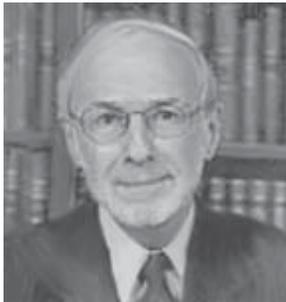




BETH EL NEWSLETTER

The Heights Synagogue

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Rabbi Moshe Adler

Rejoice with Caution

This month, after the fast of Tish'ah b'Av (the ninth day of the month of Av), which commemorates the downfall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the first and second Temples, we will read the seven *haftarot* of consolation. There, we find this prophecy of Isaiah's: "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her! Join in her jubilation, all you who mourned over her" (Isaiah 66:10).

Ever since Israel's stunning victory in 1967, when Jerusalem was reunited under Jewish rule for the first time in nearly two millennia, we have been rejoicing with her. Our joy, however, has necessarily been tempered by continuous pressure on Israel to cede Jerusalem to the Palestinians, or at least to divide it into two separate capitals. To this day, the world's nations refuse to recognize Jerusalem officially as Israel's capital, preferring to maintain their embassies in Tel Aviv instead.

Now, something new has been added: having given Gaza away to the Palestinians, Israel finds itself confronted by a radical Islamist regime that has taken Gaza over and is using it as a base for launching its long-announced war of destruction against Israel. At the same time, eager to become the Middle East's prime power broker, Iran trains and arms Hamas terrorists, even though Hamas

is Sunni and Iran is Shi'ite. It is but the latest example of how anti-Semitism can unite mortal rivals who otherwise would be killing each other

Do current events give the lie to Isaiah's prophecy? No, because when the prophets speak of rejoicing with Jerusalem, they refer not only to the city but also to their vision of Zion Redeemed – that is, the Jewish people living free in the Land of Israel and at peace with the world. Obviously, that has not yet happened. Zion Redeemed is clearly messianic, whereas we still live in pre-messianic times. The prophecy will come true some day, but until then we will have to settle for a less-than-ideal pre-messianic Zion.

Of course, each faction in Israeli society blames the current malaise on everyone else: we didn't make peace fast enough, or we tried to make peace too quickly; we defied G-d by establishing a pre-messianic state, or we defied G-d by refusing to build the Third Temple on the ruins of the Dome of the Rock and Al Aksa; we gave away too much land too soon, or we didn't give away enough land soon enough. Everybody's right, and if you ask how everyone can be right, the answer is "You're right too." Welcome to a state run by Jews, G-d bless them!

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Tish'ah b'Av
July 23-24

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Jack Valancy

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Generations

Newsletter editor Carol Bruml's e-mail reminding me of the deadline for this column arrived a week before our son Zev's college graduation. Blanche and I were leaving in a few days and my time was fully committed until then. *What would I write about and when would I write it?!*

The following day was Shabbat, and we were celebrating our good friend Leon Gabinet's 80th birthday at kiddush. The week before we celebrated Noah Shutkin becoming bar mitzvah, and the week before that celebrated Anna and Maia Wachter becoming b'nai mitzvah. We were looking forward to celebrating Sam Falck becoming bar mitzvah the following week. We share our life passages.

Zev became bar mitzvah during the summer of 1998, the summer we created Heights Synagogue. Leon Gabinet was leading service and reading Torah almost every week at Temple Beth El on Chagrin Boulevard in Shaker Heights.

When we began worshipping together at the Mayfield JCC that October, we sat on metal folding chairs in a large hall that we rented for worship, kiddush, and social events. Several of our community's young adults became b'nai mitzvah in that room. Yesterday's preschoolers became bar and bat mitzvah this year in our comfortable sanctuary and social hall with gourmet kosher kitchen.

Since our community formed, we have celebrated births, b'nai mitzvah, and marriages. Infants have grown to grade schoolers. Grade schoolers have matured to young adults. We congratulated sixteen

graduates, from Ph.D. through day school, in last month's newsletter. Young adults have furthered their educations and careers. Some now have children of their own. Adults have advanced their careers and chosen new careers. Parents have become empty nesters, grandparents, and retirees. We hold in our hearts the many dear friends who have passed away. Sharing our life's passages strengthens our bonds and builds our community.

We welcome new friends to our weekly Shabbat services and kiddush, to our holiday celebrations, and to our High Holy Day services. We welcome learners to our broad range of adult education programs. We welcome children and their families. We welcome singles and seniors.

As Rabbi Shawn Israel Zevit writes in his book, *Offerings of the Heart*, a synagogue meets our complex mix of individual needs for Jewish services, participation, and spirituality. We support **Beth El – The Heights Synagogue**, and **Beth El – The Heights Synagogue** supports us. We run our congregation ourselves. We devote countless hours to the work that must be done to welcome our members and friends to our services and programs.

Beth El – The Heights Synagogue is not about money, yet we cannot fulfill our vision of building vibrant Jewish community without money. We contribute through our membership dues and our additional donations. We acknowledge and appreciate the financial support of our friends.

Each of us, from founding member to new friend, is part of our community. (ctd. on p.3)

Feedback: From the Other Side of the Fence

In the years we've spent at Beth El-The Heights Synagogue, we've kind of "made the rounds" of various committees, as most of us have..... Membership, Chesed, Social Action Committee, etc. We enjoyed our time on each of the committees and have always been very aware, through the efforts of these groups, that we, as a congregation, do what we can to nurture our fellow congregants and to be present when there is a need. We realize lately that we have been very fortunate, thus far, in not having to be on the receiving end of the Chesed Committee, with others supporting our family in a time of strife or sorrow. What we didn't really think about is how our synagogue is also there for you when your "time of need" is one of joy!

In the week prior to Maia's and Anna's b'not mitzvah, we were, of course, running around with all those last-minute details that crop up. In the midst of it all, despite a three-day weekend approaching and Shavuot taking place, almost each day, the phone would ring and it would be someone from our congregation, offering to run errands, shop for us, set things up... even offering to run out to the airport if any out-of-town relatives needed to be picked up! Each time I hung up the phone, I just marveled at how kind everybody was, to take time out of their own busy schedules to check if we were OK, and to see if they could help us. Then there was Joe Gelles, infinitely patient with our attempts at producing a pamphlet, and Merry Lugasy and Marvin Palevsky, ditto, in getting all that food prepared on the

tail end of Shavuot. Rabbi Adler invited the girls over the day before the b'not mitzvah, just to review things and make sure they felt comfortable. Jack Valancy asked us what we'd like him to say at the end of the service and he took the time to say it. Carol Bruml made sure the girls had their pictures in the newsletter and Ditte Wolin made sure the announcements were in the *Jewish News*. Stacia Dearmin helped organize the service, as did Lisa Berusch, who also helped lead services and was spotted cleaning bathrooms the day before! Leon Gabinet and Ed Small helped lead the service, as well, and Karen Kugelman took our niece around to distribute candy and made sure the kids behaved! So many other friends helped behind the scenes that we can't even thank them all, and just seeing their faces on that Shabbat meant more than we can say.

As we looked around that morning and people kept smiling at us, we realized what it really meant to be part of a community. It was so much more than just a good feeling to have fellow congregants present for our simcha. It felt as if everybody was there, sharing our joy and kind of holding us up through the whole thing. Our girls becoming b'not mitzvah was special enough, but celebrating it with all of you is what will come to mind when we remember the happiness we all felt that day. Thank you, everybody, for supporting us and being there. We are so lucky to be part of this congregation.

Beth and Scott Wachter

(Rejoice with Caution, continued from page 1) We don't know when or how biblical Zion will be restored. Even our Sages held differing views on this question. One thing, however, seems clear: were Arabs and radical Islamists to stop trying to blow Israel away, and were Israelis to learn how one can be pluralistic without giving away one's soul, we could enjoy a peaceful and productive pre-messianic Zion. It may not be ideal, but it's way ahead of whatever's supposed to be in second place.

May we merit to rejoice with Jerusalem in Zion Redeemed, swiftly, in our time.

(Generations, continued from page 2) Your participation enriches and invigorates us. Whether you are a member pledging an additional donation of 1% of household income or a friend making a modest donation to remember, honor, congratulate, or appreciate someone, your financial support enables us to continue serving both our individual and common needs.

Your financial support enables us to share our life passages from generation to generation. *L'dor, va-dor.*

Thanks to Our Board

We run our congregation ourselves. We conduct services, present educational programs, and produce social events. We maintain our synagogue, stay in touch, raise money, and manage our finances. We run a gourmet kosher kitchen. We take care of each other in mourning, illness, and dire circumstances.

Our Board members work together to guide our congregation. At our Members' Annual Meeting on June 24, we thanked departing and continuing Board members for their service, and welcomed a new Board member.

Please do not hesitate to contact individual Board members or me with your questions, comments, concerns, or complaints. Their telephone numbers and e-mail addresses appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Departing Board Members

- **Emily Dennis** chaired our Development Committee for the past four years, and served as our Treasurer for several years before that. Emily effectively organized our programs for raising money to fulfill our vision. She gets things done. We will miss her on the Board.
- **Scott Wachter** has served on our Board in various capacities since our congregation's formative days. He headed our Membership and Chesed Committees before beginning his service as an At Large Board member. Scott's initiatives include organizing minyanim, coordinating our Pancake Breakfast, and producing our Comedy Night. We will miss him on the Board.
- **Marty Gelfand** and **Mickey Greenberg** chaired our Communications and Membership Committees, respectively, earlier this year. We thank them.

Continuing Board Members

- **Lisa Berusch, Ritual co-chair.** Lisa has done innumerable things for our congregation, including serving as Beth El –The Heights Synagogue's first president, and as Ritual Committee Chair. For the past year, Lisa has served as an At Large Board member. She also continues organizing our services and, together with Rabbi Adler and others, has been taking care of all matters ritual.
- **Shelley Bloomfield, At Large.** Shelley organized our Torah Readers' Shabbat, writes and edits our communications, and is organizing our upcoming Theatre Night. We appreciate Shelley's intellectual and literary approach to the issues facing our congregation.
- **Mia Buchwald Gelles, Adult Education.** Mia has organized an extraordinarily effective committee that presents an impressive variety of educational programs. The Board values her astute observations and thoughtful recommendations.
- **Stacia Dearmin, At Large.** In addition to regularly leading services, Stacia recently began coordinating our Shabbat services. This past year, she presented a Lunch and Learn program. We appreciate Stacia's knowledgeable, articulate approach.
- **Robin Dubin, Secretary.** Robin actively participates in Board deliberations and decisions. She established, and continues to maintain, our congregation's comprehensive calendar on the Internet. We value her orderliness.
- **Leon Gabinet, At Large.** Leon is a pillar of our congregation, having served as President of Temple Beth El for many years, Vice President, and, most recently, Ritual Committee Chair. Leon's knowledge and wisdom will continue to guide our congregation.
- **Laura Gooch, Treasurer.** Laura completely reorganized our bookkeeping, reporting, and budgeting systems. She personally reviews every transaction. We appreciate the tremendous amount of work she does.
- **Sue Klein, At Large.** Sue recently began scheduling our Torah readers. We appreciate her thoughtful observations.
- **Merry Lugasy, Social.** Merry has volunteered her time since the early days of Heights Synagogue. For the past year, she has worked closely with Executive Chef Marvin Palevsky to improve and expand the capabilities of our gourmet kosher kitchen.
- **Marilyn Malkin, Chesed.** Marilyn has volunteered her time since the early days of Heights Synagogue. She

actively participates in Board deliberations and decisions, helping us refine and polish our solutions.

➤ **Ditte Wolin, Vice President, House and Operations.** In addition to running our building every day, Ditte begins her service as Vice President. Ditte is well-suited to these roles, as she rolls up her sleeves and tackles the 1,001 jobs that need to be done. Ditte actively participates in Board deliberations and decisions.

Incoming Board Member

➤ We welcome new **At Large** Board member **Lynda Siff**. Lynda facilitates Learners' Services, and recently began encouraging members and friends to present Shabbat d'verei Torah. We look forward to working with her.

Finally, thank you for the honor and privilege to continue serving as our congregation's President. It is truly a labor of love.

Jack Valancy, President

Yom Yerushalayim

Twenty-two Beth El congregants and friends gathered on Wednesday evening, May 16, Yom Yerushalayim, at the home of Rabbi Moshe and Nili Adler to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. The evening included a lively sing-along accompanied by pianist Michael Bloom and guitarist Julie Auerbach and peppered by Menachem Shoham's informative commentary on Jerusalem during the War of Independence and the Six-Day War. Of course, there was plenty of noshing and chatting. Pictured are: Left to right front row: Dalia Kutnick, William Bloom, Michael Bloom. Second row: Abby Halpern, Nili Adler, Rabbi Moshe Adler, Sara Horowitz, Deborah Smith, Menachem Shoham. Back row: Ami Horowitz, Irv Auerbach, Julie Auerbach.



Short Stories by Jewish Authors Group Continues Over the Summer – Won't You Join Us?

The five Israeli stories of Savyon Liebrecht were so intriguing that our Short Stories by Jewish Authors Reading/Discussion Group has elected to continue on Sunday, July 22, with several more in her book, *Apples from the Desert*. Titles are: "Written in Stone," "What am I Speaking, Chinese?" She Said to Him," "Mother's Photo Album," "Compassion," and "The Homesick Scientist." SSBJA is pleased to have new attendees, Linda and John Siff, and Judi Gerblich returning. Contact Sondra Jacobs for details, sondrajacobs@sbcglobal.net or 216-397-1481.



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You don't have to pay to pray.

We know, it's "customary" to charge for High Holy Day tickets. And sometimes "custom" becomes law.

But we don't do it that way.

It's not as if we don't need the money. It's just one of our founding principles.

We conduct traditional services with full participation for women and men. When we set out to build our home for worship, learning, and community we decided to welcome all Jews, regardless of their financial circumstances.

We welcome you and hope you will make it your home, too.

If you think you might like this kind of place, give us a call.

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Entire Palevsky Family Will Celebrate Daughters' B'not Mitzvah August 4



Katie and Ari

Miriam and Marvin Palevsky and their children have been integral members of the Beth El-The Heights Synagogue family since our early days at the JCC. As a matter of fact, their eldest daughter, Nicole, had the very first Bat Mitzvah in our merged congregation! Hard to believe Nicole is now 20, followed by Marissa, 18, Jessica, 15, Ari and Katie, 13, and Matthew, 10.

Many people do not know that the Palevskys come from a proud tradition of foster-parenting on both sides. Marvin and Miriam fostered for nineteen years and adopted Matthew. They fostered many adoption infants, many pregnant teens, and teens with their babies; it became a way of life for them, and their kids really enjoyed it, also. This came to an end a short time ago when Miriam's health began to fail, over a long period of time, and she needed more care herself, and felt it wasn't fair to put all the responsibility on Marvin. Marvin's parents fostered two children, and Miriam's parents still actively serve as foster parents.

We all remember Miriam leading services and look forward to the day that she will be able to do so again! She was a major contributor to the Shabbat and holiday experience at BE-THS.

Marvin has been so important to our community in other ways – we all know of his work in the kitchen, as Executive Chef, and as all-around maintenance man! Some of us remember how he came to the fore when we got our building four years ago and there was so much to be done. Your editor recently came across the following anecdote from that period, written by Ditte Wolin: “Everyone has worked very hard at cleaning a lot of garbage out of our new home. But not everything is just garbage. The other day, Marv Palevsky found a bit of history – an unopened floor threshold, wrapped in its original paper – from PALEVKSY INDUSTRIES. A tie to his family – the company belonged to his grandfather!”

The Palevsky family will be hosting a light lunch for the congregation following the B'not Mitzvah of daughters Caitlin and Arielle. Marvin will be doing it but will have servers serving everything so he can take some time and relax! Miriam adds, “Ha! I know he won't, he would prefer to hide in the kitchen.”

Congratulations to Ari and Katie and the entire Palevsky family!

(Left to right) Matthew, Caitlin, Arielle, Jessica, Marissa, Nicole, Miriam, Marvin



Arielle Adina (Ari)

My name is Arielle Adina Palevsky, but my friends call me Ari. I am 13 years old, and I go to Memorial Junior High School. I have four sisters and one brother. My twin, Caitlin Ann Palevsky, and I will be celebrating our B'not Mitzvah on 4 August 2007. I am very athletic. I enjoy wrestling, mathematics, art, and singing.

My friends call me crazy and they also say that I sometimes act younger than I am when I am being crazy and most of the time they say that I am like a parent because of how responsible and caring I can be. I do my own thing. I do not spend a lot of time by myself, but I also do not give in to peer pressure. I am not a straight "A" student, but I am the next best thing, a straight "B" student!

I love taking care of little kids and animals. I have had a lot of experience with both, because my parents have fostered about 20-30 children, most of them before I was born. After I was born most of them were younger than I, including my brother Matthew, who was adopted.

I am not big on complaining, and I work my hardest to finish what others tell me that I cannot do. Most of the time I prove them wrong but other times I get so caught up in what I am doing I do not realize what else I need to be doing.

My twin and I are a lot alike in some areas, but in other areas, you would not even be able to tell that we are related. My large family is to blame for my personality, like the way that I treat people and what I like and dislike, such as foods, certain people, and things of that sort.



Caitlin (Katie)

My name is Caitlin, but I prefer that *EVERYBODY* call me Katie, except family. I am 13 years old. I have a twin sister named Arielle (Ari) Adina Palevsky. She is bigger than I am in every way, except I have longer hair.

I like dark stuff, like skulls, black, dragons, and magic. I don't mind being called weird because I am used to it and it means I am independent. I never like going with the crowd, I have my own style and nobody can change me. I also like astronomy, Harry Potter, reading, writing, hanging with my friends, and I never listen to the music most kids my age listen to; I like to listen to country music. I also write my

own songs; they each have their different styles and tunes. I love to sing, but only in front of certain people; I do not like getting up on a stage or platform to talk in front of large crowds. I hate talking in general.

I like to be active and go swimming or play sports with my friends. I am a big tomboy, and I HATE to wear skirts and dresses. I like to wear boy or baggy clothes, that is why I sometimes I take my friends' clothes. 97% of my friends are guys; I have a lot of brother-sister relationships with most of them. Well this is me, whether you like it or not.

NEWS FROM BETHEL

חדשות

Refuah Sh'lema to:

- Laura Gooch
- Miriam Palevsky

Welcome, new members:

- Lisa and Steve Elrad and their children, Ashton and Logan.
- Bruce and Judie Amsel

Mazel Tov to:

- Bill and Carol Bruml, who will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on August 13.
- Josh Pepper, son of Linda Tobin and Stephen Pepper, who recently became engaged to Christine Abraham. Josh and Christine plan to move to Nashville, where Josh will begin a post-doctoral program at Vanderbilt University and Christine will be working as a principal investigator on an orthopedic research project. Christine's parents are Susan and Norman Abraham of Cleveland.

Yasher Koah to:

- Nili Adler, who participated in the international conference of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew in Sydney Australia, July 5. Her paper is entitled: "The discourse of readers' reactions to online Israeli newspaper articles and its place in Hebrew instruction." Nili also did a lunch and learn on same topic at North Shore Temple Emanuel, the shul of former Clevelander Rabbi Gary Robuck, in Sydney.
- Ben Bloom, son of Henry Bloom and Marilyn Malkin. At his graduation from Cleveland Heights High

School, Ben received the following awards: National Merit Commendation, Wendy's High School Heisman award for scholar-athlete, United States Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award, and a Presidential Award for Academic Excellence. Ben was named Distinguished Musician and was cited by the Lakeland Jazz Festival, and was awarded a scholarship by the Tri-C Jazz Festival. For the "crowning glory," he was elected the Prom King of Heights High.

- Jacob Dennis, son of Emily and Dave Dennis, who was among a relative handful of kids to receive a medal of achievement from the Midwest Academic Talent Search sponsored by Northwestern University.
 - Ellen Kushner, daughter of Enid and Irving Kushner, whose book, *The Privilege of the Sword*, won the 2007 Locus Award for Best Fantasy Novel. In addition to the Locus Award, *The Privilege of the Sword* has also received the following honors: Nebula Award Nominee, Tiptree Honor Book, Lambda Literary Awards Nominee, Spectrum Award Nominee, Cybil Award Nominee, Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award, and Greenman Review Best Adult Novel of 2006. Ellen lives in New York City. She is the host of public radio's award-winning weekly series PRI's Sound & Spirit and a performer whose work includes *The Golden Dreydl*, which was published as a children's book. She is the Vice President of the Interstitial Arts Foundation.
 - Shulamit Magnus, who was invited to participate in a conference on "Boundaries of Jewish Identity" at the University of Washington, Seattle, where she gave a paper entitled: "Good Bad Jews: Converts, Conversion, and the Dialectics of Modern Jewish Identity." The paper will be published in a volume to mark the conference.
 - Alisa Warshay, who was recently named "Big Buddy of the Year" by the Jewish Big Brothers and Big Sisters Organization. Alisa has been a "Big Sister" for three and a half years.
- Thanks for the help during Shavuot to:**
- Nili Adler and Marsha Weisberg, who chanted and read from the book of Ruth.
 - Rabbi Moshe Adler, Mark Davidson, Bill Marcus, Linda Siff, and Scott Wachter, who led study sessions during the Tikkun.
 - Lisa Berusch, who organized the Tikkun.

Start the New Year on the Right Foot

Learn how to read Hebrew or brush up your reading skills at Siegal College's "Hebrew on One Foot" program on Sunday, August 26, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Cost is \$40 (including lunch and books)

Follow up with a course in modern or biblical Hebrew. Choose from a variety of courses at all levels. Fall classes begin on September 4. Call Nili Adler at (216)464-4050 ex. 116 or e-mail Nadler@siegalcollege.edu

Thanks for help with the June-July newsletter mailing to:

- Gerson and Kimberly Carr
- Robin Dubin ➤ Blanche Valancy
- Sue Klein ➤ Beth Wachter
- Lynda Siff

Thanks for Kiddush sponsorship to:

- June 23 – Frank and Jeanette Buchwald, in honor of Frank Buchwald's and Shani Gelles' recent birthdays.
- July 28 – Leah Gold and Casey Stella, in honor of their forthcoming marriage.
- August 4 – Marvin and Miriam Palevsky, in honor of the b'not Mitzvah of their daughters, Arielle and Caitlin.

Thanks for your contributions to:

- Bruce and Judie Amsel, in thanks for Aliyot.
- Michael and Shelly Bloomfield
- Bill and Carol Bruml, in honor of Anna and Maia Wachter becoming b'not mitzvah.

- Eric Fryxell, toward replacement of sanctuary windows.
- Leon Gabinet, toward replacement of sanctuary windows.
- Chester and Stephanie Gordon, to the Kiddush Fund.
- Esther and Philip Kazdan, to the general fund and toward replacement of sanctuary windows.
- Ari Klein and Ditte Wolin
- Deborah Pearl, in honor of the b'not mitzvah Anna and Maia Wachter.
- The Pink Family Memorial Philanthropic Fund, in honor of Rabbi Moshe Adler.
- David Shutkin and Connie Friedman, to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.
- John and Lynda Siff
- Arnold, Andrew and Aaron Stone, in memory of William and Helen Sonnenstein – father, mother, grandparents and great-grandparents.
- Susan Wolpert, to the Kiddush Fund.
- Anonymous

We may forget
with whom
we laughed,
but not
with whom
we shared
tears.

Tansanian
proverb

Gabe Schmitt Will Become Bar Mitzvah on September 3

Gabe Schmitt is the Schmitt's third son to be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah at BETHS. Gabe attends school at Brady Middle School, in Orange. Gabe's Hebrew background comes from pre-school at the JCC and early elementary school at Fuchs Bet Sefer Mizrachi. Gabe recently graduated from Cleveland Hebrew School, and he was part of this year's CHS school trip to Israel.

Gabe has many good friends that are members of Beth El and the Cleveland Hebrew School. This has made the Jewish community a very rewarding and fun part of his life. Gabe plays very competitive soccer with the Cleveland Soccer Academy. He is an accomplished flute player, and he studies with a private teacher at the Cleveland Institute of Music. He is a member of a local youth band and he plays in a school Jazz band as well.

"Gabe is a great brother, friend, and son. We all enjoy his company at all times. His great sense of humor can make the most dark and gloomy situations happy and fun. He is a team player and would like to thank everyone for coming to watch and celebrate Gabe doing a fantastic job on his Bar-Mitzvah." – straight from Gabe himself.

Congratulations Gabe, Your Parents, Bill and Ilana



CALENDAR, AUGUST 2007

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Tish'ah
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Take time
out of your day,
your month,
to join us
at 9:00 PM
Monday,
July 23
for
Evening Services
and the
reading of Eicha,
the biblical book
of Lamentations.



Monday, July 23 – Erev Tish'ah b'Av

9:00 PM – Evening Service and reading of Eicha

Tuesday, July 24 – Fast of Tisha B'Av צום תשעה באב

Saturday, August 4 – Arielle and Caitlin Palevsky will become B'not Mitzvah. Their parents, Marvin and Miriam, invite the congregation to a Kiddush luncheon after services.

Monday, September 3, 10:30 AM – Gabriel Schmitt will become Bar Mitzvah.

The congregation is invited to join the family for morning services.

Saturday, September 8, time TBA – Selihot סליחות

Where Are My High Holy Day Tickets?

Hard to believe that it will soon be that time again, but Rosh Hashanah begins the evening of Wednesday, September 12! Tickets will be necessary for anyone past the age of Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Here's how to obtain them:

Members will automatically receive tickets and service times if they have returned their Membership Dues Form and paid at least one third of their basic dues by August 31, 2007. Members may request additional tickets for family members from the office (216-320-9667).

Friends from the community may call the office to request tickets, as well. A letter explaining our High Holy Day ticket policy and providing service times will be mailed to our entire database in late July. We welcome all in participatory, traditional, egalitarian worship and learning.

Yahrzeits, August 2007

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	AV		Alter David Miller	3 Elul 5732
Ida Greenstein	18 Av	5728	Isaac A. Belkes	3 Elul 5703
Lena Freed	19 Av	5726	Rose Rapport	4 Elul 5723
Morris Ginsberg	19 Av	5732	Jack Malkin	4 Elul 5719
Esther Ann Farachi	20 Av	5739	Rev. Nathan Davidson	6 Elul 5741
Helen K. Weil	22 Av	5752	Anna Sender	6 Elul 5755
Joseph D. Klein	23 Av	5718	Benjamin Slor	9 Elul 5731
Samuel Messerman	24 Av	5748	Sylvia Jane Starkman	11 Elul 5743
Sadie Landesman	27 Av	5720	Regina Stern	11 Elul 5712
Dr. David Russack	27 Av	5743	Zelda Muszynski	12 Elul 5702
Bernard Mason	29 Av	5719	Fannie Sussman	12 Elul 5729
			John Date	12 Elul
	ELUL		Samuel Henry Stroom	13 Elul 5729
Esther Liederman	1 Elul	5733	Alan Maremont	17 Elul 5734
Victor Linden	3 Elul	5755	Edwin Carr	17 Elul

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