



# BETH EL NEWSLETTER

## The Heights Synagogue

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Rabbi Moshe Adler

## For Your Own Sake

A one-line prayer runs through the High Holy Day liturgy: “*Zochrenu l’hayyim* – Remember us for life, O King who delights in life, and write us in the Book of Life for Your own sake, O Living God.” What do we mean when we say “for Your own sake, O Living God”? We can understand how writing us in the Book of Life would be for our sake, but how would it be for God’s own sake?

the apathetic, and the self-absorbed. How, then, could Rabbi Levi Yitzhak so passionately defend every Jew? Was he being willfully naïve?

Quite the contrary. He knew that all human beings are in need of God’s compassion, especially those who don’t know they need it. He knew, too, that no Jew is wholly devoid of virtue. In invoking God’s compassion on the Jewish people, Rabbi Levi Yitzhak was actualizing a teaching of our Sages: “As long as you show your fellow human being compassion, God will show you compassion” (P’sikta Rabbati, ch. 38). And in refusing to write off any Jew, he was actualizing another such teaching: “Even the emptiest person among [Israel] is as packed with *mitzvot* as a pomegranate with seeds” (Shir HaShirim Rabbah 4.4).

Here is how the great Hasidic master, Rabbi Levi Yitzhak of Berditchev, explained the prayer: “Sovereign of the Universe, a Jew’s fortune is devoted to Your service. When a Jew is making a good living, what does he do? He spends liberally on *tz’dakah*, on honoring Shabbat with good food and drink, and on paying for his children’s Jewish education. Jews are constantly doing things for You. Remember us for life, for Your own sake, so that we can serve You for yet another year.”

It is because Rabbi Levi Yitzhak knew these teachings and put them into practice that he was known as “the compassionate one” and “Israel’s advocate.”

Rabbi Levi Yitzhak was referred to in Yiddish as *der barmdiger*, “the compassionate one,” and in Hebrew as *sanegoram shel yisrael*, “Israel’s advocate.” He would often remonstrate with God, arguing that, by God’s own law, the Jewish people deserved a break because of their devotion to Him. Even when he would see a Jew doing something highly questionable, Rabbi Levi Yitzhak would turn to God with an extenuating interpretation of his behavior.

Rabbi Levi Yitzhak can help us prepare for the High Holy Days. Like him, let’s invoke God’s compassion on the Jewish people and on the world, and let’s work to actualize that compassion in our own lives, so that we may live to serve God for yet another year – for God’s own sake as well as for ours.

As morally noble as the Jewish community can be, it – like other human communities – has to contend with connivers, scam artists, misers,

From Nili and me: *L’shanah tovah tikatevu*, may you be written for a good year!



From Nili and me to the entire BE-THS family:

*L’shanah tovah tikatevu* –

May you be written down for a good year.

לשנה טובה תכתבו ותחתמו

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**

# Individual Commitments, Collective Covenant

We approach the High Holy Days with introspection, looking back at the year past and forward to the year ahead. We examine our individual commitments and our collective covenant to our faith.

Beth El–The Heights Synagogue is a participatory congregation and we are preparing to welcome our members and friends to worship for the High Holy Days. Planning began in the spring. We have been lining up service leaders, Torah and haftorah readers, shofar blowers, and *divrei Torah* speakers. Each has been preparing for his or her portion of the service. We have been compiling the Book of Remembrance. We have been distributing complementary tickets to services. We have been cleaning and preparing our sanctuary for these days of reflection and prayer.

Our synagogue is our home. Each week we conduct Shabbat services, Junior Congregation, and kiddush. We host Kabbalat Shabbat services and dinners during the winter and spring. We observe every holiday. We host a broad variety of educational and social programs in our social hall, and more intimate gatherings in our members' homes. We go places together to learn and have fun. We support each other in times of need and times of sorrow. We celebrate together in times of joy.

In October 1998, we marched our *sefer Torahs* to the Mayfield JCC to create our home for Jewish worship, learning, and community. In July 2003, we moved to our synagogue, and two years later, we opened our accessible main entrance. Last summer, we faced the challenges of repairing storm damage to our building.

Our vision and founding principles guide us as we build our community. We welcome all in participatory, traditional, egalitarian worship and learning. As Rabbi Shawn Israel Zevit

writes in his book, *Offerings of the Heart* (Alban Institute, 2005), "*Our policies and choices reflect our individual commitments and the collective covenant of our community.*" Beth El–The Heights Synagogue is not about money, yet without money we cannot fulfill our vision of building vibrant Jewish community. \

Our community relies on each of us for financial support. While we understand that some of our members cannot pay their full dues, we appreciate our many members with the resources to increase their financial support who are willing to answer this call. Last year, half of our members contributed more than \$1,000 above their annual dues.

We also are grateful for our supporting friends' generous financial support, including their contributions for High Holy Day tickets.

Our "menu" of giving opportunities includes:

- Make an unrestricted donation to our operating fund (all amounts welcome!).
- Designate your gift for a specific purpose, like adult or family education, chesed, kiddush, Torah repair, or Rabbi's discretionary fund.
- Celebrate a simcha, congratulate a friend, or remember a loved one. (\$18-100)
- Join our Simcha Kiddush to celebrate your birthday, anniversary, or other simcha. (\$36)
- Sponsor a kiddush to celebrate a simcha or remember a loved one. (\$250+)
- Remember a loved one with a *yahrzeit* memorial plaque in our sanctuary. (\$324)
- Contribute to our Rainy Day Fund for synagogue repairs (part of our capital budget).

Thanks to each of us who has made a financial commitment to fulfilling our community's collective covenant to our faith.

*L'shanah tovah tikatevu* – May you be inscribed for a good year.

**QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?  
COMMENTS?  
COMPLAINTS?**  
Please do not hesitate to contact your President by e-mail [president@bethelheights.org](mailto:president@bethelheights.org) or home telephone (216) 371-1439

**HELP US  
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Please be sure we have your current contact information. Send changes to Blanche Valancy, [blanche@valancy.com](mailto:blanche@valancy.com) or call her at (216) 371-1439

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LIST.PHP](http://www.bethelheights.org/list.php)**

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(You must have the free Acrobat Reader from Adobe in order to open the file.)

# Golda Meir to Appear at BE-THS

Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir will honor us with a personal visit on September 13, after services. In the 60th anniversary year of Israel's independence, Mrs. Meir will kick off our Lunch and Learn season with her captivating telling of her personal story, so much of which is the history of the state of Israel.

Her visit is made possible by Peter Small, for whom portraying Meir is not unusual. Born in Cleveland 54 years ago, raised in New Jersey, his portrayal of this great woman is more challenging, but no different from his portrayals of Thomas Jefferson or George Washington. To Peter, it is just a matter of changing wigs and stockings. He understands and feels suited to play this role after living in Israel for six years. Upon returning to the United States, he developed his historical impersonation program while teaching history in the greater Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles areas. His costumed performances made his lessons memorable and enjoyable for his classes. Since, then, he has performed for a wide range of audiences at the Ronald Reagan, Richard Nixon, Herbert Hoover, and George Bush Presidential Libraries; Knot's Berry Farm's Thomas Edison Workshop; the Edison Memorial Site; and the History Channel.



לשנה טובה  
תכתבו ותחתמו



**BETH EL**  
The Heights Synagogue

## You don't have to pay to pray.

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

But we don't do it that way.

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

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

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

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

Beth El-The Heights Synagogue  
216-320-9667



## S'lichot

סליחות

Begin the  
High Holy Days  
at Beth El - The  
Heights Synagogue  
on Saturday,  
September 20:

Join us for  
Havdalah at 9:30 PM,  
followed by  
a learning session,  
"Imagining  
T'shuvah: The  
Redemptive Power  
of a Thought,"  
with  
Rabbi Moshe Adler.

S'lichot service at  
11:00 PM.





*I draw prayer  
round me  
like a dark  
protective wall,  
withdraw  
inside it...  
and then  
step outside  
again,  
calmer and  
stronger and  
more collected.*

**Etty Hillesum**



## Short Stories by Jewish Authors Reading and Discussion Group

# Getting to Know Alice Hoffman

Reading Alice Hoffman's stories in *Local Girls* (1999) is like becoming acquainted with the author, herself. With shared research on Hoffman performed by several members of our group, we gained insights that revealed her early background and family circumstances to be directly mirrored in her writing. Such discoveries were productive in helping us to better analyze plots and traits of the characters, both of which we found to be subtly complex. Interestingly, the cast remained the same throughout, yet each story – love, loss, loyalty, betrayal – could stand on its own. As a result, SSBJA has elected to continue with the remaining stories in *Local Girls* in order to see what lies ahead in the lives of these characters for whom we are feeling much empathy.

The date has not yet been set for our first fall meeting. Watch your e-mail and the new Google Group List for further news. New members are always welcome!



## Community-wide Cemetery Preservation Project

Sunday, September 14, 2008, 9:30 - 11:30 AM

**Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery**  
3740 Ridge Road, Brooklyn Heights

**Ridge Road II Cemetery**  
3824 Ridge Road, Brooklyn Heights

We need YOU to volunteer for this family-friendly mitzvah!

- Weed, rake, prune and beautify the grounds  
(Please bring shovels, clippers, hedgers, gloves, wheelbarrows and other gardening tools)
- Help prepare the cemeteries for High Holiday visitors

Please RSVP to the Federation's Jewish Volunteers in Action (JVA) by September 3, 2008:

- call 216.566.9200, ext. 264
- e-mail [mjacob@jcfclve.org](mailto:mjacobs@jcfclve.org) or
- register online (Directions and assigned cemetery site will be sent with confirmation notice)

Can't join us on September 14? Visit <http://www.jewishcleveland.org/volunteer> for many more opportunities. Your generosity does a world of good.

*JVA Chair: Fran Doris; Event Co-chairs: Mark Bailin, Dan Brown, Judy Solganik and Jonathan Sweet  
Commission on Cemetery Preservation Chair: Jeff Gottlieb*

# Event Space Available

Our synagogue is available for both congregational programs and private events. Congregational programs must be approved by the Board at least two months in advance to allow for planning, promotion, and production. To rent the synagogue for a private event, such as a wedding, a simcha dinner, or a party, please contact Facilities chair Ditte Wolin at 216-932-9907 or [vp@bethelheights.org](mailto:vp@bethelheights.org). For programs requiring catering, please contact Social chair Merry Lugasy at 337-4761 or Executive Chef Marvin Palevsky at 235-9382.



## Simcha Celebration

Join us in celebration of all of our September simchas at Kiddush on September 27.

We celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, accomplishments, and more.

### Become a Simcha Kiddush honoree

Donate \$36 per simcha celebrant to the Kiddush Fund, accompanied by the form on the last page of this newsletter.

Your contribution supports our synagogue.



## High Holy Day Babysitting



Beth El -- The Heights Synagogue is pleased to welcome your child to our High Holy Day services for 2008/5769. Your child is welcome to sit with you during all services. Realizing, however, that even the most patient child may need an occasional break, we are offering babysitting for several of our holiday services:

- Babysitting is for pre-schoolers ages 18 months to 5 years ONLY.
- Babysitting will be offered on: the first day of Rosh HaShanah, September 30, from 10:00 AM until 1:30 PM and on Yom Kippur day, October 9, from 10:00 AM until 1:30 PM
- Care will be provided by experienced teens.
- Kosher snacks will be served (including on Yom Kippur).

Cost of babysitting is \$9.00 per child per day, with a maximum total cost per family of \$50.00 for both days. Because we are not permitted to write or handle money on the holy days, it is mandatory that you pre-register your child using the form below and pre-pay by check, made out to Beth El--The Heights Synagogue.

We will also have holy day programming for grade-school age children from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM on the same days as above. Kosher snacks will be served, including on Yom Kippur. No advance registration is required, and this programming is free.

AGAIN THIS YEAR: In addition, we will have a free supervised Drop-In on Erev Yom Kippur for all ages from 6:15 PM to 9:30 PM. No advance registration is required.

Full Name of Each Child:	Date(s) for Babysitting:

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send form & payment by Sept. 22 to:  
 Marilyn Malkin  
 3018 Scarborough Rd.  
 Cleveland Hts. OH 44118

Questions? Call the Beth El High Holy Days Hotline, 216-320-9667.

This month, Sophie Shiloh shares her summer experience.

## PanimWorks: An Activist's Adventure

By **Sophie Shiloh**



Last summer, I had really only relaxed at home, enjoying my free time, but this summer, I wanted to get out and do something... to have an "experience"! My Hebrew school, Akiva High School, along with the Jewish Community Federation and the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland (JECC) held an open house where they introduced students to all types of educational leadership programs. Some of these programs offered students the opportunity to travel to Israel, to South America, and even to the Navajo reservation in the American Southwest!

When I discovered that PanimWorks, The Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values, enables Jewish teens from across the USA to explore Judaism while performing community service work on a Navajo Reservation, I knew I wanted to sign up. The finances were challenging, but thanks to the much-appreciated generosity of the JECC through an anonymous donor here in Cleveland, a PanimWorks scholarship, some Bat Mitzvah savings, and my wonderful parents, I

was able to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, creating memories and meeting friends that I'll keep with me for the rest of my life.

PanimWorks coordinates its outdoor experiences perfectly with Deer Hill Expeditions in Durango, Colorado. The wonderful and dedicated staff at Deer Hill is absolutely the best at combining wilderness exploration with community service projects and stewardship of the earth. The two leaders in my group from Deer Hill, Becky and Josh, were very knowledgeable about the earth and animals around us. They were both so much fun and taught us many new things about the rich New Mexico wilderness. On one of our hikes, Becky showed us a Ponderosa pine tree and told us to take a whiff of its bark; it smelled like French vanilla! She also introduced us to a wonderful-smelling plant called sagebrush that we used later during our sweat lodge experience!

Life camping out on the Reservation near Sheep Springs, New Mexico was unreal. It was simply amazing. Eleven other Jewish teens, three leaders/guides and I would get up every morning around the time of the sunrise. We all cooked breakfast and cleaned up the dishes together. Just like our Navajo hosts, we had no running water with which to do the dishes or to wash up!

During the day, we would do various community service projects from chopping and delivering much-needed firewood for cooking and heating for the elders in the area, to building an earthen dam for a waterhole to store precious rainwater.

Our host family, Sadie and Earl Bitsooie, were the kindest and most gracious hosts we could've ever asked for; they are selflessly



devoted to sharing their Navajo culture and the feelings of peace and happiness they have on their beautiful ranch oasis with everyone who visits them.

Since I read that many of the elders on the Reservation speak Navajo exclusively and do not understand English, I had begun to teach myself Navajo with tapes and a book we checked out from the library before I left for PanimWorks. It was exciting for me to be able to communicate with Sadie and Earl and one of the elderly women we delivered wood to in their native language! Sadie and I came up with Navajo 'words of the day' to share with the other students on the trip that would pertain to our activities for that day. We would teach these words to the rest of the group, and we all had so much fun injecting the Navajo words into our regular conversations!

Along with being a trip for travel and friendship, it was also a major learning opportunity. Every day we would have 'Limmud', or 'study' session, where one of our leaders, Adam, a rabbinical student, would lead us in discussions on issues such as Jews assimilating and where/how/why Judaism fits into our lives. We could share and learn from everyone's insights and experiences, and I truly feel that I became a better person in many ways by participating in and contemplating the topics and responses of our Limmud. (Adam is e-mailing all of our Limmud topics to us at home, so we can discuss these issues with our families and friends, as well.)

Another daily routine was 'Circle'. Circle would take place after we cooked dinner and cleaned up each evening, under the endless velvet sky in which the Milky Way actually looks like spilled milk across the sky! Circle is a free, open, and

accepting place to ponder and understand other's thoughts as well as our own. We would usually have a designated topic for each circle and as the 'power object' (a Tanakh, in this instance), was passed around, people would be completely free and able to share whatever was on their minds.

I was the only student who brought a musical instrument (my guitar), so after Circle, I would play guitar and we would laugh and sing together late into the night.

While living on the Reservation, I discovered that there are a surprisingly high number of similarities between the Jewish and Navajo cultures—our respect for elders, the prominence of the east in ceremonies, respect for animals and nature, the importance of loving your neighbor, and especially the act of 'tikkun olam', repairing the world, or 'walk in beauty' in the Navajo tradition, to name just a few. For these reasons, it was an especially meaningful honor to be able to perform tikkun olam, to 'walk in beauty' alongside our Navajo friends!

Being able to explore my Jewish identity with other Jewish teens while having a wilderness experience on the most serene part of the Navajo Reservation was an unforgettable experience, one I'll keep with me forever.

If you're interested in learning more about PanimWorks: An Activist's Adventure, go to: <http://www.panimworks.org/>

You can read the blog about the groups that participated this summer at: <http://panimworks2008b.spaces.live.com/default.aspx>

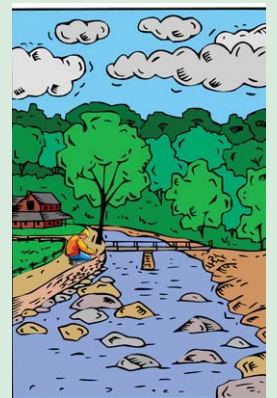
## Tashlikh

תשליך

Tashlikh is a symbolic acting-out of the biblical verse, "You will cast our sins into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7.19).

On the first day of Rosh HaShanah (or on the second, if the first falls on a Shabbat), one goes to a body of water and recites the passage in which this verse occurs.

Meet at the Kugelmans', 2904 Washington Blvd., at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, September 30, and proceed together to Coventry School ravine.

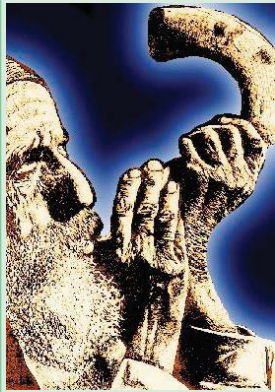


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## Cemetery Plots Available

Sometimes it is hard to think about certain aspects of life, but people do look ahead and plan for the future in many ways. In the 1950's Temple Beth El bought hundreds of cemetery plots at Zion Memorial Park at Northfield and Rockside Roads. Many members are interred there, including Rabbi Genuth Z"L.

Beth El The Heights Synagogue still owns a few plots. If you are interested in purchasing one or more plots, please contact Ditte Wolin at 216-932-9907 or [vp@bethelheights.org](mailto:vp@bethelheights.org).



# NEWS FROM BETH EL

# חדשות

Tickets are required for all Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

Tickets are complimentary. Please call the synagogue office to request yours, if you have not yet received them: 216-320-9667

All services are held in our sanctuary at 3246 Desota Ave. in Cleveland Hts.

We regret that our synagogue's elevator will not be repaired in time for the High Holy Days this year.



## Mazel Tov to: מזל טוב!

- Sherry Ball and Marty Gelfand, on their recent marriage.

## Yasher Koah to: יישר כוח!

- Lisa Berusch, who will begin a new job, teaching in the Real School at Cleveland Heights High School this fall.
- Ben Bloom, son of Henry Bloom and Marilyn Malkin, and the Cleveland Jazz Project on their recent CD-release and concert at Night-town. Many BE-THS members attended; it was a great evening!
- Bill Bruml, who recently received his 5-year teacher's license.
- Sarah Bruml, daughter of Bill and Carol Bruml, who recently earned her Masters of Science in Education (M.S.Ed) in Speech-Language Pathology from Buffalo State College in Buffalo, NY.
- Robin Dubin, who was promoted to Professor of Economics (from Associate Professor) and has become the Associate Dean for Graduate and Professional Programs at the Weatherhead School of Management.
- Zev Valancy, son of Jack and Blanche Valancy, who was a fellow at the 2008 National Critic's Institute at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center in Connecticut in July. Zev writes theatre criticism for the website [centerstagechicago.com](http://centerstagechicago.com).

## Thanks for Kiddush sponsorship to: תודה!

- July 19 – Robin Dubin and Richard Krueck, in honor of their eighth anniversary.
- August 2 – Leon Gabinet, in memory of Sara Gabinet Z"L, Rose Maremont Z"L and Laille Gabinet Z"L.
- August 23 Simcha Kiddush – Bill and Carol Bruml, in honor of their anniversary and in honor of Bill receiving his 5-year teacher's license.
- Debbie and Ed Small, in honor of Avi's birthday.
- August 30 – Karen and Harvey Kugelman, in honor of Sonny's Bat Mitzvah.

## Refuah Sh'lema to: רפואה שלימה!

- Honey Massey

## Thanks for Contributions to: תודה!

- Deborah and Leon Adato, toward the July Simcha Kiddush in honor of Joram's birthday and in honor of Leon and Debbie's 20th anniversary.
- Nili Adler, in honor of her August birthday.
- Lisa and Russell Berusch
- Richard and Betty Bloomfield
- Bill and Carol Bruml, toward the August Simcha Kiddush, in honor of their anniversary and in honor of Bill receiving his 5-year teacher's license.
- Joel Falck and Julie Rabin Falck
- Sue Klein, in honor of Emma Rose becoming bat mitzvah and in honor of Ari Klein's and Ditte Wolin Klein's fifteenth anniversary, September 15.
- Marsha and Vicki Raviv, in honor of Rabbi Moshe and Nili Adler.
- Linda Tobin and Stephen Pepper, in honor of Sonia Kugelman becoming a bat mitzvah.
- Blanche and Jack Valancy, toward Simcha kiddushes, in honor of Jack's birthday in August, in honor of their anniversary in November, and in honor of Blanche's birthday in December.
- Anonymous, in thanks for an Aliyah.

## Thanks for Donations to: תודה!

- Emily Dennis, for the donation of a credenza for the sanctuary.
- Caren Shiloh, for the donation of banners and flower arrangements for the sanctuary.

## Thanks for August newsletter mailing help to: תודה!

- Gerson Carr
- Kimberly Carr
- Robin Dubin
- Richard Krueck
- Connie Friedman
- Honey Massey
- Jillian Rosales
- Vicki Rosales
- Lynda Siff
- Blanche Valancy

## Thanks for Holy Day ticket mailing help to:

- Gerson and Kimberly Carr, and Friend
- Aviva, Shoshana, and Sue Klein
- Alicia, Jillian, and Vicki Rosales
- Blanche Valancy



# Yahrzeits, September 2008

1 Elul through 1 Tishrei

Osher ben Zalman Rabinovich	1 Elul	Mark W. Cooper	18 Elul
Esther Liederman	1 Elul 5733	Rochelle Claunch	18 Elul
Victor Linden	3 Elul 5755	J. Marianne Simon	18 Elul 5747
Alter David Miller	3 Elul 5732	Louis Gilden	19 Elul 5718
Isaac A. Belkes	3 Elul 5703	Sylvia Haskin	19 Elul 5729
Rose Rapport	4 Elul 5723	Samuel Holtz	19 Elul 5737
Jack Malkin	4 Elul 5719	Henry Lederer	19 Elul 5730
Chari Shanker	5 Elul 5767	William Linderman	19 Elul 5732
Rev. Nathan Davidson	6 Elul 5741	Benzion Broner	20 Elul 5732
Sarah Rottman	9 Elul	Adele Reiss	20 Elul 5741
Benjamin Slor	9 Elul 5731	Stanley Rabinowitz	20 Elul
Sylvia Jane Starkman	11 Elul 5743	Myer Siff	20 Elul
Regina Stern	11 Elul 5712	Milton Collin	22 Elul 5736
Zelda Muszynski	12 Elul 5702	Martin Simon	22 Elul 5729
Fannie Sussman	12 Elul 5729	Mildred Fromson	23 Elul 5737
John Date	12 Elul	Ida Olshansky	23 Elul 5724
Samuel Henry Stream	13 Elul 5729	Margaret Buchwald	26 Elul
Alan Maremont	17 Elul 5734	Isaac Mendelow	26 Elul
Edwin Carr	17 Elul	Pincus Newman	1 Tishrei

## Book of Remembrance

Memorialize your loved ones in our Book of Remembrance, which will be distributed at each of the four Yizkor services during this upcoming year, beginning with Yom Kippur, October 8, 2008. The contribution for each name is \$10.00.

Listings must be received by September 22, 2008,  
in order to be published in this year's book.

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Names to be listed (*Please print clearly!*):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail c/o

Karen Kugelman  
2904 Washington Boulevard  
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

Questions? Need another form? Call the High Holiday Hotline, 216-320-9667.

## Memorial Plaque

Space remains available on our new memorial plaque.

Each bronze name plate has room for three lines of text; you will be able to preview the design before it is cast in bronze.

Donation for each name plate is \$324, Chai<sup>2</sup>, or 18 x 18.

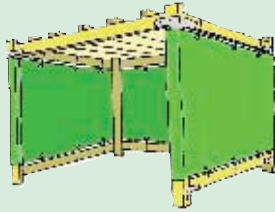
If you have questions or need a copy of the form, call

Karen Kugelman,  
216-932-5562.

(The form is also available as the last page of the April 2008 newsletter, downloadable from our web site, <http://www.bethel-heights.org/> Click on "Newsletters" in the blue box at the right.)

# CALENDAR, SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2008

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## Decorate the Sukkah

Come help  
complete the  
congregational  
Sukkah and  
decorate it.

Join us on  
Sunday,  
October 12,  
from  
12:00 to 3:00 PM  
on the patio.

**Saturday, August 30 – Sonny Kugelman will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah.** Her parents, Harvey and Karen Kugelman, invite the congregation to Kiddush in her honor, following services.

**Saturday, September 13, after services – Lunch and Learn with Golda Meir**  
Enjoy surprise visit from Golda Meir at our first Lunch and Learn of the fall season on September 13. *Further detail on Page 3.*

**Saturday, September 20**

שבת

9:15 AM – Morning service

No earlier than 8:09 PM – Shabbat ends

9:30 PM – **Havdalah**, followed by pre High Holy Day learning, “Imagining T’shuvah: The Redemptive Power of a Thought,” with Rabbi Adler

11:00 PM – **S’lihot**

סליחות

**Saturday, September 27, after services – Monthly Simcha Kiddush**, in honor of all members who celebrate special events or accomplishments this month.

**Monday, Sept. 29 – Erev Rosh HaShanah**

ערב ראש השנה

6:50 PM – Candle lighting

7:30 PM – Evening service

**Tuesday, Sept. 30 – First day Rosh HaShanah**

ראש השנה

8:30 AM – Morning service

5:30 PM – Tashlikh **תשליך** – Meet at the Kugelmans’, 2904 Washington Boulevard, and proceed together to Coventry School ravine.

7:30 PM – Evening service, followed by candle lighting (*no earlier than 7:52 PM*)

**Wednesday, October 1 – Second day Rosh HaShanah**

ראש השנה

8:30 AM – Morning service

No earlier than 7:50 PM – Havdalah (at home)

**Thursday, October 2 – Fast of Gedaliah** (sunrise to dark)

צום גדליה

**Saturday, October 4 – Shabbat Shuvah**

שבת

9:15 AM – Morning service

No earlier than 7:45 PM – Havdalah (at home)

**Wednesday, October 8 – Erev Yom Kippur**

ערב יום כפור

6:30 PM – Candle lighting, followed by **Kol Nidre**

כל נדר

**Thursday, October 9 – Yom Kippur**

יום כפור

8:30 AM – Morning service (*with Yizkor*)

5:00 PM – N’ilah Service begins

Approximately 7:37 PM - Blowing of the Shofar

יזכור

**Sunday, October 12, 12:00 to 3:00 PM – Sukkah building and decorating.** All skill levels welcome! Meet on the patio.

**Monday, October 13 – Erev Sukkot**

6:31 PM – Candle lighting (at home)

ערב סוכות

**Tuesday, October 14 – First Day Sukkot**

9:15 AM – Morning service

7:29 PM – Candle lighting (at home)

סוכות

**Wednesday, October 15 – Second Day Sukkot**

Morning service: 9:15 AM.

No earlier than 7:27 PM – Havdalah (at home)

סוכות

**Saturday, October 18 – Shabbat Hol HaMoed**

9:15 AM – Morning service

No earlier than 7:23 PM – Havdalah (at home)

שבת חול המועד

**Sunday, October 19, 2:00 to 5:00 PM – Sukkah Hop.** See the October newsletter and the Google Groups List for information about host families, closer to the date.

**Monday, October 20 – Hoshana Rabbah** (last day of Hol HaMoed)

6:20 PM – Candle lighting (at home)

הושענא רבה

**Tuesday, October 21 – Sh'mini Atzeret**

9:15 AM – Morning service (*with Yizkor*)

7:15 PM – Candle lighting, followed by evening service with Hakafot

שמיני עצרת

זכור

הקפות

**Wednesday, October 22 – Simhat Torah**

9:15 AM – Morning service with Hakafot

No earlier than 7:17 PM – Havdalah (at home)

שמחת תורה

הקפות

**Saturday, October 25 – Shabbat B'reshit**

9:15 AM – Morning service

No earlier than 7:13 PM – Havdalah (at home)

שבת

# Sukkah Hop



Our annual Sukkah hop will be held on Sunday, October 19, beginning at 2:00 PM.

Would you like to have your sukkah be one of our 2007 Sukkah Hop stops? Please contact Merry Lugasy at 216-337-4761 or [mlugasy@gmail.com](mailto:mlugasy@gmail.com)

The host families' names and addresses will be published on the Google Groups List and in the October newsletter, which ought to reach your homes in time for you to hop along.



## Membership Initiative

Summer is the time for synagogues to make efforts toward increasing membership. This year, we are asking the Beth El–The Heights Synagogue community to assist us.

Look for a new flyer created by the BE–THS Membership Committee enclosed with this Newsletter. We feel this flyer reflects who we are, and what we believe. As the High Holy Days are slowly approaching, you may meet someone who is looking to join a synagogue. Should that be the case, please give them a copy of the flyer. If you want it electronically, or have other questions about membership, just send the request to me at [membership@bethelheights.org](mailto:membership@bethelheights.org). Let's do all we can to grow our community. Thanks for your help.

~Scott Wachter



*Share your celebrations with us at a*

# ***Simcha Kiddush***

**Calling all happy events!**

**Celebrate a Birth or a Birthday**

**Mark a Wedding Anniversary, Announce an Engagement**

**Express Gratitude for an Award, Make Known an Achievement**

**at our Monthly Simcha Kiddush**

**The monthly Simcha Kiddushes will be held on the following dates:**

**September 27, October 25, November 22, and December 27, 2008;**

**January 31, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 30, June 27, 2009.**

**Plan ahead for all your family simchas now!**

**Only \$36.00 for each event!**

Complete the form below and include a check to Beth El-The Heights Synagogue.

Send them to BE-THS at 3246 Desota Avenue, Cleveland Heights, OH, 44118.

The Social Committee will do the rest! Your contribution supports our synagogue.

Celebrant's Name	Date of Kiddush	What You are Celebrating

*You may group your celebrations onto one form, and send them all together, in advance.*

Questions?? Contact Merry Lugasy, Social Chair at 216-337-4761 or [social@bethelheights.org](mailto:social@bethelheights.org).