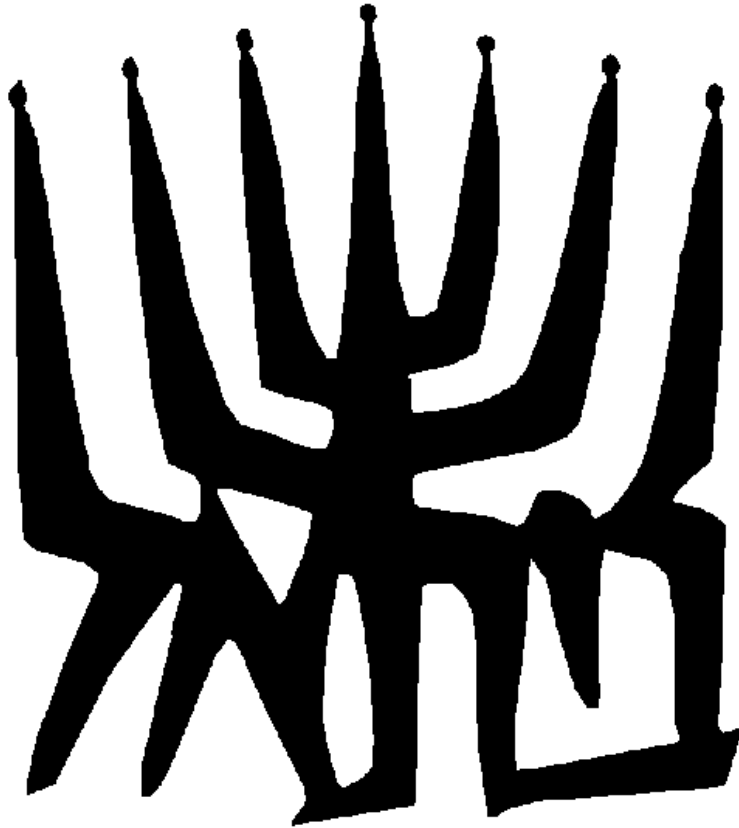


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## From the Desk of Rabbi Mandel

Translating prayers into interpretive versions is as old as the tradition of prayer itself. Whether going from Hebrew to Arabic, German, French, Greek, or English, the goal has been to help the familiar prayers speak to us in the language we most easily understand. The following is an interpretive version of the V'ahavta prayer written by the contemporary poet Marge Piercy. This, and other works of hers, can be found in her book The Art of Blessing the Day.

So you shall love what is holy  
With all your courage, and all your passion with all your strength.  
Let the words that have come down shine in our words and our actions.  
We must teach our children to know and understand them.  
We must speak about what is good and holy within our home  
When we are working, when we are at play,  
When we lie down and when we get up.  
Let the work of our hands speak of goodness. Let it run in our blood and glow from our doors and windows.

We should love ourselves, for we are of G-d.  
We should love our neighbors as ourselves.  
We should love the stranger, for we were once strangers in the land of Egypt  
And have been strangers in all the lands of the world since.  
Let love fill our hearts with its clear precious water.  
Heaven and earth observe how we cherish or spoil our world.

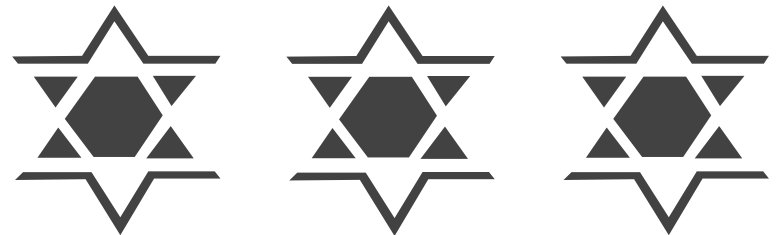
Heaven and earth watch whether we choose life or choose death.  
We must choose life so our children's children may live  
Be quiet and listen to the still small voice within that speaks in love.  
Open to that voice, hear it, heed it and work for life.  
Let us remember and strive to be good.  
Let us remember to find what is holy within and without.

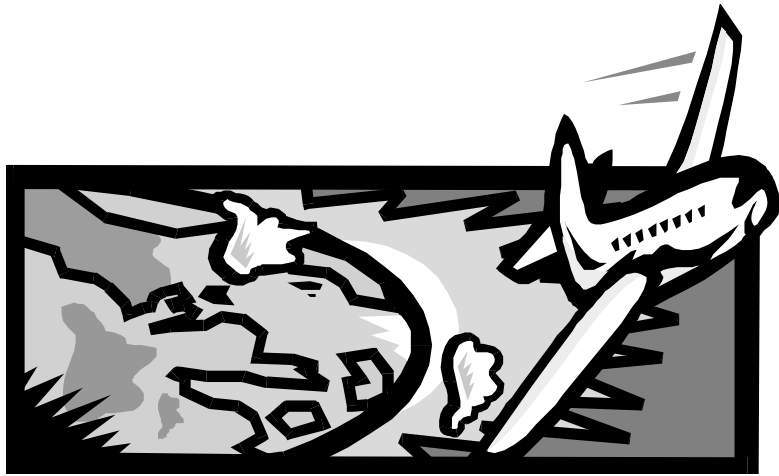
## President's Message

It was wonderful to see so many people at our New Member Open House in December. It was a great chance to see old friends and meet many new friends! A big thank you to David, Shari, Nick and Catie Jacobson for hosting this event and to the membership committee which planned the event. Everyone appreciated all the yummy things to eat so a big thank you to those of you who baked and brought the lovely treats.

I hope all of you were able to greet the New Year in a healthy fashion. Keep your eye on the web page for all of the building updates and if you have a chance to drive by the site I encourage you to do so. Please just view the site from your car as it is an active construction site.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the building process or other synagogue matters, please give me a call or send me an email.





Dear Friends,

On Wednesday morning I am leaving for a 3-week trip to Jerusalem. I will be attending a training program for Jewish educators at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Center there. The focus is on teaching about the Holocaust.

While I am away there are two emergency contact numbers that we want you all to have: As always, you can call Benita at 524-2532. However, she will be away from December 25-January 1. The back-up contact person is Dave Jacobson who can be reached at 524-0685.

Both Dave and Benita are able to handle any issues that may come up and they also have contact information for "rabbinic backup" in case an emergency arises that requires a rabbi.

I look forward to sharing with you all about my trip when I return on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Rabbi Nina

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### GET WELL

Diane Buckler  
Lisa Chaskin Perlmutter  
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### 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

### Board Meeting

The next board meeting will  
be:

Sunday, January 21, 2007  
at 7:00

Place to be announced

### 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.

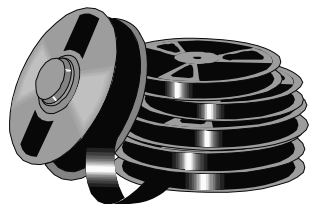
### Shabbat Morning Programs

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.

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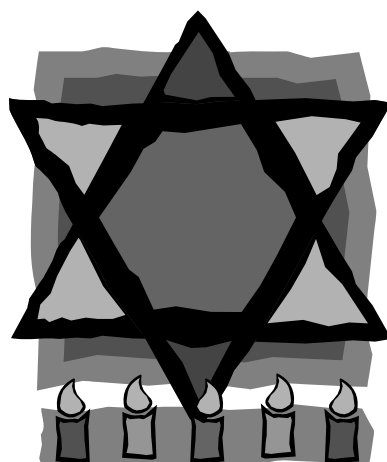


### Special Film Program

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, documentary filmmaker (and step-mother of Jaxi Rothman), Eileen Douglas will be visiting our congregation to screen her film My Grandfather's House. It is the story of her journey to discover her lost relatives in the town of Luboml which was decimated during the Holocaust. The program will begin at 12:30 with brunch at the Senior Center in Lewisburg followed by a showing of the movie and a discussion with Ms. Douglas.

### 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.



## YAHARZEIT

Tevet		Jan
11	Herman Ehrhart	1
13	Annabelle Schultz	3
15	Israel Heyman	5
16	Agnes Newman Barney Friedman	6
20	Arnold Sukenic	10
22	Ida Seidler Sylvia Glazer Harry Zabitz Max Levine	12
23	Abraham Kornsweet Margot Boraks	13
24	Ellen Cohen Abe Staver	14
25	Sonia Kornsweet	15
26	Henrietta Rubenstein Selma Grossberg	16
27	Max Kronberg Lillian Kronberg Samual Mayer Adler	17
29	Mabel Klick Yussie Epstein	19
Shevat		
1	Louis Calder Goldman	20
2	Evelyn Stoler Bernstein Frances G Ross Robert Heyman	21
3	Israel Katuna	22
5	Ollie Dainoff	24
6	Jeremy Haimes	25
8	Bernard Salesky Edna Bernstein	27
9	Max Minker	28
10	Hannah Kauffman	29
13	Louis Aaronson	1
14	Minnie R Levy Paul Kolbert Richard Solomon	2

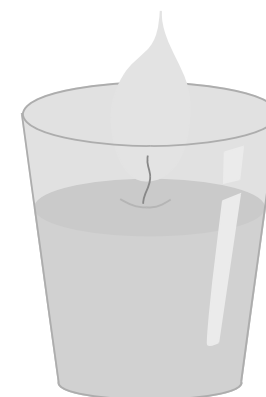
"Those in the first year of passing"

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

### Condolences

To the Winnick family on the passing of Bernard Winnick. Mr. Winnick was a member of the Shamokin congregation



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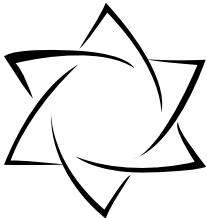
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