



BETH EL

The Heights Synagogue

NEWSLETTER

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RABBI
MICHAEL UNGAR

Just as we say on
Passover,
we ought to say on
Thanksgiving, "Let
all who are hungry
come and eat"
– all, whether
Jew or gentile,
black or white,
straight or gay,
Republican or
Democrat.



What Makes Community?

Beth El – The Heights Synagogue builds vibrant Jewish community. We welcome all in participatory, traditional, egalitarian worship and learning. These are the first words on our synagogue's website and are also the words with which our congregational presidents begin announcements every Shabbat and on holidays.

It is significant that the very first sentence talks about "community." This word means many things to different people, but "community" is related to "common." What brings us together is a sense that we have certain things in common. For some the focus is the worship, for some it is the social aspect, for others it is the learning...and to some degree all of us like kiddush luncheon!

Although we have much in common, there are also differences among us. We all come from unique backgrounds; we have our own histories and experiences that shape who we are and how we see the world. What makes a community strong is its ability to honor those differences while simultaneously placing greater value on what we have in common. It is, of course, easy to see what separates us from each other, but it requires a little more work to focus on what we share. This task is made easier when we approach it with a spirit of love, compassion and understanding.

Maintaining a community is not easy. One cannot sit back and rest on laurels, because communities are (like everything else in God's world) always in transition. New people arrive; others leave. Situations arise and new opportunities present themselves.

BE–THS is a relatively young synagogue—we are celebrating our 20th anniversary this year. Twenty years is a long time and we should take pride in that accomplishment. What will the next twenty years look like? No one knows for certain, but if we remember the first sentences of our website, we should be confident that at the center of it all will be building a vibrant Jewish community!

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Saturday Morning Services at 9:15 ♦ 3246 Desota Ave., Cleveland Hts., OH 44118 ♦ ☎216-320-9667

Co-PRESIDENTS



ROBIN DUBIN



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Contact Information

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COMMENTS? COMPLAINTS?
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Please be sure we have your current contact information. Send changes to info@bethelheights.org or call (216) 320-9667

KEEP UP WITH THE NEWS!
JOIN THE BE-THS LISTS!
Send an e-mail to Mick Miller, mick@mickmill.com, if you need help with signing up.

20TH ANNIVERSARY

1999-2018

כ"ג בש"ו

**Beth El –The Heights Synagogue
is 20 years old!**

**Please join us as we celebrate
this milestone anniversary
and formally install Rabbi Michael Ungar
in our community on December 1
during Shabbat morning services
and kiddush lunch.***

COME CELEBRATE!

***We would like to have an extra-special lunch that day, and welcome the congregation to help sponsor it, at any level. Just designate your contribution as being for the December 1 kiddush.**

NEWS FROM BETHEL

חדשות

Refuah Sh'lema to:

רפואה שלימה!

- Harvey Jacobs
- Menachem Shoham
- Arnold Stone

Yasher Koah to:

יישר כוח!

➤ **Menachem Shoham**, in whose lab a breakthrough study has shown that antibiotics are not always necessary to cure sepsis in mice. Instead of killing causative bacteria with antibiotics, researchers treated infected mice with molecules that block toxin formation in bacteria. Every treated mouse survived. The breakthrough study, published in Scientific Reports, <http://tinyurl.com/yd-bb586l>, suggests infections in humans might be cured the same way. Q2Pharma, a biopharmaceutical company that Menachem founded in Israel, has obtained an exclusive license from Case Western Reserve University to commercialize this discovery. The full press release may be found at <http://tinyurl.com/yc5o4mm2>

Welcome, New Members:

- Robin Leichtman
- Beverly Levy
- Anne Meyers

Thanks for Contributions to:

תודה!

- **Rabbi Moshe Adler**, in memory of Dr. Philip Kazdan z"l.
- **Russell Berusch**
- **Rachel and Scott Botkin**, in thanks for a wonderful 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah.
- **Molly Brudnick**, in appreciation of the Buchwald Gelles family.
- **Bill and Carol Bruml**, with thanks to Bruce and Judie Amsel for their thoughtfulness.
- **Bill and Carol Bruml**, in thanks for Joe and Mia Buchwald Gelles' hospitality.
- **Bill and Carol Bruml**, in thanks for Robin Dubin's and Richard Krueck's hospitality.
- **Bill and Carol Bruml**, towards the cost of cleaning for the High Holy Days.
- **Charlotte Cohen**, to the Kiddush Fund.

- **Aryeh and Galit Dori**
- **Robin Dubin and Richard Krueck**, in memory of Dr. Philip Kazdan z"l.
- **Craig and Janet Hoffman**, in honor of Robin Dubin's and Richard Krueck's hospitality.
- **Craig and Janet Hoffman**, in honor of Joe and Mia Buchwald Gelles' hospitality.
- **Harvey Jacobs**, in memory of Celia Jacobs z"l.
- **Harvey Jacobs**, in memory of Henry Jacobs z"l.
- **Harvey Jacobs**, in memory of Louis Jacobs z"l.
- **Harvey Jacobs**, in memory of Sondra Jacobs z"l.
- **Harvey Jacobs**, in memory of Zelda Jacobs z"l.
- **Harvey Jacobs**, in memory of Bernard Rudin z"l.
- **Leon Kessel**, in honor of Rabbi Michael Ungar.
- **Nancy Levin**, in honor of Rabbi Michael Ungar and the High Holy Days.
- **Beverly Levy**
- **Merry Lugasy**
- **Honey Massey**, in honor of the birth of the Buchwald Gelles' granddaughter, Anna Rose Kovari.
- **Anne Meyers**
- **Stephen Pepper and Linda Tobin**, towards the cost of cleaning for the High Holy Days.
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- **Judie and David Perelman**
- **Adam and Samantha Probst**
- **Juliana Sadock Savino**, to the Kiddush Fund.
- **Devorah Silverman**
- **Michael Steklof**
- **Leonard Tracht**
- **Rabbi Michael Ungar**, in gratitude to the Buchwald Gelles's for hosting him over Yom Kippur.
- **Blanche and Jack Valancy**, in memory of Dr. Philip Kazdan z"l.
- **Beth and Scott Wachter**
- **Beth and Scott Wachter**, in memory of Marcella Wachter z"l.
- **Ieda Warshay**, in honor of Alisa Warshay's Haftorah on Sh'mini Atzeret.
- **Ieda Warshay**, in memory of Marvin Warshay z"l.

Thanks for High Holy Days Ticket

Contributions to: תודה!

- Amy and Alan Cadesky
- Ron Fersky
- Michael and Wendy Lazarus
- Carolyn and Marshall Leitman
- Carole and Daniel Litt
- Gary and Marilyn Magden
- Honey Massey
- Eric Mazelis
- Betsy Moss
- Philip Piccus
- Daniel Price
- Morton Smith
- Arnold Stone
- Rachel Tschantz

Thanks for Kiddush Sponsorships to: תודה!

- Zachary Lerner, who contributed pizzas on Simhat Torah, in honor of his birthday.

Thanks for Mailing Help to: תודה!

- Bill Bruml
- Carol Bruml
- Honey Massey
- Bud Stern
- David Tomberg
- Teri Tomberg
- Lenny Tracht

High Holy Days Thank-Yous

Thanks to the Ritual Committee for helping to plan and coordinate all who led services, read Torah or *Haftarah*, all who served as *gabbais*, all who led *Piyyutim*, all who led readings in either English or Hebrew, and all who blew the *shofar*. Thanks to all who helped erect our *sukkah* and to those who, later, took it down again. Thanks to all who ushered, all who set up the building and the kiddushes, all who handled phone messages and mailed out tickets, all who helped set up and print the Books of Remembrance, and all who helped make the Holy Days run smoothly, in any role at all.

Year-End Appeal

To everything, turn, turn, turn. Wasn't it just yesterday that we were reading Ecclesiastes during Sukkot? That means winter must be on the way: the season for ... (pause for joyous anticipation) ... the End-of-Year Appeal. Yes, that wondrous time when phone calls get made, checks get written with dreams of April deductions dancing in your heads, the shul's red ink turns black, and the black ink is used to write thank you notes. Be ready for that turn of the season. It will be here before you know it.

Joel Genuth
Development Chair

Fall Clothing Drive

This year we will again have a clothing drive to benefit needy school children at Noble Elementary School. The clothing will be donated to the school's clothing pantry. Warm clothing for the cold weather is greatly needed, and at this time of year, a new item of clothing would be especially appropriate (very gently used clothing is fine, too). Coats, boots, mittens, sweaters, and socks are needed in sizes for kindergarten through fifth grade (large). The refugee group, US Together, has informed us that there is an especially great need for warm, waterproof boots for these children.

Boxes will be placed inside both entrances to the shul, where clothing may be dropped off through December 15. Juliana Sadock Savino will take the donated clothing to the school before they close for winter vacation. Questions? Contact Juliana: jujy54@yahoo.com or (216) 571-7445



Brrrrrr...
It's cold outside!



Bring new or gently used children's winter clothing to the shul during the months of November & December and at the Hanukkah Party for donation to the needy in our immediate area.





Beginnings

On October 6, Shabbat B'reishit, Karen Kugelman gave a very meaningful d'var Torah on beginnings. On our beginnings as a shul, now 20 years ago.

Many attendees requested that Karen's d'var be reprinted in the newsletter. But, it's too long, at five pages.

In response, we have uploaded it to the web site, where you may read it at <http://tinyurl.com/y9qm6fqj>

If that's not convenient, send an email to benews3246@gmail.com, and I'll send you a copy.

We've made a lot of history in 20 short years. If you weren't there to hear Karen - or even if you were - I recommend reading this!

Learners' Torah Discussions Open to All

Join us to study and discuss selections from the weekly Torah portion. We consider commentaries, raise questions, and share tips for using the *Chumash*. Each week's lesson is self-contained, so come as your schedule permits. The sessions are accessible for non-Hebrew speakers or readers and open to people at all levels of experience. We meet in the Community Room, after the Torah is taken out and the portion is introduced (about 10:20 AM to 10:30 AM), and rejoin the service in time for the *d'var Torah*.

Questions? Contact Mia Buchwald Gelles: 216-321-6717 or miabgelles@gmail.com.

Upcoming Learners Torah Discussion dates (usually twice a month):

November 17 – *Parashat Va-yetze*

Yahrzeits, November 2018

Heshvan ~ תשרי

Philip Noll	23 Heshvan 5738
Morris Cohen	24 Heshvan 5684
Philip Reiss	24 Heshvan
Ann Groger	25 Heshvan
Anita Fertman Pereversky	27 Heshvan 5717
Harry Eisman	28 Heshvan 5703
Mindy Marfisi	28 Heshvan 5767
Beatrice Goodman	29 Heshvan 5716
Sarah Widzer	29 Heshvan 5731
Lena Berman	30 Heshvan 5708
Deborah Lindenbaum	30 Heshvan 5712

Kislev ~ כסלו

Jennie Gordon	1 Kislev
Patti Freed	2 Kislev 5774
Alexander Goldman	4 Kislev 5721
Michael J. Margolis	4 Kislev 5726
Anna Ginsberg	8 Kislev 5726
Anna Gutentag	8 Kislev 5726
Borris Maeroff	8 Kislev 5705
Morris Rapport	8 Kislev 5735
Anna Javitch	9 Kislev 5726
Louis Ruskin	10 Kislev 5693

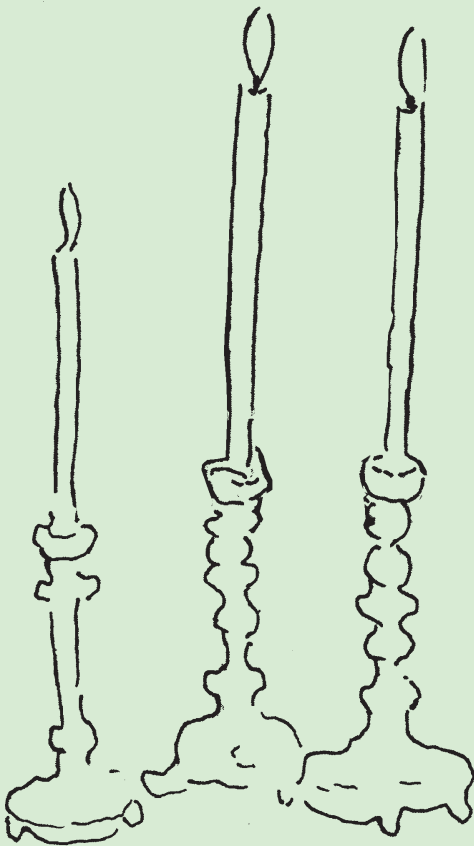
Jacob Malamud	11 Kislev 5715
Sidney Weisberg	11 Kislev 5752
Lawrence Davis	13 Kislev 5749
Joseph Magalnick	13 Kislev 5730
Harry Davis	14 Kislev 5718
Beatrice Anne Greenbaum	14 Kislev 5730
Rose Katz	14 Kislev 5752
Nechama Schultz-Shalit	14 Kislev 5765
Jackie Davis	15 Kislev 5729
Harry Kastner	15 Kislev 5724
Emanuel Fromson	15 Kislev 5735
Esther Math	16 Kislev 5735
Helen Penetsky	17 Kislev 5737
Philip Bertman	18 Kislev 5676
Sanford Gelfand	19 Kislev 5759
William Grossman	19 Kislev 5741
Sylvia Della Stroom	19 Kislev 5738
Bracha Tenenbaum	19 Kislev
Rev. Henry Einhorn	21 Kislev 5718
Ronald J. Maeroff	21 Kislev 5718
Shirley Newman	21 Kislev 5768
Sadie Magden	22 Kislev 5754



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INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE
SHABBAT
WITH A SERVICE AND DINNER.



Friday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat services begin at 6:30, include learning with Rabbi Alan Lettofsky. Dinner about 7:40, includes fish, is a vegetarian-friendly menu.

Price: \$10.00 per person.

RSVP: <http://www.bethelheights.org/kabbalat-shabbat/>

Or you can call Joe 321-6734.

Prepaid reservations requested by Monday, November 12.

Location: Beth El–The Heights Synagogue

3246 Desota Avenue

Cleveland Hts., OH 44118

This is a membership event — a great time to introduce potential members to our community, a little less formal and a lot shorter than Shabbat morning. So bring a friend — don't be shy about asking!