

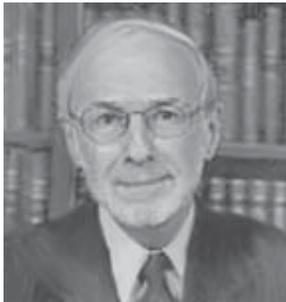


BETH EL NEWSLETTER

The Heights Synagogue

May, 2007

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Rabbi Moshe Adler

ISRAEL: JEWISH AND MORAL

Should Israel be a Jewish state? Should the Pope be Catholic?

Rarely can a moral choice be reduced to a simple good-versus-bad dichotomy. If that were the usual kind of moral choice one had to make, it would not require such painstaking reflection and soul-searching. Jewish law and ethics could be reduced to a checklist.

Issues must always be addressed in their real-life context, and not merely as philosophical abstractions. This is most especially true where the context is political. Discussion of equal rights for the Arab community of Israel cannot be divorced from its immediate sociopolitical context, one of whose subtexts is an ongoing and ever-escalating effort by the Arab and Islamic world to destroy Israel either at once or piece-meal.

This fact does not, however, mean that the legitimate issue of equal rights for the Israeli Arab community can be dismissed as just another ploy in the campaign manual of radical Arabism or Islamism. The issue has come to the fore anew with the recent publishing of a manifesto by Israeli Arabs who point out gross inequalities between the ways Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel are treated, and who state that these inequalities can be removed only by Israel's ceasing to be a Jewish state and becoming a secular bi-national state (see "Noted Arab Citizens

Call on Israel to Shed Jewish Identity," NY Times, Feb. 8, 2007).

Before the founding of the modern state of Israel, eminent Zionists like Martin Buber and others suggested that only a bi-national state jointly run by Jews and Arabs could end the bitter strife between the two communities and enable both to share the land in peace. It was a solution that could be – many say should have been – seriously considered at that time. But now that Israel has in fact been founded as a Jewish state, a bi-national state simply cannot replace it without, in effect, creating yet another country in which Jews are an unwelcome or barely-tolerated minority. In fact, such a state wouldn't remain bi-national or secular for long.

The problem of achieving full equality for Israeli Arabs cannot be solved by de-Judaizing Israel, as the Arab manifesto demands and as even some Israeli artists and intellectuals have suggested. Before the Holocaust demonstrated the need for Jewish survivors to have a refuge, the Zionist vision – from both secular and religious perspectives – had seen a Jewish state in the Jewish homeland as the only way the Jewish people might cease being guests in other countries and begin being hosts in their own. If we abandon the original Zionist vision, we may as well just change the country's name to something ethnically neutral like "Democratia" or "Humania." (ctd. on page 3)

שבועות
ו' סיון



Shavuot
May 22-24

מועדים
לשמחה

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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This is What We Do

Blanche called Rabbi Adler and Lisa Berusch while I was traveling to my mother's bedside in Walnut Creek, California, on March 22. She expired a few minutes after my flight landed. The Rabbi and Lisa were prepared.

I occasionally write about how we help each other in times of need. This column is about how it feels to be helped.

The day after my mother died, I was on the phone with Rabbi Adler discussing funeral arrangements. I returned to Cleveland accompanied by my brother, Jay, and our cousin, Nancy. As we traveled, our friends were organizing our congregation's support for us, and Blanche and Zev.

The next morning, when Jay and I returned from Berkowitz-Kumin-Bookatz, Marilyn Malkin and Merry Lugasy drove up the driveway behind us. They arrived with trays of food, and were soon organizing our kitchen. We felt comfortable and secure in their good hands.

That afternoon, dozens of our Beth El friends honored my mother and her loved ones by attending her funeral on a warm, sunny, spring Sunday in Lake View Cemetery. Rabbi Adler's eloquent graveside services uplifted us. As Rabbi David A. Teutsch, Ph.D., observes in his book, *Spiritual Community*, (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2005), within our congregation, we experience deeply shared ritual moments. Each strengthens our community by adding to our shared memories and emotional connections.

Returning home, Karen Kugelman greeted us with a pitcher of water for ritual washing. This simple act symbolized our 35-year friendship. Lisa Berusch had joined Marilyn and Merry in the kitchen. When Blanche thanked people,

they replied, "This is what we do," which is to say, we comfort our mourners. As Rabbi Teutsch notes, our community supports our way of life through our participation.

Late the following afternoon, a trickle of visitors turned into a stream as our dear friends assembled for a minyan organized by Scott Wachter. Again, Rabbi Adler's services and commentary uplifted us, and the many voices raised in prayer energized us. We enjoyed the warmth, the crowd gradually dispersed, and we basked in the afterglow. Before leaving, David Shutkin borrowed our set of synagogue keys so he could coordinate the newsletter mailing party previously scheduled for that night so Blanche could stay home with us.

The following evening, Marvin Palevsky and Merry Lugasy arrived with the dinner they had cooked for us. It brought back poignant memories of a lifetime of meals shared with our extended family. During the week, more friends brought food and helped in other ways. My family and I also appreciate the many friends who supported us with visits, cards, calls, and e-mails.

Rabbi Teutsch comments that a life-cycle ritual not only reinforces the family at the center of the ritual, it also reinforces meaning in the lives of each community member as it binds the community together. Indeed, Beth El – The Heights Synagogue builds vibrant Jewish community.

My family and I were borne aloft on our friends' love, and our congregation grew closer and stronger. Thanks to each of you for comforting us when my mother passed away. Mary Valancy lived a full life and left on her own terms. We will miss her.

(Israel: Jewish and Moral, continued from page 1) Or, since Philistines once made up a notable chunk of the population, why not just name it “Palestine”? If the Roman emperor Hadrian thought that was a good name, who are we plebeians to quarrel?

But neither can the problem be solved by continuing to treat Israel’s Arab community as a mere fifth column for Hamas, or by re-drawing Israel’s boundaries so that, in one move, we effectively exile Israel’s Arabs while rendering Israel itself geographically more vulnerable than it was before the Six Day War.

In line with the time-honored Jewish proverb *sh’elat hacham hatzi t’shuvah*, a question posed by the wise is partly its own answer, let us first frame the question. I submit that the question is not “Should Israel’s Arab community be accorded full citizenship in fact as well as in name?” Of course it should, not because some third party may come to like Israel, but because as a pluralistic democracy, Israel must live up to the ideals expressed in its founding charter, *M’gilat HaAtzma’ut* (the Scroll of Independence). Israel’s founders, both religious and secular, based that document on Jewish history and on Jewish ethics.

The question is “How can Israel do what is right by its Arab citizenry while, at the same time, protecting itself from potential abuses of its own sense of justice?” In my first years of teaching, a middle school youngster asked me, “How can I not cheat on tests? If I don’t, other people will beat me in the race for the good grades I’ll need to get into a good college.” It was a good question. I replied, “Rule number one: know the material. Rule number two: psych out the test questions. Rule number three: see rule number one.”

Obviously, the question of reconciling legitimate Israeli

Arab claims with Israel’s Jewish statehood is a bit more complex than that youngster’s question about cheating on tests. Yet for Israel, every such moral issue is a kind of exam, with the stakes being Israel’s physical survival or the survival of its character as a Jewish state. Thus, rule number one: decide that Israel can and must be both Jewish and moral. Rule number two: psych out the political situation. Rule number three: see rule number one. This is admittedly more difficult to achieve than passing scholastic tests on one’s merits alone, yet it is the challenge of the moment.

One could, I suppose, argue that most Arab and Islamic countries do not treat Jews with full equality, and that in countries governed by fundamentalist Islam, Jews aren’t citizens at all because only Muslims can be citizens. By contrast, the Arabs of Israel do quite well. But I won’t make that argument. The fact that Israel doesn’t treat its Arab inhabitants as badly as Syria and Iran treat their Jewish inhabitants isn’t much to brag about, and it falls far short of what Jewish ethics – not the UN or the Hague Court, but Jewish ethics – demands of us.

In practical terms, the question centers on rule number two: psyching out the political situation and deciding how best to ensure that social and economic equality for Israel’s Arabs will not compromise Israel’s security. Working out answers to that question is, or should be, the task of determined Israeli leaders, who are fully cognizant of the harsh realities and therefore most qualified to discuss how to address them ethically, yet who possess the “street smarts” needed for surviving in the Middle East.

May HaShem guide all His people, in the Land of Israel and around the world, to find the light of moral wisdom in dark times, and to apply that wisdom with courage and faith.

Noah Shutkin Will Become Bar Mitzvah on June 2

Noah Shutkin, son of Connie Friedman and David Shutkin, will celebrate his bar mitzvah on June 2 / 16 Sivan. Noah lives in Cleveland Heights with his parents, his brother Tal, and their two cats. He is in 7th grade at The Agnon School. Noah enjoys playing his electric guitar, soccer, football, wilderness camping, rock climbing and whitewater rafting. This summer Noah will travel from coast to coast with his family. Please join Noah and his family for a Kiddush luncheon in the Social Hall, following services.



Adult Education at Beth El



Join Us for Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Tuesday, May 22

**7:30 PM –
Study Session 1**

**8:30 PM –
Candle lighting
and
Shavuot Evening
Services**

**9:27 PM –
Kiddush
and
Festive Shavuot
dairy meal**

**10:15 PM
– Study Session 2**
(sessions continue
until 2:00 AM)

**2:00 AM –
Go home
and sleep!**



Sunday, April 29, 7:30 PM – Rabbi Moshe Adler mini-series on Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel: “Radical Amazement: Responding to God’s Call.” At the home of Eric Fryxell, 3189 Oak Road, Cleveland Heights.

Saturday, May 5 – 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 each 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.

Sunday, May 6, 7:30 PM – Rabbi Moshe Adler mini-series on Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel: “Twin Suns in Heschel’s System: Halacha (law) and Agadah (narrative).” At the home of Honey Massey, 2832 Hampshire Rd., Cleveland Heights.

Saturday, May 12, after services – Lunch and Learn: Sharona Hoffman will speak on “Is There A Place for Race in Jewish Thought?” She will be discuss what, if anything, the concept of “race” means, what it has meant

for Jews, and how the concept of race is used today in medicine and other arenas in ways that she thinks are problematic for Jews and other ethnic groups. Baby sitting provided.

Sunday, May 13, 7:30 PM – Rabbi Moshe Adler mini-series on Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel: “No Religion is an Island: Bridging the Chasm, Repairing the World.” At the home of Linda Tobin and Stephen Pepper, 2440 Euclid Heights Boulevard, Cleveland Heights.

Saturday, May 19 – Last Learners’ Service until after High Holy Days (see May 5 for details).

Short Stories by Jewish Authors Reading and Discussion Group

The Short Stories by Jewish Authors reading and discussion group plans to meet on Sunday, May 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, at the home of Sondra and Harvey Jacobs. However, the group has not yet confirmed the date. Watch your e-mail or contact Sondra for confirmation. New participants are welcome to join this discussion. For information, please contact Sondra Jacobs, 216-397-1481, or sondrajacobs@sbcglobal.net

Hebrew Classes at Siegal College

Discover the Language of the Bible! Six hours toward Hebrew literacy at Hebrew on One Foot! Enroll in this day-long Hebrew reading class. At the end of the day, you will be on your way to reading simple texts from the Bible and liturgy. The crash course, offered for both absolute beginners and returning students, is on Sunday, May 6, 2007, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at Siegal College, 26500 Shaker Boulevard. The \$40 fee includes lunch and materials. Dietary laws observed. Participants receive a \$25 credit toward a follow-up language course at the College. To register, call Jennifer Morton at Siegal College, 216-464-4050, ext. 100, or e-mail jmorton@seigalcollege.edu.

Moreshet: The Hebrew Literacy Project, a joint project of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland and Siegal College.

This summer, Siegal College is offering a variety of Hebrew classes for absolute beginners and for more advanced students. You can select from conversational, prayerbook or biblical Hebrew; learn how to read, write, speak, or advance your Hebrew grammar skills; enjoy Hebrew literature, Israeli TV, and newspapers; or learn how to chant the Torah. You can select from short courses or a month-long Intensive Ulpan.

For more information, contact Nili Adler at 216-464-4050 ext. 116 or e-mail nadler@seigalcollege.edu.

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How to Stay in Touch with BE-THS

There are many avenues of communication provided to enable members and friends to stay up-to-date on events and news in our Beth El–The Heights Synagogue family.

- **Newsletter** – Be sure we have your correct mailing address so you can find the Newsletter in your mailbox once a month. Send Blanche Valancy any changes at blanche@valancy.com, or call her at 216-371-1439.
- **Electronic newsletter** - Read it in full color! Send an e-mail to editor Carol Bruml at news@bethelheights.org. Specify whether you want to receive the newsletter as an attachment (usually less than one MB), or whether you prefer to be notified when it is available for one-click download from our website. Also specify whether you want this in ADDITION to or INSTEAD of a paper copy.
- **Website** – Check out www.bethelheights.org where you can link to our incredibly comprehensive calendar of events, check on the parsha of the week, find candle lighting times, and much more.
- **Biglist** – This is our congregational listserv! Are you a subscriber? This is the best avenue to receive current events and reminders. To subscribe or unsubscribe, visit <http://valancy.biglist.com/sub> or send an e-mail to bethel-sub@valancy.biglist.com, and confirm your subscription by replying to the e-mail you will receive. If you change your e-mail address, remember to subscribe again. Unsubscribe by visiting <http://valancy.biglist.com/unsub> or sending an e-mail to bethel-unsub@valancy.biglist.com, then subscribing with your new address as above.
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- **Helpful Hint** – If you receive or download the electronic newsletter, you can simply click on any of the e-mail addresses above (or throughout the newsletter), and a new, blank e-mail will open up in your preferred e-mail program, pre-addressed to the recipient whose address you clicked on. Or, click on the web addresses in the newsletter, and the appropriate web page will automatically open for you.



Yahrzeits, May 2007

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IYAR					
Sarah Friedman	17 Iyar			Sadie Rocker	3 Sivan
Ethel Eisman	19 Iyar	Clara Kord	29 Iyar	Violet Saunt	4 Sivan
Jacob Gutterman	19 Iyar	Isaac Genuth	29 Iyar	Anna Davidson	4 Sivan
Sylvia M. Lavine	19 Iyar	Elka Genuth	29 Iyar	Abe Morris Abelkop	4 Sivan
Samuel Herman Katz	21 Iyar	Goldie Lederer	29 Iyar	Reuben Schutz	7 Sivan
Harold Saul Neuger	22 Iyar	Ernest Gelfand	29 Iyar	William Citron	9 Sivan
Aaron Schneider	26 Iyar	Donna Williams	29 Iyar	Clara Newman	10 Sivan
Nathan Valancy	26 Iyar			Adolph Stern	11 Sivan
Miriam Zaremsky	27 Iyar			Esther Frumker	11 Sivan
Mollie Davis	28 Iyar			Arnie Swertloff	11 Sivan
Rachel Barazone	28 Iyar			Anna Miliniski	12 Sivan
Bessie Stashower Fredman	29 Iyar			Naomi Wolin	12 Sivan
Anna Weinberger	29 Iyar			Lester Sender	13 Sivan
				Henry Lipoff	14 Sivan

NEWS FROM BETH EL

חדשות

Thanks

To the wonderful volunteers from Beth El:

We want to express our deepest thanks to those who delivered the food and beverages to us while we were recovering from our recent injuries.

This mitzvah and expression of concern from the congregation meant so much to us. So to all involved, toda rabah!

Harold and Ellen Ticktin

Condolences to: ביחום אבלים

- Jack, Blanche and Zev Valancy, on the recent death of Jack's mother, Mary Valancy.
- Joel, Julie, Josh, Sam, and the entire Falck family, on the recent death of Joel's mother, Bessie Falck.

Yasher Koah to: יישר כוח!

- Shelley Costa Bloomfield, who wrote the book upon which the musical, *These People*, was based; Shelley directed the play and performed in it, as well. *These People* opened in April at the River Street Playhouse in Chagrin Falls and is a production of Black Box Theater Project.
- Jacob Dennis, who competed at the state level of the National Geographic Geography Bee in Mansfield on March 30. Emily says Jacob wasn't a finalist but he and his dad sure enjoyed themselves!
- Sondra and Harvey Jacobs, who recently participated in an ElderHostel in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Its focus was on conversos and crypto Jews who emigrated to the American southwest beginning in 1492, their history, culture, and the lives of their present-day descendants.
- Didi Shiloh, who was accepted as a "Who's Who Among Outstanding Students in America." Her bio and photo will be published in the 2006-2007 edition.
- Nina Sobel, who recently played cello in the Heights Chamber Orchestra's performance of Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony*, which received a standing ovation from the audience. Nina would like to invite everyone to the Heights Chamber Symphony's final concert of the season, May 13, at 7:30 PM, at the First Baptist Church of Cleveland, which is located on Fairmount Blvd. near Eaton.

Thanks for reading Shir Ha-Shirim on Shabbat Hol Ha-Moed Pesah to: תודה!

- Nili Adler
- Blanche Valancy

Thanks and kudos to the following eager beavers who processed the April Newsletter for mailing, without Blanche present!!

- Gerson Carr
- Kimberly Carr
- Robin Dubin
- Shoshana Klein
- Sue Klein
- David Shutkin
- Lynda Siff
- Teri Tomberg

Thanks for Contributions to: תודה!

- Michael and Shelly Bloomfield, toward replacement of the sanctuary windows.
- Hope and Jay Fromson, in memory of Abe Fromson.
- Jean and Lewis Hecht, in appreciation of Jack Valancy.
- James Johnson and Karen Paydock, to the Kiddush Fund.
- David Kazdan and Laura Gooch, in memory of Bessie Falck.
- Sue Klein, to the Chesed fund.
- Enid and Irving Kushner, to the Kiddush Fund, in memory of Rose and Boris Kushner.
- Lila Newman, in memory of her mother, Ethel Newman, and father, Sam Rottman.
- Cynthia and Kyle Rose, to the Kiddush and General Funds.
- Connie and Harold Sussman, toward replacement of the sanctuary windows.
- Blanche and Jack Valancy, toward the Teen Shabbat and in honor of Miriam Palevsky's recovery.
- Helen Weinberg

Thanks for Kiddush Sponsorship to:

- May 26 – Beth and Scott Wachter, in honor of their daughters, Anna and Maya, becoming B'nai Mitzvah.
- June 2 – Connie Friedman and David Shutkin, in honor of their son, Noah, becoming Bar Mitzvah.

Thanks for Sale of Hametz (Maot Hittin) Contributions to: תודה!

- Rabbi Moshe and Nili Adler
- Bruce and Judie Amsel
- Shelley Birkner
- Bill and Carol Bruml
- Frank and Jeannette Buchwald
- Joe and Mia Buchwald Gelles
- Robin Dubin and Richard Krueck
- Marty Gelfand
- Leah Gold
- Laura Gooch and David Kazdan
- Chester and Stephanie Gordon
- Shulamit Magnus
- Lila Newman
- Solomon Rabinovich and Esy Gurevich
- Menahem Shoham
- David Siberklang
- Deborah Smith

- Linda Tobin and Stephen Pepper
 - Marsha Weisberg
- Nearly \$500 was raised, to supply Passover food to needy families.

Thanks for Contributions in memory of Mary Valancy to: תודה!

- Michael and Shelly Bloomfield
- Bill and Carol Bruml
- Emily Dennis
- Robert Eiben
- Jean and Lewis Hecht
- Bill and Gail Hintz
- Harvey and Sondra Jacobs
- David Kazdan and Laura Gooch
- Michael Madorsky
- Linda Tobin and Stephen Pepper
- Allan and Sandra Rosenfield
- Gerald Zahler

Shoshana Klein digs out from over a foot of snow so members can attend Pesach services!!



Anna and Maia Wachter Will Become B'not Mitzvah on May 26



Anna says, "Maia and I were born on June 8th. We both like to swim and bike in our spare time. I take piano, and play the clarinet. I am a vegetarian, and I love animals. I am in the seventh grade at Wiley Middle School, where I run track, and practice for the upcoming play.

Our mitzvah project is sending money to Darfur and Sudan to help stop the genocide happening there. I am very excited about becoming a bat mitzvah."

Maia says, "I am in seventh grade at Wiley Middle School. This spring, I am on the track team at Wiley. For fun, I like to play tennis, draw comic strips, and take pictures. For our Bat Mitzvah, Anna and I started a temporary fund, where instead of getting a gift, you can send money and help stop the genocide in Darfur. I am very excited about finally becoming a bat mitzvah."



Beth and Scott Wachter invite the congregation to a Kiddush luncheon in the Social Hall, following services.

If you would care to support the girls' project, contributions should be sent to:

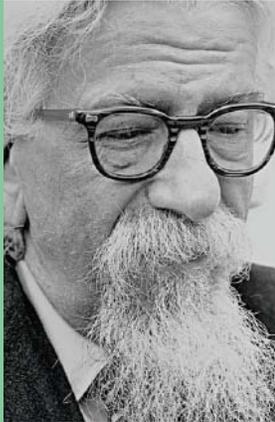
American Jewish World Service Sudan Relief and Advocacy Fund
45 West 36th Street, New York, NY 10018

Phone #: 1-800-889-7146 Web site - <http://www.ajws.org>

ALWS is helping to provide aid to the people of Darfur and are also taking strong actions against this atrocity. Please include a note with your donation, stating that it is in honor of Anna and/or Maia's b'not mitzvah. Contributions are tax deductible.

CALENDAR, מאי 2007

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Join Us
for a
three night
Mini Series -

**Rabbi Adler
will speak
on
Rabbi Abraham
Joshua Heschel.**

**April 29,
May 6 and 13**

Full
information on
topics and
locations
on page 4.

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Sunday, May 6, **Lag B’Omer**

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Wednesday, May 16 – **Yom Yerushalayim יום ירושלים**

Saturday, May 19, 10:20 AM – **Last Learners’ Service** until after High Holy Days.

Sunday, May 20, 7:00 to 8:30 PM – **Short Stories by Jewish Authors Reading and Discussion Group.** (Date is pending confirmation; contact Sondra Jacobs.) (See page 4 for details.)

Tuesday, May 22 – **Erev Shavuot**

7:30 PM – **Tikkun Leyl Shavuot** (See attached flyer for details.) תקון ליל שבועות

8:27 PM – **Candle lighting.**

9:27 PM – **Kiddush and s’udah.**

(Note: There will be NO 5:00 AM service on Wednesday morning this year.)

Wednesday, May 23, 9:15 AM – **Morning Services, Shavuot Day 1 ערב שבועות**

9:28 PM – **Candle lighting**, followed by kiddush and s’udah

Thursday, May 24, 9:15 AM – **Morning Services, Shavuot Day 2 ערב שבועות**

9:29 PM - **Havdalah:** HaGafen and HaMavdil; no candle, no spices.

Saturday, May 26 – **Anna and Maia Wachter will become B’not Mitzvah.** Parents Beth and Scott Wachter invite the congregation to a Kiddush luncheon, following services.

Saturday, June 2 – **Noah Shutkin will become Bar Mitzvah.** The Shutkin family invites the congregation to a Kiddush luncheon, following services.

Saturday, June 16 – **Sam Falck will become Bar Mitzvah.**

JOIN US FOR TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT LEARN, EAT, LAUGH WITH YOUR BETH EL FRIENDS

Tuesday evening, May 22, 2007 ~ Erev Shavuot

This year our tikkun is designed for those of you who like to learn with friends, but also need to grab a little shut-eye. As in past years, we will begin with some study, break for a brief Erev Shavuot service and delicious blintz meal, and continue studying late into the night. What makes this year different from all other years is that this year we will stop our studying around 2:00 AM. Participants can go home and get some well-deserved sleep. We reconvene at 9:15 AM for Shavuot morning services. *(We will NOT hold a service at 5:00 AM, as we have done in past years.)*



This year's tikkun topics include Ruth and the messiah, women in prison, assimilation and Jewish identity in a free society – and more. (Be sure to stay long enough for a rousing game of “Tajew” to keep us wide awake!)

Schedule:

- 7:30 PM – Study Session 1
- 8:30 PM – Candle lighting and Shavuot evening services
- 9:27 PM – Kiddush and festive Shavuot dairy meal
- 10:15 PM – Study Session 2 (sessions continue until 2:00 AM)
- 2:00 AM – Go home and sleep!

If you would like to come for the shavuot dairy meal, the cost is \$10.00 per person. Please send checks to the synagogue by May 17 or RSVP to Lisa Lefstein Berusch at lberusch@sbcglobal.net or 216-534-2690. Feel free to call or e-mail Lisa with any other questions.

Yes, we are coming to the festive Shavuot dairy meal, May 22, 2007.

Name _____

Phone number _____

Number of: adults attending _____

Total amount enclosed (\$10.00 per person) _____

Please send checks to the synagogue by May 17.
3246 Desota Ave., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

