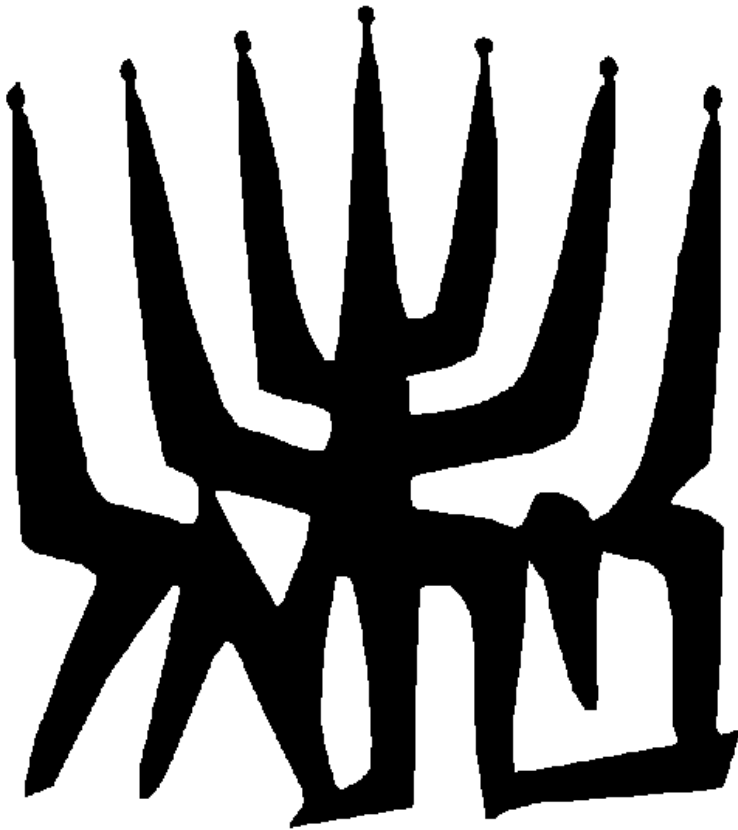


# BETH EL BULLETIN



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## From the Desk of Rabbi Mandel

In addition to the well-known story of the Macabbees, it is customary to tell the story of Judith on Hanukkah. The Book of Judith, like the books of the Macabbees, is not part of the Hebrew Scriptures proper, but instead is part of a collection of Biblical-era writings called the Apocrypha. Judith's story has a familiar theme—in a time of impending doom for the Jews, a hero rises up to save the day. Here is an abridged version:

In the 18<sup>th</sup> year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar of Assyria sent his general Holofernes to destroy the Jews in Jerusalem. His troops surrounded the city and cut off the water supply. As the elders prayed and fasted and anticipated their doom, Judith, a wealthy widow, came to them with a plan.

She entreated the people to pray for her, and then dressed up in her finest clothes and went out to meet the general. Enticing him with her beauty, she convinced him that she would help Holofernes and his troops conquer the Jews by telling him when they were at their most vulnerable. She stayed in his camp for three days getting permission each day to leave the camp and go down to the river to bathe with her maid and a basket of their belongings.

On the third day she brought Holofernes a feast in his tent. She feed him much food and wine and when he was weakened, she cut off his head. She put it in her basket and with her maid when out of the camp as the guards had seen her do on previous days. By the time they realized their general was dead, she was safely back in Jerusalem.

Judith's heroic actions turned back Holofernes' troops and averted disaster for the Jewish people.



## Welcome New Members

We look forward in the coming weeks and months to seeing all of you and your families at our events.

Benjamin & Stephanie Apfelbaum  
Justin & Jessica Charles  
Roger & Fran Hoffman  
John Kador & Anna Beth Payne  
James Lavine & Ludmilla Shleyfer Lavine  
Marc Lieberman  
Claudia & Eric Mazur  
Bernice Speck  
Analisa Weis  
Robert & Diana Winett

**Please join in welcoming Congregation Beth El's Newest Members at a New Member Open House**

**December 10th at 3:00**

**At the home of David and Shari Jacobson  
361 Forest House Lane, Lewisburg**

### DIRECTIONS

#### **From Selinsgrove:**

Head north on 11/15

At Ted's Landing, 11 and 15 separate

Bear left to take 15 north to Rte 304

Turn left at the traffic light onto 304 west

Go .1 miles and turn right to stay on 304 west

Go 3.4 miles to Stein Lane

Turn right on Stein Lane

Go 1.3 miles up the hill to Forest House Lane

Turn right onto Forest House Lane (gravel road)

Go .4 miles to the end

#### **From Lewisburg:**

Take Stein Lane south for 3.5 miles

Turn left onto Forest House Lane (a gravel road)

Go .4 miles to the end

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### GET WELL

Diane Buckler  
Lisa Chaskin Perlmutter  
Norma Yohai

### ONEGS

January 5: Phyllis Rich  
February 2: Benita Solomon  
March 2: Debra Kaunitz  
**March 3: Megillah Reading**  
Analisa Weis, & ???  
March 4<sup>th</sup>: Purim Carnival  
Diana Winett, Donna Rosenberg  
& Specks  
May 4/ 5: Speck Bat Mitzvah  
**May 6: Sunday School Picnic**  
1 person to organize and then  
the entire Hebrew school brings  
a dish to share  
May 18/19 Buckler-Miller Bat  
Mitzvah  
As of now volunteers are still  
needed (**for bolded dates**) –  
Call Vicki for more info

### Exhibit

#### **Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings**

A traveling exhibition organized  
by the US Holocaust Memorial  
Museum, Washington DC  
at the :

**Thomas Taber Museum**  
858 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Williamsport  
Oct20th – Dec 19th

### SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday evening services will  
be held at the Berelson  
Jewish Center on the  
Bucknell Campus. The  
Center is located on St.  
George Street at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
adjacent to the cemetery.  
Services will begin at 8pm  
except on the third Friday of  
the month when we will join  
the Bucknell students for an  
early service and pot-luck  
supper beginning at 5:30pm.

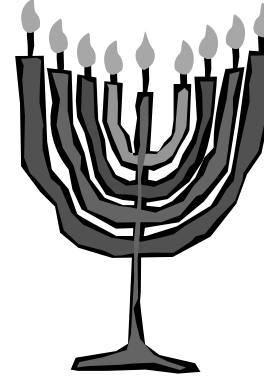
### Shabbat Morning Programs

Most months we will have  
two Shabbat morning  
programs available. On the  
FIRST Saturday of the month  
will be a traditional Shabbat  
morning service. We will  
begin at 10am and meet at  
the Berelson Center on the  
Bucknell Campus. The  
SECOND Saturday of the  
month will once again be for  
Shabbat Yeledim. Again, we  
will start at 10am and  
continue to have the program  
at different homes. Call  
Rabbi for more information.

### WEB SITE

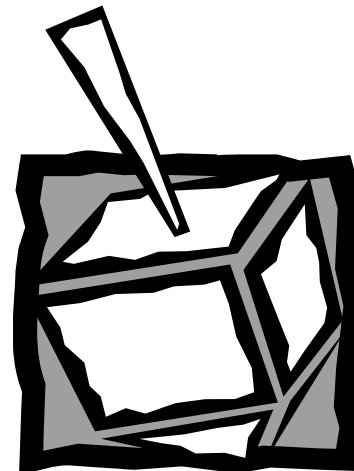
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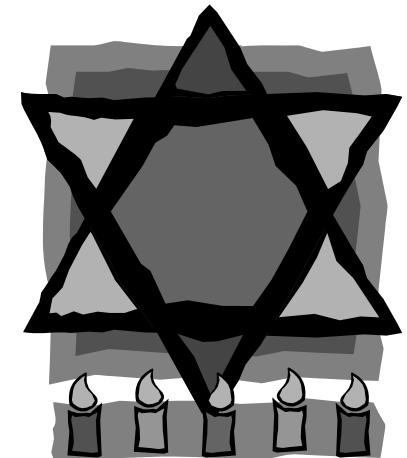
### Hanukkah Party

The annual Hebrew  
School Hanukkah Party  
will be held on Sunday  
December 17<sup>th</sup> during  
regular Hebrew School  
hours. All families are  
invited. Purchases can  
be made at the gift  
shop during that time.



### Judaism Class

Rabbi Nina, along with  
Rabbi Serena from  
Bucknell and Rabbi Andy  
Williamsport' s Reform  
temple will be co-  
teaching an introductory  
class on Judaism. The  
class will meet on  
alternate Saturday  
afternoons at 3:30 pm  
either at the Berelson  
Center in Lewisburg or at  
the synagogue in  
Williamsport. For more  
information and  
directions, please  
contact Rabbi Nina  
directly.



**Beth El Congregation  
gratefully acknowledges the  
following contributions...**

**Thank you.....**

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In Memory of  
Bob Heyman

**General Donations**  
Benjamin & Stephanie  
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**Yahrzeit**

| Kislev |                    | Dec |
|--------|--------------------|-----|
| 12     | Saul Rauch         | 3   |
| 13     | Mary Levitan       | 4   |
| 14     | David Moss         | 5   |
| 15     | Sylvia Perman      | 6   |
| 22     | Rose Brok          | 13  |
| 24     | Thomas Liachowitz  | 15  |
|        | Pearl Soloman      |     |
|        | Rose Riemer        |     |
| 25     | Julia Adler        | 16  |
| 26     | Bessie Sosland     | 17  |
| 27     | Dr. Herman Fiedler | 18  |
|        | Max Kroenberg      |     |
|        | Ann Lipman         |     |
|        | Rose Keiserman     |     |
|        | Rose Hershman      |     |
| 28     | William Feldstein  | 19  |
|        | Herbert Levy       |     |
| 29     | Isadore Fremont    | 20  |
|        | Herman Hy Schultz  |     |
| Tevet  |                    |     |
| 2      | Ely Blow           | 23  |
|        | Mary Jane Leitzel  |     |
| 3      | Max Shaffer        | 24  |
| 4      | Edward Newman      | 25  |
|        | Helen Cohen        |     |
|        | Sylvia Hartman     |     |
| 6      | Bobby Banks        | 27  |
| 9      | Fannie Friedman    | 30  |
|        | Max Kaufman        |     |
|        |                    | Jan |
| 11     | Herman Ehrhart     | 1   |
| 13     | Annabelle Schultz  | 4   |

**“Those in the first year of  
passing”**

Karl Sosland  
Francie Silverstein  
Bev Fiedler  
Ryan Daniels

**May their memories be  
bound up in the  
Book of Righteous.  
Remember to kindle the  
memorial candle on the  
evening before the  
yahrzeit date**



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### THE BETH EL GIFT SHOP

It's time to start thinking about Chanukah! I will have the basic Chanukah supplies such as candles, dreidels and gelt. I always appreciate if you pre-order your gelt so I know how much to order. Watch for my e-mails concerning opportunities to make special orders. Please contact me if you would like to make arrangements to look at catalogs. The synagogue also has an account with The Source for Everything Jewish which you can easily view on-line [www.jewishsource.com](http://www.jewishsource.com). We also order from judeagift.com although sometimes I have trouble with delivery. As always, thank you for your support of the synagogue!

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