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Rabbi Moshe Adler

Americans of good will – Jew and gentile, Republican and Democrat, conservative and liberal, black and white – must become aware of what’s happening, unite, and seize back the national agenda before it’s too late.

## Unholy Matrimony

When President Ronald Reagan proclaimed, back in the eighties, that “government is not the solution, government is the problem,” he was, in effect, reviving a back-room axiom that government is the enemy of freedom (read: unlimited profits), and if we can’t kill it, we can at least weaken it. Let the market take its natural course and it will eventually correct its own excesses. This philosophy is known as *laissez faire* capitalism, “*laissez faire*” being French for “let [them] do [as they please].”

The 500-pound gorilla that *laissez faire* politicians hope we won’t notice is greed. It’s always present and, if not held in check, it runs mad and destroys the economy. Our parents or grandparents saw this happen during the Great Depression, and we are seeing it happen now during the Great Recession.

But this time, another force is working in tandem with *laissez faire* economics, making it even more dangerous: religious fanaticism. The logic of *laissez faire* economics wedded to religious fanaticism runs something like this: (a) any economy other than pure, undiluted capitalism is intrinsically evil; (b) any

government intervention in the economy other than securing property rights and enforcing contracts is socialism and therefore evil; ergo, (c) Americans must, on moral grounds, oppose government subvention of any sector of society except the one that funds pure, undiluted capitalism, namely, the wealthiest Americans.

“But won’t this philosophy harm the most vulnerable members of society?” you ask. Life isn’t always fair. “Don’t you want to help them?” Of course I do – that’s what faith-based charities are for. “What about greed?” Greed – *moi?* I give charity and I love my fellow man.

But it gets worse. The religious fanatics who are stoking the current zeal for *laissez faire* economics are christocrats, people who seek to make Christianity (their brand of it, of course) the official religion of the United States.

In his book, *The Baptizing of America: The Religious Right’s Plans for the Rest of Us* (p. 65), Rabbi James Rudin, senior religious advisor to the American Jewish Committee, warns, “Christocrats are waging an all-out (continued on page 4)

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# Names on Walls

"Excuse me, are you Jewish?" the man asked tentatively.

We were walking through a light rain to my cousin's apartment on the Lower East Side after dinner. He was recruiting men for a *minyán*. "You can sit in the back, if you like," he offered the women, who politely declined. It was the spring of 1998, a few months before Zev's bar mitzvah, and a few weeks before the founding of Heights Synagogue. Zev and I followed him for what would prove to be a rich Jewish experience.

The man led us up the front stairs of a brick building, past a first floor that was used for storage, and up a flight of stairs to a long, narrow room filled with pews and chairs facing an aron kodesh. The men welcomed us, showed us to a pew, and handed us Hebrew-only siddurim. After a spirited discussion in English and other languages, they began davening at a breakneck pace. Zev and I tried to keep up as best we could, with help from other worshippers who patiently helped us find the right place in our siddurim.

After services, we were graciously shown to a worn table where the Rabbi was about to present a *d'rosh*, a teaching. One of the men brought a plate of coffee cake and encouraged us to help ourselves. The Rabbi began his teaching... in Yiddish! At the suggestion of one of the men, he switched to English. Zev and I were honored guests!

Looking around the humble room, I noticed many large slabs of stone with carved Hebrew letters stacked against the walls. They might have been *Yahrzeit* memorials, or tributes to the men who established and

built the congregation many years before. Perhaps they had been moved there from a synagogue the congregation could not longer afford to maintain. That small, humble sanctuary with its aging worshippers and stone plaques was a remnant of a glorious past.

## Looking Back, Looking Ahead, Moving Forward

At Beth El – The Heights Synagogue, we too memorialize our loved ones, though we display their names on brass *yahrzeit* memorial tablets, rather than carve them in stone. We pay tribute to leaders, benefactors, and loved ones of Temple Beth El, Heights Synagogue, and Beth El – The Heights Synagogue on plaques, Torah mantels, and ritual textiles. Our Giving Tree outside our sanctuary honors those who financially supported the acquisition and renovation of our synagogue. Keeping with our egalitarian nature, contributors' names are randomly assigned to tree leaves, all the same size, regardless of the size of the gift. Our memorials and tributes to loved ones, leaders, and benefactors remind us of our history. By helping us look back, they can help us look forward.

Starting, building, and maintaining a congregation are not easy. The Jewish immigrants from Germany, Russia, Hungary, Bohemia, Posen, Poland, Lithuania, Hungary, Galicia, Turkey, Greece, Syria, and other countries in the Lower East Side from the 1840s through the 1930s lived in one of America's poorest slums. Yet the community supported synagogues and settlement houses, as well as artistic, journalistic, literary, dramatic, and political endeavors. Even as Jews moved to other neighborhoods, the Lower East Side remained a center of Jewish cultural life.

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*(Names on Walls, continued from page 2)*

After World War II, Rabbi David Genuth (z'l) left the ashes of Europe. Soon after arriving in Cleveland, he established Temple Beth El on Kinsman Road. In 1954, the growing congregation moved to a synagogue on Chagrin Boulevard in Shaker Heights where it thrived for many years – a modern orthodox congregation with a progressive rabbi. Rabbi Genuth's vision lived on after his passing, allowing for both tradition and change. By the summer of 1998, though, the dwindling congregation sold its synagogue building. That same time, a small group committed to the Heights launched Heights Synagogue.

Our groups met and discovered that we shared a similar vision: a participatory, traditional, egalitarian community with a commitment to the Jewish neighborhood. In the fall of 1998 we began worshipping together at the Mayfield JCC. We formally merged in January 2000, to form **Beth El –The Heights Synagogue**. We acquired our synagogue in July 2003, and constructed

our accessible main entrance with a Shabbat-compliant elevator in 2005.

*The question for each of us to settle is not what we would do if we had the means, time, influence and educational advantages, but what we will do with the things we have.*

-Hamilton Wright Mabee

Like the Jews on the Lower East Side, our parents and grandparents on Kinsman, and similar neighborhoods across the country, we commit both our human and financial resources to building our vibrant Jewish communities. Looking back, we draw inspiration; looking ahead, we visualize our community's future; moving forward, we must do the work that needs to be done. We cannot excuse ourselves because of our limited means, time, or influence. We must make the most of the things we have, as Jews have done throughout history, so that we can continue welcoming all to **Beth El –The Heights Synagogue** in participatory, traditional, egalitarian worship and learning.



## Learn with the Rabbi 2010-2011 Series Continues

# Understanding the Siddur

Why pray from the Siddur – isn't spontaneous prayer enough? Why do we praise God – are we trying to butter Him up so He'll say "yes"? If God knows what we need, why pray at all? How do the prayers in the Siddur relate to each other and to our lives? Does God answer prayer? What is kavanah and how do you get it? Come join us on the dates below, after Kiddush/lunch, as we explore these and other questions. (Final three classes of a six-class series.)

The group will meet in the quiet of the Sanctuary where animated conversation and personal experience can be shared and questions, encouraged.

February 5, 2011: What is kavanah and how do you get and keep it?  
Staying focused on the One you're talking to

April 16, 2011: "Tevye" moments in Siddur prayer:  
Piggy-backing my needs on our needs

May 7, 2011: Individual prayer and communal prayer:  
Conflicting or complementary?

The question for each of us to settle is not what we would do if we had the means, time, influence and educational advantages, but what we will do with the things we have.

Hamilton Wright  
Mabee

*(Unholy Matrimony, continued from page 1)*

campaign to baptize America. It is a struggle that will decide whether the United States remains a spiritually vigorous country but without an officially established religion, or whether America will become... a legally mandated American theocracy exercising control over all aspects of our country's public and private life."

Whether or not they are aware of it, christocrats themselves are energized by a little-known but vicious philosophy called Dominionism, first articulated by a Protestant theologian named Francis A. Schaeffer. Again, Rabbi Rudin (p. 50):

A central tenet of Dominionism is the conviction that God ordained the United States to be a Christian nation based solely on biblical laws and principles. To achieve this seemingly unattainable goal, the democratic traditions, laws and policies of the American republic, especially individual freedoms, must first be destroyed and then permanently replaced with a Christian theocracy anchored to strict "Old Testament law." The secular U. S. Constitution, superseded by Biblical law, will be rendered inoperative and discarded.

If this sounds suspiciously like a Christian version of radical Islamism turning the world into a monolithic Muslim nation, it's no accident: fanatics of every stripe tend to use similar tactics.

John Rushdoony, another Protestant theologian, founded Dominionism's more radical version, Christian Reconstructionism (no relation, even remotely, to Jewish Reconstructionism!), which sets out a blueprint for making the Christian Dominion a reality in America. Dr. Bruce Prescott, a Baptist minister in the Interfaith Alliance Forum on Religious Extremism and an expert in how fanatical movements operate, discloses the six essentials of Christian Reconstructionism (cf. Rudin, pp. 63-64):

(1) Make the ten commandments the law of the land; (2) Reduce the role of government to the defense of property rights; (3) Require "tithes" to

ecclesiastical agencies to provide welfare services; (4) Close prisons – reinstitute slavery as a form of punishment and require capital punishment for all of ancient Israel's capital offenses – including apostasy, blasphemy, incorrigibility in children, murder, rape, Sabbath breaking, sodomy, and witchcraft; (5) Close public schools – make parents totally responsible for the education of their children; (6) Strengthen patriarchally ordered families. ...[S]ignificant steps toward the kind of reforms that they envision are already being made in our society. What they have been able to accomplish has been done by their allying themselves with the Republican Party and the conservative Christians and working through the political process.

Christocrats and greedy entrepreneurs, then, want to weaken government, the former because all governments must give way to the Christian Dominion, and the latter because government can keep greed in check through regulation, thereby impeding unlimited profit. The two have joined forces in order to advance their shared goal.

Though the Tea Party is, for all practical purposes, the populist voice of christocracy, the Tea Partyers I personally know are grass-roots conservative Americans, some of whom are non-fanatical Christians and some of whom are Jewish. They abhor this kind of thinking, yet they have uncritically bought into slogans like "free enterprise," "bring God back into the market place," and "don't tread on me," and are oblivious to the cynical manipulators lurking behind the rhetoric and to what they really intend.

The unholy marriage of *laissez faire* economics to religious fanaticism can produce only satanic offspring. Americans of good will – Jew and gentile, Republican and Democrat, conservative and liberal, black and white – must become aware of what's happening, unite, and seize back the national agenda before it's too late.

And so we pray: God bless America, while it still exists.

# Learners' Services and Resources

Are you interested in: Becoming more comfortable with the Shabbat morning service? Building your prayer vocabulary? Talking about the meaning of prayer on an adult level? Each week's lesson is a self-contained unit so you can drop in as your schedule permits. Join us twice a month in the library off the balcony when the Torah service starts (about 10:30 AM) and rejoin the service in time for the d'var Torah. We meet on the first and third Shabbats of the month. Questions? Contact Mia Buchwald Gelles [miabgelles@gmail.com](mailto:miabgelles@gmail.com) or 216-321-6717.

## Learners' Services for the coming month:

- February 5 – The last blessing of the Amida: Birkat Shalom (the blessing of peace) - Part 1
- February 19 – No Learners' Service; the second session this month will be held on February 26, instead.
- February 26 – The last blessing of the Amida: Birkat Shalom (the blessing of peace) - Part 2
- March 5 – Ein Kamocha – Av Harachamim

The curriculum we are using in the Learners' Services is *Hineni: Prayerbook Hebrew for Adults*, by Nina Beth Cardin, Berman House, 2006. (This can be ordered through Joe Buchwald Gelles at [jbgelles@gmail.com](mailto:jbgelles@gmail.com) or 216-321-6724 or through Berman House)

Other resources that Mia Buchwald Gelles has cited during the year include:

- *Entering Jewish Prayer: A Guide to Personal Devotion and the Worship Service*, by Reuven Hammer, 1994. (Conservative affiliation - nice full translations, historical and philosophical perspective.) Available at most book stores with a Jewish section.
- *To Pray as a Jew: A Guide to the Prayer Book and the Synagogue Service*, by Hayim Halevy Donin, 1980. (Orthodox affiliation - nice how-to's with choreography and laws and customs (halachot) of prayer.) Available at most bookstores with a Jewish section.
- *The Service of the Heart: A Guide to the Jewish Prayer Book*, by Evelyn Garfiel, 1958. (Conservative affiliation – also good historical and philosophical perspective.)
- A new book, recently cited, which you may find useful is *Making Prayer Real: Leading Jewish Spiritual Voices on Why Prayer is Difficult and What to Do about It*, by Mike Comins, Jewish Lights, 2010. This is a good book for the really big questions; it will not guide you through individual prayers.

## Israel Study Scholarship Fund

While Jewish study anywhere is a mitzvah, Jewish study in Israel is a mitzvah and a life-changing experience. To ensure that all of our young members have an opportunity to study in Israel, Beth El – The Heights Synagogue is founding the Israel Study Scholarship Fund. Sending a young adult to Israel demonstrates our commitment to our homeland, the education and spiritual growth of our members, and the enrichment of Cleveland Jewry.

Feel free to send your tax-deductible donations to Beth El in support of this fund. Note that these monies are not part of the Beth El – The Heights Synagogue budget, but are entirely separate.

Thank you very much for your generous support,  
The Israel Study Scholarship Fund Committee

The Youth Group is very excited to share with our community the immense progress that we have made in programming for teens at **Beth El –The Heights Synagogue**. Building on the success of our Shul Lock-In event in November 2010, we have formalized our social calendar for the remainder of the academic year and made several turning-point decisions regarding our social lives through synagogue as well as our religious observance and study. The teen group welcomes all **Beth El –The Heights Synagogue** members from Bar/Bat Mitzvah age through those entering college.

By the time you read this, we will have completed our first social event of the year, ice-skating in Shaker Heights. We are looking forward to the remainder of our lineup for the year:

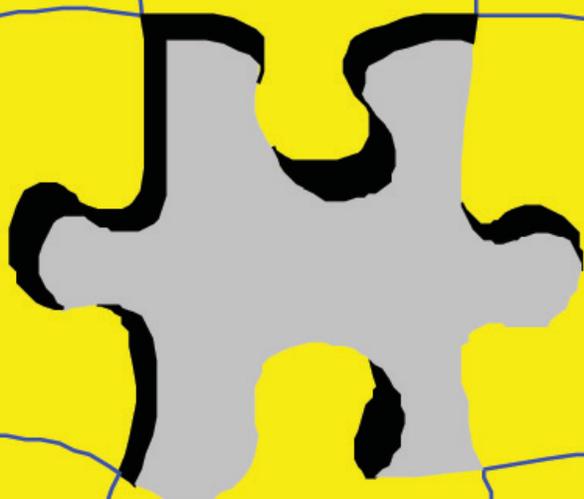
February 20: Board games and card games      April 3, 2:00 - 5:00 PM: Mini-golf  
March 13, 1:30 - 4:30 PM: Rock climbing      May 15: Field day (outdoor games)

Scheduled meetings for the remainder of the year are:

February 13, 7:00 PM      April 24, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Matzah Pizza and elections  
March 27, 7:00 PM      June 12, 7:00 PM – Program and budget planning

In addition to our social events, the teens host Teen Torah Study every Shabbat morning, which begins at approximately 10:15 AM in the Social Hall (at the beginning of the Torah service) and rejoins the congregation for Adon Olam.

Planning for all of these events takes place at Sunday meetings. We will hold our elections and our programming and budgeting meeting at the end of this academic year.



# BE-THS Teen Youth Group

Contact advisor Adam Probst at [teens@bethelheights.org](mailto:teens@bethelheights.org) for further information.  
Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

# CALENDAR, FEBRUARY 2011

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, AFTER SERVICES – Monthly Simcha Kiddush** – Join us as we celebrate all of the happy events that have occurred in January.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 5:30 PM – Kabbalat Shabbat Services, followed by dinner.**  
Reservations required if you plan to stay for dinner, so we can plan quantities.  
(See flyer for details.)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5,**  
**ABOUT 10:30 AM – Learners' Service: The last blessing of the Amida: Birkat Shalom (the blessing of peace) - Part 1** (See page 5 for details)  
**AFTER KIDDUSH – Learn with the Rabbi: Understanding the Siddur. What is kavanah and how do you get and keep it?** This is the fourth in a six-class series.  
(See page 3 for details.)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 –**  
**7:00 PM – Youth Group meeting** at the synagogue  
**7:00 PM – Movie Night: The Rape of Europa.** Host: Eric Fryxell. (See flyer for details)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19,**  
**NO LEARNERS' SERVICE THIS WEEK.**  
**AFTER SERVICES – Lunch and Learn with Ruth Cattleberry,** who will present  
**“The Mystery of the Crypto-Jews: Five Centuries of Keeping Secrets.** (See flyer for details.)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2:00 - 5:00 PM – Youth Group Game Day** at the synagogue (Watch e-mail for details)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26,**  
**ABOUT 10:30 AM –Learners' Service: The last blessing of the Amida: Birkat Shalom (the blessing of peace) - Part 2** (See page 5 for details)  
**AFTER SERVICES – Monthly Simcha Kiddush** – Join us as we celebrate all of the happy events that have occurred in February.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 7:00 PM – March newsletter mailing party** at the shul.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 5:30 PM – Kabbalat Shabbat Services, followed by dinner.**  
Reservations required if you plan to stay for dinner, so we can plan quantities.  
(See flyer for details.)

## Short Stories by Jewish Authors Reading and Discussion Group

The Short Stories Group will meet on January 23. They have not yet set a date or topic for their February meeting.

To this day  
I believe  
we are here  
on earth to live,  
grow, and  
do what we can  
to make  
this world  
a better place  
for all people to  
enjoy freedom.

Rosa Parks

# NEWS FROM BETH EL

# חדשות

Refuah Sh'lema to: **רפואה שלימה!**

- Dave Dennis
- Kimberly Carr
- Marsha Katz

Yasher Koah to: **יישר כוח!**

- **Robin Dubin**, Professor of Economics at the C.W.R.U. Weatherhead School of Management, who was one of three guests on WCPN's The Sound of Ideas program on January 13. Hear the hour-long program at <http://www.ideastream.org/soi/entry/37992>
- **Abby Halpern**, who completed her Master's thesis and requirements for graduation at The Siegal College of Judaic Studies.
- Our member, **Shulamit Magnus, Ph.D.**, who has been honored as the winner of a 2010 National Jewish Book Award in the category of Women's Studies for her recently-published *Memoirs of a Grandmother: Scenes from the Cultural History of the Jews of Russia in the Nineteenth Century, Volume One* (Stanford University Press). Here's a link to the news report: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/01/13/2010-national-jewish-book-awards\\_n\\_808014.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/01/13/2010-national-jewish-book-awards_n_808014.html)

Mazel Tov to: **מזל טוב!**

- **Menachem Shoham**, whose son Avner's wife, Tami, gave birth to a son, Israel Meir Shoham, on January 9. The couple lives in Rehovot, Israel. This is Menachem's eighth grandchild.

Thanks for contributions to: **תודה!**

- **Deborah and Leon Adato**
- **Rabbi Moshe and Nili Adler**
- **Rabbi Moshe and Nili Adler**, in honor of the birth of Ilan Jacob Elber, son of Daniel and Sari Elber of Encino, CA, and grandson of Claudio and Sheryl Pelc.
- **Sherry Ball and Marty Gelfand**, in memory of Ernest Gelfand Z"L.
- **Kenneth Bardach**
- **Henry Bloom and Marilyn Malkin**
- **Michael Bloom and Peggy Sullivan**
- **Betty and Dick Bloomfield**
- **Leah Brenner**, in memory of Marc Brenner Z"L.
- **Bill and Carol Bruml**
- **Frank and Jeanette Buchwald**

- **Janice Carrick**
- **Geoffrey and Kathryn Claussen**
- **Robin Dubin and Richard Krueck**
- **Ron Fersky**
- **Bela and George Fischer**
- **Leon Gabinet**
- **Bronia Gerblich**
- **Anthony Gooch**, in honor of Laura Gooch and David Kazdan.
- **Chester and Stephanie Gordon**
- **Mark Greenfield**, in memory of June Goldberg Z"L.
- **Mark Greenfield**, in honor of Adam Kugelmann's academic achievement.
- **Adam and Amalia Haas**
- **Jeffrey and Abigail Lee Halpern**
- **Sharon Hoffman and Andy Podgurski**
- **Harvey and Sondra Jacobs**, in memory of Celia and Henry Jacobs Z"L.
- **Esther and Philip Kazdan**
- **David Kazdan and Laura Gooch**
- **Ari Klein and Ditte Wolin**
- **Marlene Leitson**
- **Alan Lerner and Erica New**
- **Eric Mazelis**
- **Joseph and Lilian Newman**, in memory of Ethel Newman Z"L.
- **Joseph and Lilian Newman**, in memory of Shirley Newman Z"L.
- **Elena and Ronald Myers**
- **Bernice and Morris Shanker**, in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary.
- **Menachem Shoham**
- **Dolly Small**, in memory of Aaron Small Z"L.
- **Arnold Stone**
- **Connie and Harold Sussman**
- **Harold Ticktin**
- **David and Teri Tomberg**
- **Blanche and Jack Valancy**
- **Beth and Scott Wachter**
- **Ieda and Marvin Warshay**, in honor of Isaiah Pressman, Tal Shutkin, and William Zev Bloom becoming bar mitzvah.
- **Ieda and Marvin Warshay**, in memory of Robert Mendel Z"L.

- Ieda and Marvin Warshay, in honor of Leon Cabinet's appointment as the inaugural chairholder of the Coleman P. Burke Chair at the C.W.R.U. School of Law.
- Ieda and Marvin Warshay, in honor of Morrie Shanker's retirement.
- Ieda and Marvin Warshay, in honor of Nili Adler, with wishes for her good health.
- Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
- Judith and James A. Saks Philanthropic Fund

- Thanks for donations of books to our library to:** ! תודה
- David and Teri Tomberg
  - Bernie and Ruth Cantleberry

- Thanks for Kiddush sponsorship to:**
- January 8 – Bruce and Judie Amsel, in honor of their 17th wedding anniversary and Judie's 70th birthday.

**Thanks for Simcha Kiddush donations to:**  
**November** ! תודה

- Vicki Rosales, in honor of Alicia's birthday.

**January** ! תודה

- Frank and Jeanette Buchwald, in honor of Mia Buchwald Gelles' birthday.
- Janice Carrick, in honor of her birthday.
- Marty Gelfand and Sherry Ball, in honor of Marty's and Eden's birthdays.

**February** ! תודה

- Geoffrey and Kathryn Claussen, in honor of Geoff's birthday.

**Thanks to all who helped process the January newsletter mailing:** ! תודה

- Robin and Richard Dubin
- Sondra Jacobs
- Dalia Kutnick
- Cindy, Larry (and Simon) Mittman
- Teri and David Tomberg
- Blanche Valancy
- Ditte Wolin

I try to  
remind myself  
that we are never  
promised  
anything,  
and that what  
control we can  
exert is not over  
the events that  
befall us  
but how we  
address  
ourselves to  
them.

Jeanne DuPrau  
The Earth House

## Yahrzeits, February 2011

### Sh'vat – שבט

Rae Beckenstein	27 Sh'vat
Irving Bloom	29 Sh'vat
Emanuel Mills	29 Sh'vat
Phil Mishinsky	29 Sh'vat
Edith Bertman	30 Sh'vat
Dorothy Samuels	30 Sh'vat

### Adar 1 – אדר א'

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
Molly Glazer	4 Adar
Sylvia Protus	4 Adar
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
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 Chasis	14 Adar
Phyllis Sharpe	14 Adar
Dora J. Horwitz	16 Adar
Rosa Kaufman	16 Adar I
Isadore Glanz	17 Adar
Clarence Libman	17 Adar
Solomon Malkin	19 Adar
Esther Hollander	20 Adar
Daniel Geddes	20 Adar
Barbara Becker	22 Adar
Ida Weiss	23 Adar I

*Yahrzeits that occur in Adar 2 will be acknowledged next month.*

# Kabbalat Shabbat

## at Beth El – The Heights Synagogue



**5:30 PM**

**Friday, February 4, 2011**

**Friday, March 4, 2011**

The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person Children under 5 are free.  
Maximum of \$45.00 per family.

*Reservations and prepayment are absolutely necessary.* Reserve your January 7 spot **by Monday, January 31**, by sending in payment with response forms (to help us keep track of what your check is for!).

For more information, call the synagogue, 216-320-9667.

No reservation necessary if you would just like to come to services!

Yes, we are coming to the Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat dinner on:

February 4, 2011 \_\_\_\_; March 4, 2011 \_\_\_\_ (*Yes, you can reserve for both at once.*)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of: People over 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Children under 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of vegetarian meals requested \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed (\$15.00 per dinner per person; children under 5 free) \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to Beth El–The Heights Synagogue  
Mail to: 3246 Desota Ave., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

I'd like to help: Set up (Friday, 4 PM) \_\_\_\_\_ Clean up \_\_\_\_\_

# Beth El–The Heights Synagogue **MOVIE NIGHT** Sunday, February 13, 7 p.m.

Host: **Eric Fryxell, 3189 Oak, Cleveland Hts. RSVP 216-374-0905**

# THE RAPE OF EUROPA



"MESMERIZING."  
— VARIETY



A feature documentary film that tells the story of the systematic theft, deliberate destruction, and miraculous survival of Europe's art treasures in the Third Reich and Second World War.



Maria Altmann fought a seven-year legal battle for the return of stolen paintings on behalf of her family. She is one of five heirs to the works — valued at about \$300 million.

**Guests may bring parve or dairy snacks to share**



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Beth El –The Heights Synagogue builds vibrant Jewish community. We welcome all in participatory, egalitarian worship and learning.

**Lunch and Learn  
February 19, 2011**

The Mystery of  
Crypto Jews:  
Five Centuries  
of Keeping  
Secrets

Presented by  
Ruth Cantleberry



Ruth Cantleberry is known to many of you. She was active in the Library Minyan during its years at Beth Am and at the Mayfield JCC and is a new member of Beth El –The Heights Synagogue. She has taught French and Spanish in public and private schools of NE Ohio, taught Hebrew at Brith Emeth Sunday School and English as a Second Language for Russian immigrants at the Mayfield JCC.

Ruth has had a passionate interest in the history of Crypto-Jews since she was a teenager in Sunday school. She went on to study French and Spanish, had the opportunities to study in Spain, France, Mexico, and Quebec, and to travel through Europe and Israel. She has shared her knowledge and stories of the Spanish-Jewish experience with friends and family. Now you have an opportunity to listen and share her observations.

The Crypto-Jews, previously referred to as Marranos, were those Jews who converted to Catholicism during the 14th & 15th Centuries either by force or willingly. Since the early 20th Century many have been reclaiming their Jewish heritage. We will explore the secrecy of their journey.



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