Washington

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

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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 news@bethelheights.org (You must have the free Acrobat Reader in order to open the attachment.)

Adult Education

Saturday, June 10 – Kiddush with Rashi. Wonder what Rashi, the famous Medieval commentator, made of the Five Books of Moses? Satisfy your appetites, both of mind and body, during an engaging and accessible exploration during Kiddush. Lead by Cheryl Birkner Mack who teaches at the Siegal College of Judaic Studies and Cuyahoga Community College and has a graduate degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Saturday, July 29 – Kiddush with Rashi. See June 10 for details.

Adult Education at Siegal College

Siegal College Summer Courses

Call Nili Adler for information:
216-464-4050, ext. 116

ADD CLASS TO YOUR SUMMER

A variety of Hebrew courses are offered this summer at Siegal College. Short courses in Biblical and modern Hebrew begin May 29. Courses include learning how to chant the Torah and readings in the book of Jonah. Summer intensive Ulpan is July 17 to August 10, morning or evening hours.

LEARN HOW TO TEACH HEBREW

Moreshet, the Hebrew Teacher Training program, is recruiting a new class: Siegal College and the JECC are seeking candidates interested in joining the fourth class of this highly successful program, to begin in the September 2006. The program is tuition free and includes an intensive Hebrew language study, enriched Judaic study and an opportunity to learn the latest theories and practices of language teaching.

Short Stories by Jewish Authors:

Philip Roth Reigns in May and June

Beth El-The Heights Synagogue's Short Stories by Jewish Authors Reading/Discussion Group will meet on WEDNESDAY, June 28, 2006, 7:00–8:30 PM at the home of a member. In May, the group examined the Philip Roth story, "Goodbye, Columbus." In June, other short stories in the same book, Goodbye, Columbus, will be discussed. For details please call Sondra Jacobs, 216-397-1481 or email sondrajacobs@sbcglobal.net

Annual

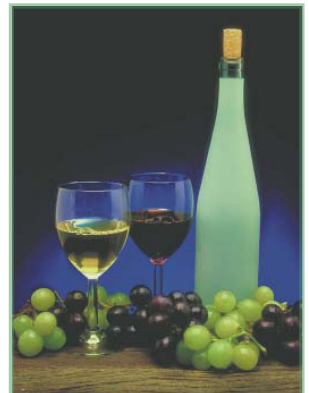
Congregational Meeting

Beth El - The Heights Synagogue's Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, June 25, 2006, 9:30–11:00 AM. We will thank our current Board members for their service, elect new Board members, and vote on other matters before the congregation. We will learn about our progress during the past year and plans for the future. Breakfast will be served. Babysitting and children's activities will be provided. Members will receive an invitation with detailed information by mail.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Stay up late! Drink coffee! Eat Nosh! Study Torah! Join us for Tikkun Leil Shavuot the evening of Thursday, June 1st. Services begin at 8:45 PM. A vegetarian dairy dinner will be served at 9:30 PM, followed immediately by the Tikkun. We finish studying Torah the following morning at 4:45 AM with our early shaharit service. (Reservations necessary for dinner only.)

Call Lisa Berusch at 397-9060 or e-mail at lberusch@sbcglobal.net to reserve a place.



SAVE THE DATE!

Kosher Wine Tasting Party

at the Valancy's
Home

September 10
6:00 to 9:00 PM

This is a
synagogue
fundraiser
and will be a
ticketed event.

Watch for invita-
tions in the mail.



Interested in
volunteering
to help?
Please contact
Merry Lugasy,
Social Committee
Chair,
at 337-2294
or 397-9305.



NEWS FROM BETH EL

חדשות

Thanks

We would like to send our love and thanks for those in the congregation that sent their sympathies and made donations on behalf of the passing of Marvin's sister; Iris Bergsman. Our hearts were touched by those who put forth effort and helped wherever needed. We'd like to let everyone know that the congregation has truly felt like a part of our family

Thanks,
Miriam and
Marvin Palevsky

Yasher Koah to:

יישר כוח!

- Kimberly Carr, who graduated from Cuyahoga Community College.
- Ruth Link-Gelles, who graduated with Honors from George Washington University with a major in History.
- Esther Mack, who will graduate from 8th grade at Fuchs Mizrachi School.
- Natan Kohn-Magnus, who will graduate from 8th grade at Gross Schechter Day School

Our Sympathy to:

ניחום אבלים

- The family of Jeanne Jaslow, mother of Julie Auerbach, who passed away recently. Jeanne was the mother-in-law of Jeanette Buchwald's brother, Irv.

Thanks for Kiddush Sponsorship to:!

תודה

- June 17 – Merry and Nissim Lugasy, who will sponsor Kiddush in honor of Tali's Bat Mitzvah.
- July 15 – Laura and Martin Rabinowitz, who will sponsor Kiddush in honor of Miriam's Bat Mitzvah.

Thanks for help with the Medical Ethics

Series to:

תודה!

- Carol Bruml
- Eric Fryxell
- Leon Gabinet
- Marty Gelfand
- Joe and Mia Buchwald Gelles
- Laura Gooch
- Fern Grunberger
- David Kazdan
- Merry Lugasy
- Marilyn Malkin
- Marvin Palevsky
- David Shutkin
- Blanche and Jack Valancy
- Ditte Wolin

A special thanks to our Medical Ethics

Series presenters:

תודה רבה!

- Rabbi Moshe Adler
- Jessica Berg, Esq.
- Dr. Stuart Youngner

Thanks for May Newsletter mailing help

to:

תודה!

- Sue Klein,
- Teri Tomberg
- Blanche Valancy
- Beth Wachter



Tali Lugasy Will Become Bat Mitzvah

My name is Tali Lugasy. I have almost finished 7th grade at Roxboro Middle School in Cleveland Heights. My favorite subject is Math. I enjoy sports and I play on my school's volleyball team. I also love to play lacrosse and I am on the Heights Middle School Lacrosse Team. I like music and have played the piano since I was six years old. I have two older sisters, Maya and Leora. I would like to thank my parents for their love and support.

Tali's parents, Merry and Nissim Lugasy, invite the congregation to Kiddush luncheon immediately following the service on June 17.

Thanks for Donations to: תודה!

- **Mr. and Mrs. John Roush**, who donated two artworks.
 - **David and Terri Tomberg**, who donated 15 volumes in honor of Marvin and Elaine Felman (parents of Mrs. John Roush), plus two artworks (oil painting and a mosaic).
 - **Bill Bruml, Eric Fryxell, and Scott Wachter**, who donated a bicycle rack.
- Special thanks to Scott, for organizing this project and seeing it through.

Thanks for Contributions to: תודה!

- **Rabbi Moshe and Nili Adler**, in honor of Elana Berusch's Bat Mitzvah and Sam Shifman's Bar Mitzvah, and to the Capital Campaign.
- **Ken Bardach**
- **Bill and Carol Bruml**, toward the Medical Ethics Series.
- **Jeanette Buchwald**, on the occasion of her parents' yahrzeits.
- **The Clerc Family**, in thanks for Harvey Jacobs' recovery from illness.
- **Laura Gooch and David Kazdan**, in memory of Iris Bergsman and Mike Michelson.
- **The Green Family**, in thanks for Harvey Jacobs' recovery from illness.
- **Jonathan Jacobs and Joy Koletsky**, in thanks for Harvey Jacobs' recovery from illness.
- **Robert and Trudy Jacobs**, in thanks for Harvey Jacobs' recovery from illness.

- **Esther and Philip Kazdan**, in memory of Leslie Kazdan Rolle.
- **Sue Klein**, in memory of her mother, Sylvia Lavine, and in honor of Shoshana Klein's birthday.
- **Sue Klein**, for matanot l'evyonim.
- **Elliott Magalnick**, in thanks for quickly finding a new job.
- **Toby Oshuns**, in memory of grandson Charles Marfisi.
- **Joanne and Richard Prober**, in honor of Alisa Warshay's aliyah.
- **Bill and Ilana Schmitt**, to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.
- **Beth and Scott Wachter**
- **Myers Family Memorial Philanthropic Fund**

Thanks for Contributions for Maot Hittin to: תודה!

- **Rabbi Moshe and Nili Adler**
- **Michael Bloom and Peggy Sullivan**
- **Bill and Carol Bruml**
- **Frank and Jeanette Buchwald**
- **Mia and Joe Buchwald Gelles**
- **Marty Gelfand**
- **Jeff and Abby Halpern**
- **Richard Krueck and Robin Dubin**
- **Shulamith Magnus**
- **Joe and Lila Newman**
- **Connie Sussman**
- **Linda Tobin and Stephen Pepper**
- **Sue Wolpert and Raymond Lesser**

Be a part of one of those things that make Beth El GREAT!

Sponsor a Kiddush

...for

- a sim^hah
- a birthday
- an anniversary
- a yahrzeit
- a special someone
- no reason in particular

Call Merry Lugasy (216-397-9305) to discuss dates, menus and costs.

Miriam Rabinowitz Will Become Bat Mitzvah

Miriam is an avid Latin scholar and a member of the Cello Section of the Orchestra at Shaker Middle School. She is musically inclined and enjoys singing and also studies Piano at the Cleveland Institute of Music. She is an experienced world traveler, having visited England, Scotland, Switzerland, Sri Lanka, Israel, Mexico, and Canada. She has also traveled extensively in the United States. However, her favorite type of travel is via books where she frequently visits exotic locales such as Middle Earth, Redwall Abbey, Hogwarts, and Narnia. She enjoys swimming, soccer, rock climbing, rappelling, and hiking. Her favorite animal is Tai Shan, the baby panda at the National Zoo (he is so cute and they share a birthday).

Miriam's parents, Marty and Laura Rabinowitz, invite the congregation to Kiddush luncheon immediately following the service on July 15.



**You don't
get to
choose
how you're
going to
die.
Or when.
You can
decide
how you're
going to
live now.**

Joan Baez

Thanks for Contributions to the Chesed Committee to: תודה!

- Henry Bloom and Marilyn Malkin, in memory of Iris Bergsman and Mike Michelson.
- Shelley Bloomfield
- Bill and Carol Bruml, in memory of Iris Bergsman and Mike Michelson.
- Joe and Mia Buchwald Gelles
- Adi and Judith Gerblach, in memory of Iris Bergsman and Mike Michelson.
- Harvey and Sondra Jacobs, in thanks for Harvey's recovery from illness.
- Harvey and Karen Kugelman
- Merry and Nissim Lugasy
- Ari Klein and Ditte Wolin
- Deborah Pearl
- Linda Tobin and Stephen Pepper
- Morris and Bernice Shanker
- Jack and Blanche Valancy, in memory of Iris Palevsky Bergsman.
- Jack and Blanche Valancy, in memory of Mike Michelson
- Beth and Scott Wachter

Thanks for Contributions for Tallit Cleaning to: תודה!

- Abby and Jeff Halpern
- Harvey and Sondra Jacobs
- Sue Klein
- Shulamith Magnus
- Joe and Lila Newman
- Dolly Small

**Yahrzeits
June 2006**

JUNE 3 – JUNE 9
7 SIVAN – 13 SIVAN

Reuben Schutz	7 Sivan
Clara Newman	10 Sivan
Adolph Stern	11 Sivan
Esther Frumker	11 Sivan
Arnie Swertloff	11 Sivan
Anna Miliniski	12 Sivan
Naomi Wolin	12 Sivan
Lester Sender	13 Sivan

JUNE 10 – JUNE 16
14 SIVAN – 20 SIVAN

Henry Lipoff	14 Sivan
Jennie Zavell	15 Sivan
Max Naiman	15 Sivan
Minnie Russack	16 Sivan
Jacob Haskell	17 Sivan
Louis Noll	18 Sivan
Max Krasny	18 Sivan
Wendy Kushner	19 Sivan
Nathaniel Starkman	19 Sivan
Ann Shalwitz Bloom	19 Sivan
John Samuels	19 Sivan
Harry Rock	19 Sivan
Samuel Booker	20 Sivan
Frieda Gavurin	20 Sivan

Avoid the Street Rehabilitation Areas!

Better Roads Are on the Way

By now you may have experienced the roadwork on Euclid Heights Boulevard between Superior and Berkeley Roads near our building. This stretch is closed eastbound, but usually open westbound. According to Cleveland Heights staff, the Ohio Department of Transportation is projecting this phase of the work to be finished in early July. Until then, you can reach the building from the west by traveling east on Hyde Park, north on Minor Park, and west on Berkeley.

After the road work from Superior to Berkeley is completed, the stretch from Berkeley to Taylor Road (near Severance) will be restricted to westbound travel only. At that point you can head east on Desota Avenue to Taylor Road to avoid the project.

We look forward to excellent street surfaces, including a reconfigured intersection at Lee and Euclid Heights with dedicated left turn lanes to rationalize the intersection, in the near future.

CALENDAR, JUNE-JULY 2006

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Thursday, June 1, 8:45 PM – Erev Shavuot services, followed by **תקן ליל שבעות**
 9:30 PM – **Dinner and Tikkun**. Reservations required for dinner.
 See sidebar at right for details.

9:36 PM – **Yom tov candle-lighting** (earliest time to begin Kiddush and dinner and to hold
 Tikkun Leyl Shavuot)

Friday, June 2 – **First Day of Shavuot** **שבעות**

4:45 AM – **EARLY services** – Feel free to come join those who are ending the Tikkun.

9:15 AM – **Morning services**

8:37 PM – **Shabbat and yom tov candle lighting** (earliest time to begin Kiddush and dinner)

8:55 PM – **Sunset**

Saturday, June 3 – **Second Day of Shavuot** **שבעות**

9:15 AM – **Morning Services**. Join us for Hallel and readings from the Book of Ruth.

9:37 PM – **Shabbat and Shavuot may be ended and Havdalah recited** (full Havdalah with wine,
 spices, and candle).

Saturday, June 10, after services – **Kiddush with Rashi**, see page 3 for details.

Saturday, June 17 – **Tali Lugasy will become Bat Mitzvah**. The congregation is invited to Kiddush
 luncheon after services.

Sunday, June 25, 9:30 to 11:00 AM – **Annual Meeting** (members only), at the shul. Breakfast served.
 Babysitting provided. Invitations and further information will be mailed to members.

Wednesday, June 28, 7:00 to 8:30 PM – **Short Stories by Jewish Authors Discussion Group** will meet
 to discuss more stories by Philip Roth. See page 3 for further details.

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Yahrzeits, June-July 2006

JUNE 17 – JUNE 23	Norton Noll	8 Tammuz	Goldie Malamud	23 Tammuz	
21 SIVAN – 27 SIVAN	Jaqueline Bruder Zucker	9 Tammuz	Siegfried Dick	24 Tammuz	
Sarah Horwitz	21 Sivan	Sam Math	9 Tammuz	Abe Kaplan	24 Tammuz
Joseph H. Klein	23 Sivan	Bernard David Friedlander	11 Tammuz	Irene Friedlander	24 Tammuz
Sadie Strayer	27 Sivan			Isaac Keller	25 Tammuz
Herman Brody	27 Sivan			Fannie Kritzer	25 Tammuz
		JULY 8 – JULY 14			
		12 TAMMUZ – 18 TAMMUZ			
JUNE 24 – JUNE 30	Samuel Lederman	15 Tammuz		JULY 22 – JULY 28	
28 SIVAN – 4 TAMMUZ	Elsie Frank Birkner	17 Tammuz		26 TAMMUZ – 3 AV	
Ida Abrams Lewis	28 Sivan	Blume Zavelowitz	17 Tammuz	Tillie Bertman	28 Tammuz
Penina Bloom	30 Sivan	Rose Schenkelman	18 Tammuz	Morley Glin	28 Tammuz
				Harry M. Newman	29 Tammuz
				Harry Soliton	29 Tammuz
JULY 1 – JULY 7		JULY 15 – JULY 21		Michael Sidney Lampel	1 Av
5 TAMMUZ – 11 TAMMUZ		19 TAMMUZ – 25 TAMMUZ		Gutel Simon	2 Av
Max S. Brown	5 Tammuz	Sara Gabinet	19 Tammuz	Louis Sobel	3 Av
Max Eisenbert	5 Tammuz	Esther Zavelowitz	19 Tammuz		
Morris Greenstein	6 Tammuz	Rose Maremont	20 Tammuz		
Hyman Kirschner	6 Tammuz	Jeffrey Landis	20 Tammuz		
Pauline Lipoff	7 Tammuz	Pearl Siegler	22 Tammuz		
Sally Noll	7 Tammuz	Wolf Sender	22 Tammuz	JULY 29 – JULY 31	
				4 AV – 6 AV	
				Joseph Meyer Dubin	5 Av

The Workmen's Circle presents:

The 28th Annual Free Yiddish Concert In The Park

in memory of Eugenia and Henry Green

**Sunday,
August 6, 2006
7:00 p.m.**

*featuring
Outstanding Local Talent*

- Free tickets available at Cain Park Box Office June 25, 2006 12 noon.
- Limited number of tickets available from Workmen's Circle with a stamped return envelope.
- Limit - 4 tickets per person
- Lawn chairs permitted in designated areas
- Gates open at 6 p.m.

Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo

Performs in Yiddish, Hebrew and English. Has performed in national theater and light opera.



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Cleveland's foremost artists of drama illuminate the theater scene as performers and directors.



Russian Dance Group from Art of Dance Academy

Folk and Character dances
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Steve Greenman Ensemble

A dynamic group of virtuosos of international reputation who perform traditional Jewish folk music of Eastern Europe.



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Pre-concert entertainment on the Terrace by Workmen's Circle Klezmer Orchestra 6 p.m.