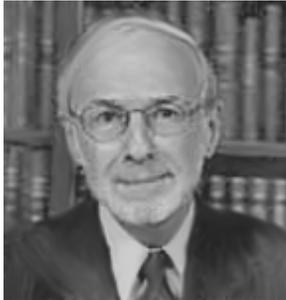




BETH EL NEWSLETTER

The Heights Synagogue

March, 2007
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Rabbi Moshe Adler

Matanot La-Evyonim

מתנות לאביונים

When you come for Purim services March 3 or 4, please bring money for Matanot La-Evyonim (gifts to the poor).

We will bring the proceeds to Rabbi and Mrs. Zalman Kazen, who annually cater a s'udat Purim (Purim feast) for underprivileged Jews.

משלוח מנות



Purim Forever!

In his Mishneh Torah code (Laws of Megillah 2.20), Maimonides writes, "All the books of the Prophets and the Writings will become void in the future time of the Messiah, except for the Scroll of Esther. It will last like the five books of the Torah and like the laws of the Oral Torah, which will never become void." That is how he interprets a passage in the Midrash.

With this interpretation, Maimonides' glossator and critic, Rabbi Abraham ben David, disagrees. He writes, "No word of any of the books will become void, since none of the books is without teaching. Rather, this is what [our sages] said: Even were the obligation to read publicly from the other books to become void, the obligation to read the Scroll [of Esther] publicly would not become void."

Though these two giants of Judaism differ over whether other biblical books will need to be continually studied when the Messiah comes, both agree that the book of Esther, alone among non-Torah biblical books, will continue to be read aloud in public like the Torah itself.

This, of course, raises a question: Why is the book of Esther so important that it alone ranks with the Torah as a book to be publicly read in the days of the Messiah? What significance does this book possess

that makes it in some way equal to the Torah?

For a clue, we turn to the following exchange in the Talmud (Shabbat 88a):

"They took their places at the foot of [lit., under] the mountain" (Exodus 19.17)
- Rabbi Avdimi bar Hama bar Hasa said: *"This teaches that the Holy Blessed One bent the mountain over them like a barrel and said, 'If you accept the Torah, well and good; but if not, there will your grave be.'"*

R. Aha bar Ya'akov objected: "But that would furnish us with grounds for pleading that our ancestors' acceptance was forced and therefore not binding!"

Rava replied: "Nevertheless, they again accepted it in the days of Ahasuerus, as it is written, 'The Jews undertook and obligated themselves' (Esther 9.27) – that is, they undertook what they had previously obligated themselves to do."

In other words, even if the Torah was originally accepted under pressure, it was later accepted freely, out of love for the miracle by which the Jews were saved from destruction. As the world-renowned Judaic scholar, Rabbi David Weis Halivni, puts it: at Sinai we were given the Torah, and in Shushan we accepted it.

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Beth El - The Heights Synagogue builds vibrant Jewish community.

We welcome all in participatory, traditional, egalitarian worship and learning.

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



Jack Valancy

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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Our Kindness is Our Strength

*Think this through with me
Let me know your mind
Wo-oah, what I want to know
is are you kind?*

*"Uncle John's Band", Greatful Dead's "Workingman's Dead" (1970). Words by Robert Hunter; music by Jerry Garcia.
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"Are you kind?" is an uncommon question with significant, sometimes dramatic, implications. We want to be with kind people, and we want to be thought of as kind. We are fortunate in this regard. Writing in the New York Times just weeks after 9/11, historian Stephen Jay Gould observed, "Good and kind people outnumber all others by thousands to one."

As Jews, we have kindness in our genes and in our hearts. Abraham is our model of compassion: He leaves his sickbed to offer hospitality to strangers he sees in the distance. He appeals to HaShem to spare Sodom and Gomorrah. When his servant Eliezer journeys to find a wife for Isaac, he sees compassion in a maiden who offers him water and then draws water for the camels without being asked.

"Be loving to your neighbor as you would yourself" (Leviticus 19:16-18). The Talmud teaches that Israel is *rachamanim b'nei rachamanim* — merciful people, and the children of merciful people. Maimonides catalogued the *chesed* (kindness) mitzvot in life cycle events, such as visiting the sick and bringing comfort to mourners. He also included everyday kindness like accompanying guests into your home and speaking kindly to the dejected. Other mitzvot include granting interest-free loans to the needy, feeding the hungry

anonymously, giving shelter to the homeless, providing jobs for those in need of work, and bringing enemies together in friendship.

Jewish communities around the world established organizations to practice compassion: a *Bikur Cholim Society* to provide for the sick and bring them cheer; a *Malbish Arumim Society* to provide clothing for the poor; a *Hachnasat Kalah Society* to provide for needy brides; a *Bet Yetomin Society* to aid orphans; a *Talmud Torah Organization* to support a free school for poor children; a *Gemilat Chesed Society* to lend money at no interest to those in need; an *Ozer Dalim Society* to dispense charity to the poor; a *Hachnasat Orchim Society* to provide shelter for homeless travelers; a *Chevrah Kaddishah Society* to attend to the proper burial of the dead; and *Essen Teg Institutions* to provide food and shelter for poor students who attend schools in the community.

At **Beth El-The Heights Synagogue**, we practice kindness in many ways. Like Abraham, we welcome the stranger in our midst. Our home is always open to newcomers, occasional visitors, friends, and members alike. All receive a warm, friendly reception.

Our Chesed Committee helps members in mourning, those who *(Continued on page 3)*

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have fallen ill, and those who are overwhelmed by life's challenges. We assist in houses of mourning, provide *minyanim*, and send food. We support our members dealing with health issues through visits, calls, meals, and transportation to synagogue and around town.

We are kind to each other when we worship and learn together. During services we say the *mi sheberach* (prayer for healing) for friends and loved ones. We pray for safe travels. We rejoice when absent members and friends return!

We build our community when we sit down together at kiddush. We support each other by inquiring about family and health. We listen sympathetically. We offer emotional support and advice. We help with childcare and chores.

We express compassion outside our congregation by collecting for charity at Purim, Passover, and Chanukah. We are kind to the land when we donate to Israel reforestation. We support humanitarian aid through the Darfur Action Campaign. We are active in our children's schools and with community organizations.

We are kind with each other as we go about the work that keeps our congregation running. We help each other in countless ways from reading Torah to washing dishes to presenting educational programs to keeping track of our finances. We respect each other as we pursue our individual passions and preferences.

We build our congregation on kindness. Our kindness is our strength.



(Purim Forever, continued from page 1)

Why the centuries-long delay? As the initial excitement and novelty of revelation receded into the past, the collective memory of revelation, and the life-changing commitment it imposed on its recipients, underwent a process of maturation in the real world. Only when that maturation had run its course were the recipients of the revelation able to live out their commitment with an inner serenity that says: it may not always be easy but it always feels right, and I wouldn't trade it for anything.

The book of Esther, then, complements the Torah itself as the record of our people's covenanting with God. It earns its rightful place alongside the Torah as the only other book to be read aloud in public even in the days of the Messiah. It isn't just that we were saved from Haman on Purim. It's that, having returned from the edge of annihilation, we knew what we as a people were living for. That is an insight that always serves us well.

In the spirit of Purim, we might say that revelation plays like a good but subtle joke: you understand it right away, but you really get it later.

Have a happy Purim.

Remember the four mitzvot of Purim -

1. MEGILLAH
מגילה: Hear the Megillah from a scroll.
2. MATANOT LA-EVYONIM
מתנות לאביונים: Donate for gifts to the poor
3. MISHLOAH MANOT
מנות משלוח: Each person gives a present of at least two kinds of food ("real" or "nosh") to at least one other person during Purim day
4. S'UDAH
סעודה: Have a s'udat Purim of your own or join one to which you have been invited. The s'udat Purim is held during Purim day, between midday and sunset, and should feature festive, holiday-style food.

Purim Morning Services (and Breakfast)

On Sunday, March 4, 2007, join us at 8:30 AM for a PURIM MORNING SERVICE that features a reading of the Megillah.

You are cordially invited to join us in the social hall after the service for a bagel breakfast.

No reservation is necessary for the service, but if you plan to join us for breakfast, please make a reservation with Merry Lugasy (e-mail mlugasy@core.com or telephone 216-337-4761) so we will know how much to prepare.

Adult Education at Beth El

Saturday, March 10, about 10:20 AM – Learners’ Service. Does the davening leave you in the dust? Or do you leave services with more questions than answers? Come to our break-out learners’ service, on the first and third Shabbats of month. Practice praying at a slow pace. Ask questions and get answers. Meet around 10:20 AM and rejoin the main service for the d’var Torah.

Saturday, March 10, 7:30 PM – Last Movie Night of the Season, and a Double Feature: *A Green Chariot* (Israel, 2005) and *Eicha* (Israel, 2001).

Admission free, donation for refreshments, call 216-321-6717 for further information.

Green Chariot: Yair, originally from Russia, finds a necklace with a cross in his dead mother’s possessions. He panics. He is religious, a top Torah student and engaged to a beautiful religious girl from a good family.

Eicha: a young religious girl, born on Tisha B’Av and living in West Bank religious community, decides at age 18 to change her name and more.

A children’s movie will also be shown, appropriate for ages 6-12.

Saturday, March 17, after services – Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Moshe Adler, who will speak on “Signs and Wonders: Miracles in the Bible.” Join us for a warm, vegetarian-friendly buffet lunch after Shabbat morning services and stay to learn. Free to members and friends, no RSVP required. Babysitting provided.

Saturday, March 24 – Learners’ Service. See March 10 for details.

Movie Nights Engaging

BE-THS movies in January and February offered a keen contrast in their themes: “The Syrian Bride” depicts the utter frustration of the bride (a Druze), the groom (Syrian), and their extended families who are consistently supportive in their efforts to get the bride across the Israeli border to Syria and marriage. Both politics and bureaucracy play a major role in the film which also had a side plot concerning the bride’s married sister, a modern woman whose independent spirit threatens her traditionalist husband. The film was both interesting and satisfying.

“Mon Tresor” can hardly be more different both in content and characters. Set in urban Israel, Or, the 16-year-old daughter, and Ruthie, the mother, have only each other—no family, no religion, no one on whom to rely for support in their efforts to survive. Their plight is poverty and their story can be universal. The two are close, yet diverse in their views of life. Sadly, both women devolve into moral chaos. That notwithstanding, “Mon Tresor” is unforgettable because its intense savagery leaves the viewer with much to ponder about the characters, Ruthie and Or, and the choices they do and do not make.

Joe and Mia Buchwald-Gelles and David Shutkin are to be commended for bringing such significant films to BE-THS. Members and friends have enjoyed participating in discussions led by David Shutkin following each viewing. The final Movie Night for this season will be on Saturday evening, March 10. Don’t miss it. See left column for details. */Sondra Jacobs*



Vibrant Short Stories from Israel Next Up on March 25

The Short Stories by Jewish Authors discussion group will meet on Sunday evening, March 25, 7:00-8:30 PM, with stories in *Apples from the Desert* by Savyon Liebrecht, an Israeli author. The book, offered by member Teri Tomberg, “reveals the impact of larger social and political conflicts within the private worlds of home and family. Savyon depicts the personal tragedies – and the small acts of courage and reconciliation – that grow from the deep-rooted conflict between Arabs and Jews, men and women, and older and younger generations in Israel.”

New participants are welcome to join this discussion. For information, please contact Sondra Jacobs, 216-397-1481, or sondrajacobs@sbcglobal.net.

Temple Beth El Plaques Found and Returned

Some inanimate objects of real sentimental value have found their way to a new home at Beth El–The Heights Synagogue. We may never know how they got misplaced, but we do know how they got returned.

Last April we received a call from Rick Heller of Creative Sign Solutions and Budget Sign, stating that in clearing out his shop and preparing to sell his business he had discovered a number of brass plaques with the name of Temple Beth El on them. He described memorial plaques, but no one could determine that any were missing.

In December, David Glavin, who had bought Creative Design Solutions and was integrating it into his sign company, Glavin Industries, called us with the same concern. People in his shop had suggested disposing of the items, but he felt that these plaques must be important to someone and he refused to give up!

Not himself a Jew, Mr. Glavin inquired of Jewish friends as to the whereabouts of Temple Beth El. They told him about us. He offered to send digital photographs of the plaques to help us verify that they were indeed property of the original Temple Beth El. As soon as we saw the pictures, we realized what they were and arranged for our own Marvin Palevsky to pick them up. Thanks to a caring businessman in the community, the plaques are where they belong!



Emily Dennis holds the recovered plaque, which is in memory of Rabbi David L. Genuth.

Most of the plaques remain in storage for now, but a particular one donated in memory of Temple Beth El's beloved Rabbi David Genuth was officially presented to Beth El–The Heights Synagogue on 17 February, marking Rabbi Genuth's yahrzeit on 1 Adar. We cherish the legacy of Temple Beth El, which merged with The Heights Synagogue seven years ago, creating a new and unique home for Jewish life in the Cleveland area.



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Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 24,
8:00 to 11:00 PM

Hold the date for our first dinner dance (adults only).

Enjoy a lovely sit-down dinner, dancing with some instruction, music, and friends.

A chance to get dressed up and socialize with Beth El friends.

\$25 per person;
\$50 per couple.

Watch for your invitation in the mail.



NEWS FROM BETH EL

חדשות

Refuah Sh'lema to:

- Charlotte Dubin, Robin Dubin's mother.
- Jay Ross, Ieda and Marvin Warshay's son-in-law.

Yasher Koah to:

- Jacob Dennis, who won the all-school *Reader's Digest* Word Power competition.
- Abby and Jeff Halpern, who are the new Youth Advisers at Shaarey Tikvah.

Thanks for Kiddush sponsorship to:

- December 23 – Linda Tobin and Stephen Pepper, in memory of Linda's father, Sidney Russack Z"L.
- January 27 – Ieda and Marvin Warshay sponsored a portion of the Lunch and Learn.

Thanks for contributions to:

- Shelley Birkner, in honor of Cheryl Birkner-Mack and Eric Mack.
- Diane Eden
- Laura Gooch and David Kazdan, in honor of Don and Jane Radman's fiftieth wedding anniversary.
- Stephanie and Chester Gordon, in appreciation for visitors, calls, and prayers, during Stephanie's recent illness.
- Julian Kahan, in memory of Rabbi David Genuth Z"L.
- Esther and Phil Kazdan, in honor of Don and Jane Radman's fiftieth wedding anniversary.
- Sue Klein, to the Kiddush Fund.
- Joan Orlen
- Karen Paydock
- Cynthia and Kyle Rose
- Minnie & Sidney Russack Memorial Philanthropic Fund
- Linda Tobin and Stephen Pepper, in honor of Stephanie Gordon's recovery.
- Blanche and Jack Valancy, to the Chesed Fund.
- Marsha Weisberg, in honor of Tori Penina Small's 6-month birthday, Didi Shiloh's becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and in honor of Rabbi Moshe and Nili Adler.
- Annabelle Weiss, in honor of Marvin Warshay, who recently read Haftarah on the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

Thanks for contributions toward replacement of the sanctuary windows to:

- Bill and Carol Bruml
- Blanche and Jack Valancy
- Marsha Weisberg
- Anonymous

Thanks for contributions in honor of the Torah Readers' Shabbat to:

- Emily Dennis
- Laura Gooch and David Kazdan
- Anonymous

Thanks for contributions toward Israel reforestation to:

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- Aviva and Shoshana Klein
- Harvey and Karen Kugelman
- Philip Samuels
- Caren and Eran Shiloh, in memory of Ynay and Inbal Weiss Z"L.
- Linda Tobin
- Alex and Pauline Vales, in memory of Anatoly Gofman Z"L.
- Marsha Weisberg, in memory of parents Bertha and Sidney Weisberg Z"L.
- Anonymous

Thanks for the help to:

- Shelly Bloomfield, who organized the Torah Readers' Shabbat celebration.

Thanks to the following volunteers, the February newsletter was processed for mailing in record time!

- Shelley Birkner
- Gerson and Kimberly Carr
- Robin Dubin
- Sue Klein
- Lynda Siff
- Teri Tomberg
- Blanche Valancy
- Beth and Maya Wachter

CALENDAR, MARCH 2007

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Thursday, March 1 – Fast of Esther תענית אסתר

Saturday, March 3, 7:30 PM – פורים – Havdalah, followed by Megillah reading, מגילת אסתר, and a fabulous original musical Purim Shpiel by Caren Shiloh. Costume contest, and refreshments follow. Wear costumes and join in the fun!

Sunday, March 4, 8:30 AM – פורים – Shacharit service and Megillah reading, followed by a light breakfast. (Reservations requested, if you'd like to stay for breakfast.) See page 3 for details.

Monday, March 5 – Shushan Purim שושן פורים

Saturday, March 10 –

About 10:20 AM – Learners' Service. See page 4 for details.

7:30 PM – Last Movie Night of the Season, and a Double Feature: *A Green Chariot* (Israel, 2005) and *Eicha* (Israel, 2001). See page 4 for details.

Note: Time change, to Daylight Savings, occurs at 2:00 AM tonight.

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8:00 PM to 11:00 PM – Dinner dance (adults only). Enjoy a lovely sit-down dinner, dancing with some instruction, music and friends. Watch for your invitation in the mail.

Sunday, March 25, 7:00 to 8:30 PM – Short Stories by Jewish Authors reading and discussion group will meet at the home of Harvey and Sondra Jacobs. See page 4.

Monday, April 2 – Passover begins ערב פסח. First Seder may start at 8:34 PM. סדר ראשון

Join Us
for
Movie
Night

March 10
7:30 PM



For Adults, a
double feature:
A Green Chariot
Eicha

Children's movie
will also be shown.

Yahrzeits, March 2007

Adar				Nisan	
Harry H. Sobel	11 Adar	Ida Weiss	23 Adar I	Sam Zavelowitz	1 Nisan
David Negin	13 Adar	Harvey Mendel	23 Adar II	Minnie Silverman	2 Nisan
Selma Chernikoff	13 Adar	Miranda Claire Bryant	25 Adar	Bertha Weisberg	2 Nisan
Malke Bilkes	14 Adar	Lawrence Sussman	26 Adar I	Samuel Chernikoff	3 Nisan
Jacob Chassis	14 Adar	Leo Berman	26 Adar I	Edward Einhorn	4 Nisan
Phyllis Sharpe	14 Adar	Joseph Fromson	27 Adar	Ida Grossman	4 Nisan
Morris Bloom	15 Adar II	Jacob Gerblich	27 Adar	Julius Weil	4 Nisan
Dora J. Horwitz	16 Adar	Michael Chassis	27 Adar II	Gloria Horwitz	4 Nisan
Abram Woolf	17 Adar II	Jacob Fromson	27 Adar II	Rose Kushner	4 Nisan
Isadore Glanz	17 Adar	Celia Auerbach	28 Adar	Louis Levine	5 Nisan
Solomon Malkin	19 Adar	Pauline Shamis	28 Adar	Isadore Einhorn	7 Nisan
Louis Davis	19 Adar II	Max Brodman	28 Adar II	Ben Engel	7 Nisan
Mary Cernigoj	19 Adar II	Leo Moskovitz	29 Adar	Ida Glanz	8 Nisan
Esther Hollander	20 Adar	Lena Greenhut	29 Adar	Gregory Reimer	9 Nisan
Daniel Geddes	20 Adar			Iris Bergsman	11 Nisan
Barbara Becker	22 Adar			Israel David Margolin	11 Nisan
Frank Milinsky	22 Adar II			Leonora Katz	12 Nisan

Mezuzah Workshop

Twelve children, ranging from four and a half years to High School aged, enjoyed a Mezuzah Workshop by Rabbi Yossi of Chabad's Living Legacy Programs. They learned the meaning of the Mezuzah, what the scrolls are made of, and what makes the scroll Kosher or not. They learned the 'trick' of which side of the door the Mezuzah is to be placed – whichever side you choose: both the right AND the left depending on which direction you going through!! They saw samples of scrolls that were not Kosher due to damage (water and fire), mistakes by the scribes (missing letters), and incorrect material (paper).

To make their own Mezuzah COVER, they etched a design on a copper strip, which was then brushed with sulfur to give an 'antique look'. This strip was then slid into a holder that each child was able to take home. The families do need to invest in the scrolls before placing them on their door posts.



Elijah and Julian Saunt work on their Mezuzot with their mother, Jamie's, help.

Alicia Rosales and Aviva Klein design their Mezuzah covers.

Prepping: Arielle and Matthew Palevsky, and Avi Small prepare their copper strips.



Completed Mezuzot



Photos by Ditte Wolin

**POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR THE SALE OF HAMETZ**

Passover 2007/ Pesah 5767

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Moshe Adler to act in my place and stead, and in my behalf, to sell all hametz possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly), as defined by Torah and Rabbinic law (i.e., known hametz, substances of doubtful hametz status, and all kinds of hametz mixtures); hametz that tends to harden and to adhere to the inner surfaces of pans, pots or cooking and utility vessels; and all kinds of live animals that have been eating hametz or mixtures thereof. I further authorize Rabbi Moshe Adler to lease all places wherein the hametz owned by me may be found, especially at the premises located at:

_____ .

Rabbi Moshe Adler has the full right to sell and to lease by transactions, as he deems fit and proper and for such periods of time as he believes are necessary for the halachically effective disposal of my hametz as defined above.

I further give Rabbi Moshe Adler full power and authority to appoint a substitute in his stead with full power to sell and lease as provided herein. The above given power is in conformity with all Torah and Rabbinic laws, and in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio and of the United States of America.

I hereby affix my signature on this _____ day of _____, in the year _____, as reckoned in the United States of America.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Please see that your authorization reaches the Rabbi by March 27, 2007. Thank you.

Selling the hametz is a free service, and donations are entirely voluntary.
Should you wish to make one, please make it to the order of BETH EL – THE HEIGHTS SYNAGOGUE
and earmark it “Maot Hittin.” This is a fund for purchasing Passover food for needy Jews.

Please mail your forms directly to Rabbi Moshe Adler
4083 Bushnell Road, University Heights, OH 44118



PURIM



Saturday, March 3, 7:30 PM

Havdalah, followed by Megillah Reading,
Costume Contest, Refreshments,
and an original Purim Shpiel by Caren Shiloh

When you come for Purim services March 3 or 4, please bring money for Matanot La-Evyonim (gifts to the poor). We will bring the proceeds to Rabbi and Mrs. Zalman Kazen, who annually cater a s'udat Purim (Purim feast) for underprivileged Jews.

PURIM SHPIEL!!!

You'll laugh, you'll cry... Well, you'll cry from laughing so much!

But don't believe us, read what the critics are saying...

"The best show I've seen since my Marvin's musical, 'Katz'!"

Bubbe Hamlish (Marvin's grandma)

"Sure, they can act and they can sing, but can they make a bundt cake?"

Shirley Teplovitz (Martha Stewart's secret tutor)

"Great show, but..uh..like, where's the flippin' Kabbalah??"

Madonna, Britney Spears

Don't miss your chance to see the

Adar Extravaganza

that **EVERYONE** is talking about!

Saturday night, March 3rd after the Megillah reading!

The Passover Guide

For the past several years, Beth El-The Heights Synagogue has published a Passover Guide annually, and has printed enough copies to send one via U.S. Mail to each and every person on our monthly newsletter mailing list. This is costly to do and, other than the calendar, the content of the Guide has remained virtually the same from year to year.

Also, the Guide really loses by being xeroxed in black and white. The colorful original version is a much nicer accoutrement to the holiday than is the black and white one.

Therefore, this year, we are NOT going to automatically mail a copy of the guide to your home. Copies will be mailed out via the BigList and to anyone else who has requested to receive the monthly newsletter via e-mail.

If you have not received your full-color copy by the time you receive this newsletter, may we encourage you to sign up for the BigList, so you will receive notices and mailings from BE-THS in the future.

To subscribe, just send an e-mail to bethel-sub@valancy.biglist.com

And, if you have not received your full-color copy and you would like one, please call the synagogue office at 216-320-9667, and leave your name, phone number and e-mail address, or send an e-mail to Blanche Valancy, blanche@valancy.com, that contains that information, and she will make sure that a copy is promptly sent to you.

If you do not have access to e-mail and would like a black and white copy of the Passover Guide, please leave a message on the synagogue's voicemail with your name, your phone number and your address, and a copy will be mailed to you.



Concise Pesah Calendar 2007

Sunday, April 1 בדיקת חמץ
8:46 PM – *B'dikat hametz* (final search)

Monday, April 2 - Erev Pesah ערב פסח
10:49 AM – Latest time for eating *hametz*.
12:02 PM – Last time for annulling (renouncing ownership of) *hametz*.
Before sunset – Establish *eruv tavshilin*
7:35 PM – *Yom Tov* Candle-lighting
7:53 PM – Sunset
8:34 PM – Nightfall, first *seder* may begin סדר ראשון

Tuesday, April 3 – First day of Pesah
9:15 AM – *Pesah* I Morning Services: *Shaharit* and *Musaf*
8:35 PM – Nightfall, Candle-lighting, second *seder* may begin סדר שני

Wednesday, April 4 – Second day of Pesah
9:15 AM – *Pesah* II Morning Services: *Shaharit* and *Musaf*
8:36 PM – Nightfall, *Havdalah* may be said (just the blessing over wine and the blessing *HaMavdil*; no candle, no spices).

Friday, April 6 – Erev Shabbat Hol HaMoed
7:39 PM – Candle-lighting (7:57 PM – Sunset)

Saturday, April 7 – Shabbat Hol HaMoed
9:15 AM – Shabbat Morning Services
8:40 PM – Dark – Shabbat may be ended and *Havdalah* recited (the works).

Sunday, April 8 – Erev Yom Tov
7:41 PM – *Yom Tov* Candle-lighting
7:59 PM – Sunset

Monday, April 9 – Seventh day of Pesah
9:15 AM – *Pesah* VII Morning Services: *Shaharit* and *Musaf*
8:42 PM – Nightfall, *Yom Tov* candles may be lit.

Tuesday, April 10 – Eighth day of Pesah
9:15 AM – *Pesah* VIII Morning Services: *Shaharit*, *Musaf*, and *Yizkor* יזכור
8:44 PM – Passover may be ended and *Havdalah* recited (just the blessing over wine and the blessing *HaMavdil*; no candle, no spices).

(Please allow the Rabbi an hour to buy back your hametz before you use it.)