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Rabbi Moshe Adler

Finding the North

David Grossman's compelling novel, *Someone to Run With*, is about children raised in a materialistic Israeli society who run away from home and end up in the streets. From there they are spirited off to a place that purports to be a shelter but turns out to be a virtual prison. They are housed in filthy quarters, fed substandard food, put on drugs, and sent back to the streets to sing and collect money for the man who runs the operation. He uses the money to purchase drugs, which he sells around the country, enriching himself at the children's expense.

Grossman's novel gains force when it is read against the backdrop of daily Israeli news reports of crimes, from larceny to political and corporate corruption to unspeakable acts of abuse. It would be facile to attribute this deplorable situation to Israeli secularism and say, "This is what you get when people aren't religious." (It would, in fact, be downright false, given that the perpetrators too often include religious people.)

Secular Zionists of earlier generations were, by and large, versed in Jewish texts and observances, having for the most part been raised in a living Jewish tradition which they jettisoned and which they later took back and articulated in secular terms. The social and political idealism that shaped their varying visions of what a Jewish state should be arose from their

interpretations of the meaning of Jewish source texts and traditions.

Arthur Hertzberg's classic anthology of Zionist thinkers, *The Zionist Idea*, spans the spectrum of Zionist thought, from Marxist-inspired socialism to free-enterprise capitalism to religious Zionism, with various shades of ideology in between. All of these thinkers envisioned a Jewish state with a twofold redemptive purpose: to empower the Jewish people and to exemplify an enlightened and caring society. It is no coincidence that these are among the primary values of Judaism.

Eliezer Berkovits (*Crisis and Faith*, p. 139) sums up the issue as follows:

Zionism has its justification only as an instrument of Jewish messianism. It did have this character in the early days of the Jewish resettlement in Eretz Yisrael. The *halutzic* idealism of the pioneers was a secularized manifestation of the messianic hunger of the Jewish people of history. That is why it could withstand all the trials and tribulations and triumph. Now that it has spent its inherited resources, large segments of Israeli society are left with a rootless secularism, without memories, but also without expectations. It is altogether of today, and all its future can be nothing but an eternal repetition (*continued on p.3*)

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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

President's Perspectives, June-July 2010

A Labor of Love Shared by Many

Beth El - The Heights Synagogue is a labor of love shared by many. From our earliest days in 1998, we have worked together to build our vibrant Jewish community. Every Shabbat, our dedicated corps leads services, reads Torah, chants haftarah, and presents d'verey Torah, organized by our conscientious schedulers.

Purim, our Pancake Breakfast, our Members' Annual Meeting, and more. We open our homes, offering food and lodging.

We welcome all. We recruit members with information and personal attention. We invite friends to our New Member Shabbat and welcome them throughout the year.

**QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?
COMMENTS?
COMPLAINTS?**
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We facilitate our Learners' Service, examining various aspects of our Shabbat worship. We teach our pre-bar and bat mitzvah students, and some parents, how to participate in and lead Shabbat morning services. We help them learn about Jewish holidays, observances, and culture. Learning is fun! We guide our young adults in Torah study. Learning is cool!

We care for each other in times of illness with hospital and home visits, meals and assistance. We support each other during difficult times. We comfort to those in mourning, organizing minyans, delivering a tray, running the kitchen during shiva. We clean, maintain, and repair our synagogue.

**HELP US
STAY IN TOUCH!**
Please be sure we have your current contact information. Send changes to Bela Fischer, info@bethelheights.org or call her at (216) 320-9667

We produce our High Holy Day services: Organizing worship leaders and Torah readers, coordinating our ushers, preparing our synagogue, distributing tickets. We organize and lead holiday services throughout the year, from minyans to the whole megillah!

We publish our newsletter: writing, photography, editing, graphic design and layout, production, and distribution, from mailing parties to the post office. We design and distribute flyers, posters, and press releases. We maintain our web site and moderate our e-mail discussion lists. We use our data base to keep track of our members and friends.

**KEEP UP WITH THE NEWS!
JOIN THE
BE-THS LISTS!**
Send an e-mail to Leon Adato, communications@bethelheights.org if you need help with signing up.

We produce our interesting and informative Lunch and Learn programs, inviting outside speakers and our members to teach us. We lead discussions after kiddush. We present study sessions at our Tikkun Leyl Shavuot and other holidays. We organize our reading and discussion group and our movie nights, which we host in our homes.

We manage our money. We collect our dues and solicit donations. We pay our bills and meet our payroll. We prepare budgets and report our finances. We develop our policies and solve our problems. We manage our operations.

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We shop, prepare, serve, and clean up our Shabbat kiddush, which ranges from a light lunch to a hot lunch to a multi-course simcha feast. We do the same for our Kabbalat Shabbat dinners. We cater our holiday celebrations, programs, and meetings: latkes at Hanukkah, hamentaschen at

The value of our membership in our vibrant Jewish community is proportional to our participation. We get out of it what we put into it. We are a labor of love shared by many.

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(Finding the North, continued from p.1)
of today. What it holds for man, it must deliver now; its only rewards are the fruits of the passing hour. A nation cannot live by that. It drags a society down to the crudest forms of a demoralizing materialism.

Israeli society seems to have lost its direction, or, as Israelis put it, “lost track of north.” This is because, while Zionism has succeeded in empowering the Jewish people, it has not succeeded in maintaining the messianism of its founders, their sense of what a Jewish state should strive to be. The key word here is “strive.” Maimonides (Mishneh Torah, Laws of Kings 12:4) described the messianic age as one in which, with the world at peace and nations living in harmony, Jews will be free to learn Torah without being distracted by persecution. Messianism isn’t about stasis; it’s about unimpeded movement.

Berkovits’ characterization of the limits of Zionism is but one aspect of what he calls modern man’s crisis of faith. In the modern age, he notes, man gradually lost his sense of the universe as creation and began to see it simply as there because it’s there. In a

blind and dumb universe, man is a cosmic accident. In such a universe, nothing and no one has enduring meaning.

In a created universe, however, man is not accidental but intended. He is a being with purpose. Discovering and living out that purpose is what endows his life with meaning. For Jews, that purpose is expressed in the Bible, Talmud and Midrash, along with the interpretive tradition that flows from those works. Not only religious Jews, but also knowledgeable secularist Jews like those who founded Zionism and the Jewish state, shape their visions of man’s purpose by the way they interpret Judaism’s foundational texts and tradition.

When Israel’s secular community can re-appropriate Judaism’s sacred texts and tradition as its own, and Israel’s religious community can grow beyond fundamentalism and reach out with acceptance, the two communities can make common cause. Knowing where it’s been, Israel will have a better chance of knowing where it is going. It will have a purpose beyond surviving.

It will have “found north.”

Lunch and Learns 2010-2011

The Adult Education Committee seeks speaker and/or topic suggestions for the next Lunch and Learn Series. Please send suggestions to Sherry Ball at sherry.ball@case.edu by May 31st. If suggesting a speaker, contact information would be much appreciated.

Members’ Annual Meeting June 13

Our Board encourages members of Beth El –The Heights Synagogue to let their voices be heard at our Members’ Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 13, 2010:

9:00 AM – Minyan

9:30 AM – Breakfast

10:00 AM – Annual Meeting call to order.

I will report on our past year, our current situation, and our bright road ahead. Your participation helps each of us along our individual and collective spiritual paths. We are blessed with a harmonious community that honors HaShem and ourselves in worship and learning.

~ Jack Valancy, President

Aviva Klein to Become Bat Mitzvah



I'm Aviva. My Bat Mitzvah is on July 31, 2010, parsha Eikev. I am a 6th grader at Wiley Middle School. I play bassoon in the band at Wiley and in the Honors Band for all the Cleveland Heights–University Heights middle schools and I also play piano. I am on the Heights Youth Lacrosse team in the spring. I am in several clubs at school, including Science Olympiad, Wiley for the World, and Academic Challenge.

I live with my parents, Ari Klein and Ditte Wolin, my sister, Shoshana, and, for this school year, Kwa, our exchange student from Thailand. I am learning a lot about the culture of Thailand. We have two cats that are playful but also lazy.

During our visit to Israel last summer, we visited one of the four Hand in Hand schools, where Jewish and Arab students study together. They learn about each other's cultures along with the usual academics. For my Bat Mitzvah project I am collecting books in English for the library of the school, as well as donations for them. The books need to be easy to read, but something that teens will be interested in. We made a list of books that might be good to collect (new or used) after talking with the librarian there and several reading teachers in the CHUH district. Anyone who would like to donate books or is planning a trip to Israel and is willing to transport some books, please contact me or my mom at 216-932-9907.

Our family invites you to Kiddush lunch after services on July 31.

Aviva suggests good books to donate: *Magic Tree House* series, *Box Car Children*, Nancy Drew/Hardy Boys, *Flipped*, *Sarah Plain and Tall*, *All of a Kind Family*, Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan, *Tree Castle Island*, *Number the Stars*.
Authors whose books would make good donations: Andrew Clements, Judy Blume, Sharon Creech, Lois Lowry.

Ours is not
the task of
fixing the en-
tire world at
once,
but of
stretching out
to mend
the part of the
world that is
within our
reach.

Clarissa
Pinkola Estes

Hasta la Vista, Marlina

Marlina Frederick, our capable babysitter for the past two years, will be leaving us in August. She attended Laurel School for her junior and senior years. Prior to that she was a student in the Cleveland Heights–University Heights Schools. Marlina is very excited that she will be attending Tulane University in the fall and will be pursuing studies in both Public Health and Spanish. Eventually, she hopes to work in foreign policy and to live in a foreign country. Last summer she spent six weeks in Nicaragua working on an environmental health project. She is returning to Nicaragua again this summer for two weeks to work with a group of girls in a rural community on issues of violence and sexual abuse.

In her spare time, Marlina likes to work out and spend time with family and friends. At school, she has been involved with Model UN and with diversity clubs. She has a younger brother who is a freshman at Cleveland Heights High School.

We wish Marlina well in her new endeavors.

Short Stories by Jewish Authors Reading and Discussion Group

Babel's Tales from Odessa

On May 2, we discussed *Benya Krik, the Gangster, and Other Stories*, by Isaak Babel. Benya Krik is Isaak Babel's fictional Russian-Jewish gangster. Krik – also known as The King – is the leader of a group of thugs and smugglers who operate in the Jewish ghetto Moldavanka in Odessa around 1913. He is married to Tsilya Eichbaum, whom he met while trying to shake down her father. These stories are seriously funny stuff with colorful descriptions of the characters and their schemes.

Babel's second set of stories, *A Jewish Boy*, is semiautobiographical. It is warm and so touching that we could all relate to these stories through experiences we knew from our parents and grandparents, most of whom came from the Pale of Settlement in Eastern Europe. In fact, we reviewed a map that showed the Pale as it was 1835-1917, when *over four million Jews* lived within its boundaries.

Babel had a diverse career and was a prolific writer but much of his work is lost. Regrettably, he was arrested and executed on political grounds at the age of 45 in 1940 during the Stalin era.

Short Stories by Jewish Authors will next meet on Monday, June 7, 7:00 PM. We will be discussing stories in *Total Immersion* by Allegra Goodman. For details, contact Sondra Jacobs at 216-397-1481 or sondrajacobs@sbcglobal.net.

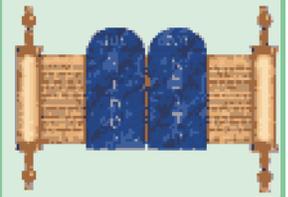
Two Lunch and Learns Top Off the Season

We Learn, Both from Outside Speakers and Our Own Members

Rabbi Shmuel Klatzkin captivated a big crowd at our April Lunch and Learn as he wove together kabbalistic philosophy and Chassidic stories in his fascinating talk on "A Question of Identity – Answering the Question of 'Who Am I?'" Later that day, he noted that he spoke longer than usual because the audience gave him such rapt attention and asked so many good questions. We greatly appreciate his traveling from Dayton to give us the gift of his teaching.

At the May Lunch and Learn our own Alan Lerner led a dynamic discussion contrasting the approaches and schools of thought of Shammai and Hillel, with special reference to ethics. He introduced the two contemporaneous sages before engaging us in small group discussions of their writings. Alan inspired us to learn more about them and their times, and to read original sources.

We would like to thank both Rabbi Klatzkin and Alan Lerner for sharing their time, energy and knowledge with us at these Lunch and Learn sessions. ~ Eric Fryxell



Share your thoughts on the weekly parsha!

Might YOU be willing to deliver a d'var Torah?

Please contact **Nina Sobel, 216-795-1137** or via e-mail at nrsol1223@lycos.com (phone is preferred), if you would be willing to deliver the d'var Torah on one of the upcoming Shabbatot.

Nina states, "We have a need for volunteers nearly every other week for the foreseeable future, so there are many parshas available for you to pick from."

Yahrzeits, June and July 2010



*I teach
my sighs
to lengthen
into songs.*

Theodore
Roethke

Sivan ~ סיון

Wendy Kushner	19 Sivan
Nathaniel Starkman	19 Sivan
Ann Shalwitz Bloom	19 Sivan
John Samuels	19 Sivan
Harry Rock	19 Sivan
Samuel Booker	20 Sivan
Frieda Gavurin	20 Sivan
Sarah Horwitz	21 Sivan
Joseph H. Klein	23 Sivan
Robert Sheafe Gooch	26 Sivan 5765
Sadie Strayer	27 Sivan
Herman Brody	27 Sivan
Ida Abrams Lewis	28 Sivan
Penina Bloom	30 Sivan

Tammuz ~ תמוז

Norma Siff	2 Tammuz
Gertrude Greenberg	4 Tammuz 5754
Max Eisenbert	5 Tammuz 5727
Max S. Brown	5 Tammuz
Morris Greenstein	6 Tammuz
Hyman Kirschner	6 Tammuz
Pauline Lipoff	7 Tammuz
Sally Noll	7 Tammuz 5733
Norton Noll	8 Tammuz
Jaqueline Bruder Zucker	9 Tammuz 5728

Sam Math	9 Tammuz 5727
Bernard David Friedlander	11 Tammuz 5733
Nancy Jean Hall Landis	12 Tammuz 5766
Samuel Lederman	15 Tammuz 5737
Elsie Frank Birkner	17 Tammuz
Blume Zavelowitz	17 Tammuz
Leon Ballonoff	18 Tammuz 5763
Rose Schenkelman	18 Tammuz 5725
Sara Gabinet	19 Tammuz
Esther Zavelowitz	19 Tammuz
Jeffrey Landis	20 Tammuz
Rose Maremont	20 Tammuz
Pearl Siegler	22 Tammuz
Goldie Malamud	23 Tammuz 5726
Siegfried Dick	24 Tammuz 5724
Abe Kaplan	24 Tammuz
Irene Friedlander	24 Tammuz 5728
Ann Bergmann Manson	24 Tammuz 5766
Fannie Kritzer	25 Tammuz 5735
Isaac Keller	25 Tammuz
Laille Gabinet	25 Tammuz 5764
Tillie Bertman	28 Tammuz 5740
Morley Glin	28 Tammuz 5736
Harry M. Newman	29 Tammuz 5726
Harry Soliton	29 Tammuz 5721

Av ~ אב

Michael Sidney Lampel	1 Av 5729
Gutel Simon	2 Av 5723
Louis Sobel	3 Av 5710
Dr. William Rosewater	4 Av 5763
Joseph Meyer Dubin	5 Av
Joseph Magden	5 Av 5726
Fanny Wachter & children	6 Av 5704
Norman Slivka	6 Av 5733
Joseph Oshuns	10 Av 5756
Joe Neuger	11 Av 5754
Hanna Tepper	11 Av 5700
Maurice B. Lavine	11 Av
Sarah Fried Weiss	12 Av 5723
Marcia L. Jacobs	14 Av
Harry Tinman	15 Av 5729
Norman Paul Glanz	16 Av 5723
Sarah Blume Levine	16 Av 5737
Ida Greenstein	18 Av 5728
Lena Freed	19 Av 5726
Morris Ginsberg	19 Av 5732
Esther Ann Farachi	20 Av 5739

Annual Free Yiddish Concert: New Voices of the Yiddish Stage

The 32nd Annual Free Yiddish concert will be held on Sunday, June 27, at 3:00 PM, in the Evans Amphitheater at Cain Park. The concert will feature Folksbiene Theatre's New Voices of the Yiddish Stage. The group will present new Yiddish music and new interpretations of the classics. Dmitri 'Zisl Yeysef' Slepovitch, Miryem-Khaye Siegel, Richard Kass and Matt Temkin are lively, energetic performers in their 20s and 30s, who learned Yiddish as adults. Joining them will be Sarah Gordon (Adrienne Cooper's daughter) and Michael Winograd from the band Yiddish Princess, who perform pop and hard rock in Yiddish. Presented by Workman's Circle, this concert is free and open to the public; no tickets are needed. Gates open at 2:00 PM with pre-entertainment by the Workmen's Circle Klezmer Orchestra. For more information, call 216-381-4515, e-mail wcircle@sbcglobal.net, or go to <http://www.workmenscircle.org/news.htm>.

Don't miss it!

Intertwined

A few months ago a friend of mine – someone who travels a lot for work – sent me this message from his Blackberry as he waited to board a flight:

Dawn is breaking. A young man a few rows down, nondescript except for a small, almost hidden, Kippah just wrapped Tefillin and began his morning prayers. He covers his head with his Tallit. Oblivious to the physical world he is immersed in a different place. He takes 3 steps back, sways and moves forward again as he silently recites the Amidah. Surprisingly few people stare. Maybe he really is in a different place. Really beautiful.

What takes my breath away even more than the wording (which was elegant and eloquent) was how this anonymous davening stranger captured my friend's attention and imagination, which in turn caught mine. Even more, that this stranger did it without meaning to and in fact to this day may not realize that he did.

Like me, this friend of mine is on his own Jewish journey. Our destinations may not lead us to the same place and our paths are distinctly different. But he and I both are excited by our mutual travels. Almost every week, our families get together and we have a chance to compare notes, share what we've learned, bounce ideas around.

It reminds me of two threads that keep crossing, only to swing way out in the other direction before turning back inward to cross again. We go out during the week, do our thing, meet back on Shabbat and reconnect, and then keep rolling through to the following week. In some ways his movement has kept me on track, and I think I've had the same effect for him.

His e-mail was one such point of connection. It got us both thinking and – although we didn't intend it – set us on our own paths.

This week, on my desk, sits an old and worn set of tefillin once owned by someone I knew and respected. And on his desk sits a set that is completely new, the shine barely off the thick straps that still creak when they are wound. We are both looking for a way to take our place next to that anonymous young man in the airport, to find our way to that "different place" he found so effortlessly.

On the mornings when time and confidence combine to allow me to try on this new habit, I look down at the winding on my arm and realize that the overlapping strands of leather are a perfect reminder of our experiences as Jews: sometimes parallel, sometimes overlapping, and always binding.

Connecting us to God, and to each other.

~ Leon Adato

(Originally posted on <http://www.edibletorah.com>)

Leon Adato writes about his own Jewish journey.

Your Turn: *Our Members Write*

NEWS FROM BETHEL

חדשות



Simcha Celebrations

Join us in celebration of all of our simchas at kiddush, the last Shabbat of each month.

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

Become a Simcha Kiddush honoree

Donate \$36 per simcha celebrant to the Kiddush Fund, using the form available online at <http://www.bethelheights.org/simcha.php>.

Your contribution supports our synagogue.

Condolences to:

ביחום אבלים

- Kimberly Carr and her family on the recent death of Kimberly's husband, Dr. Gerson Carr.
- Scott, Beth, Anna, and Maia Wachter and their family, on the recent death of Scott's father, Jerome Wachter.

Refuah Sh'lema to:

רפואה שלימה!

- Nili Adler
- Marsha Katz
- Debora Lynn
- Blanche Valancy
- Marsha Weisberg

Mazal Tov to:

מזל טוב!

- Larry Mittman, who will celebrate the 45th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah on June 19.
- Marissa Palevsky, who celebrated her 21st birthday on May 21.
- Marvin and Miriam Palevsky, who will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on June 16.

Yasher Koah to:

ישר כוח!

- Marty Gelfand, who was elected on May 4 to the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party Central Committee from South Euclid Precinct 4-A.
- Shulamit Magnus: The first volume (of two) of Shulamit's translation and critical, annotated edition of the memoirs of Pauline Wengeroff, a nineteenth century Russian Jew, will be published by Stanford University Press in July. Wengeroff depicted traditional Jewish society, focusing on both women's and men's ritual and religious lives, on the eve of radical cultural change under the impact of the *haskalah* (Jewish Enlightenment movement) and tsarist policies aimed at russifying the Jews. She describes the emergence of Jewish modernity and its impact on traditional Jewish culture, families, and

women in Russia, then the world's largest community. Her writing is unprecedented on many levels, including its focus on traditional and modernizing women and her insistence on a link between the experience of women and that of Jews as a whole in modernity. This will be the first unabridged, critical edition of Wengeroff's work. Volume two should be out in about a year.

Thanks for Your Contributions to: תודה

- Joel Falck and Julie Rabin, in memory of Scott Wachter's father, Jerome Wachter.
- Ron Fersky
- Bela and George Fischer, in honor of Jeff Halpern's graduation, in memory of Jerome Wachter, and in honor of Noam Gelles' graduation from Gross Schechter Day School.
- Marty Gelfand and Sherry Ball, in thanks for an aliyah in memory of Marty's father, Ernest Gelfand.
- Julian Kahan, in memory of Elka and Isaac Genuth.
- Richard Mandel, in memory of his mother, Anita S. Mandel.
- Abbie and Stephen Sender
- Blanche and Jack Valancy, in honor of Jeff Halpern's graduation and receiving his Ph.D.
- Beth, Scott, Anna, and Maia Wachter, in honor of Abby Halpern.
- Helen Weinberg

Thanks for Kiddush sponsorship to: תודה

- May 15 – Jeff Halpern's parents, Robin and William Halpern, in celebration of Jeff's graduation.
- May 29 – Laura Gooch and David Kazdan, in honor of their anniversary.
- July 31 – Ari Klein and Ditte Wolin, in honor of daughter Aviva's Bat Mitzvah.

CALENDAR, JUNE AND JULY 2010

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SATURDAY, MAY 29, AFTER SERVICES – **Monthly Simcha Kiddush** – We celebrate all of the birthdays, anniversaries, and special events that have occurred during the month of May.

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 7:00 PM – **Short Stories by Jewish Authors Reading and Discussion Group** will meet to discuss stories in *Total Immersion* by Allegra Goodman.
Further information on page 5.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13 – **Members' Annual Meeting**

9:00 AM – **Minyan**

9:30 AM – **Breakfast**

10:00 AM – **Annual Meeting call to order**

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, AFTER SERVICES – **Monthly Simcha Kiddush** (see May 29 for details)

TUESDAY, JUNE 29 – **Fast of Tammuz**

MONDAY, JULY 19, 8:57 PM (SUNSET) – **Tish'ah b'Av – Fast should begin**

9:00 PM – **Join us for the reading of Eichah, the Book of Lamentations** (no English)

TUESDAY, JULY 20 – **Tish'ah b'Av**

9:38 PM (NIGHTFALL) – **Fast of Tish'ah b'Av ends**

צום תשעה באב

SATURDAY, JULY 24, AFTER SERVICES – **Monthly Simcha Kiddush** (see May 29 for details)

SATURDAY, JULY 31 – **Aviva Klein will become Bat Mitzvah.** Her parents, Ari Klein and Ditte Wolin, invite the congregation to a Kiddush luncheon after services.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 – **Matthew Palevsky will become Bar Mitzvah.** His parents, Marvin and Miriam Palevsky, invite the congregation to a Kiddush luncheon following services.

Thanks to all who contributed to the May 22 Kiddush in honor of Leon Gabinet's birthday and Morrie Shanker's retirement:

- Henry Bloom and Marilyn Malkin
- Robin Dubin and Richard Krueck
- Melvyn and Susan Durchslag
- Joel Falck and Julie Rabin
- Bela and George Fischer
- Adi and Judith Gerblich
- Laura Gooch and David Kazdan
- Sharona Hoffman and Andy Podgurski
- Karen and Harvey Kugelman
- Linda Pepper and Stephen Tobin
- Gary and Rosalind Simson
- Blanche and Jack Valancy

Special thanks to **Sharona Hoffman**, who coordinated this event.

Thanks for Simcha Kiddush contributions to:

- **April** – Frank and Jeanette Buchwald, in honor of Jeanette's birthday.
- **May** – Alan Lerner and Erica New, in honor of Erica's birthday.
- **June** – Honey Massey, in honor of her birthday.

Thanks for Mailing Help to:

- Sondra Jacobs
- Sue Klein
- Cindy and Larry Mittman
- Miriam Palevsky
- And to **Ditte Wolin**, who took the mailing to the Post Office.



When the Holy Temple was destroyed, there was a wailing voice heard throughout the whole world. The ministering angels said to God, "Master of the Universe, do you have such emotions of sadness? Isn't it written 'Splendor and glory are before You?'"

God answered: "My house is destroyed, and My children are manacled in chains. Shouldn't I be suffering?"

Midrash, Yalkut Shimoni,
Tehillim 679

Congratulations, Graduates!

מזל טוב ! יישר כוח !

Noam Gelles will graduate from 8th grade at Gross Schechter Day School. Noam will attend Cleveland Heights High School in the fall.

Sonia Kugelman will graduate from 8th grade at Fuchs Mizrachi School. She will continue on to high school at Fuchs in the fall.

Heather Adato will graduate from both Solon High School and Akiva High School.

Natan Kohn-Magnus will graduate from Beachwood High School in June with a 3.9 (or above, awaiting his final grades!) GPA. He will spend next year at Yeshivat Yesodei Hatorah in Beit Shemesh, Israel, which offers a unique approach both in its method of Talmud study and in offering a full Judaica curriculum. Natan has done 6-8 hours/week of private lessons in Jewish studies with top teachers (including Rabbi Adler) throughout high school. He was president of his school's Jewish Student Union, on its Student Council, and volunteered with Friendship Circle. His plans for college are open, having several great acceptances in the US and also weighing university in Israel, to which he plans aliyah. He is interested in International Relations and environmental science and its links to peace and conflict.

Esther Mack, daughter of Cheryl Birkner Mack and Eric Mack, will graduate from Tehila High School in Jerusalem. She will be joining Tzahal, the Israeli Defense Forces next year.

Jessica Palevsky will graduate from Brush High School. In August, she will be starting her studies in Culinary Arts at Sullivan University in Louisville, KY. Sullivan is the third-highest ranked culinary school in the United States.

Oren Shoham, son of Menachem Shoham and Leslie Schover, is graduating from Tenney High School in Houston, TX. He will attend Oberlin College in the fall.

Nicole Palevsky graduated from the University of Phoenix, with her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. In September, she plans to begin the M.B.A. program at Cleveland State.

Ruth Link-Gelles will graduate from Emory University with an M.P.H. (Master's Degree in Public Health, with a concentration in Epidemiology).

Amitai Adler, son of Rabbi Moshe Adler and Dr. Rachel Adler of Los Angeles, California, was ordained as a rabbi by the Ziegler School of Rabbinics at The American Jewish University in Los Angeles.

Jeff Halpern graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering.