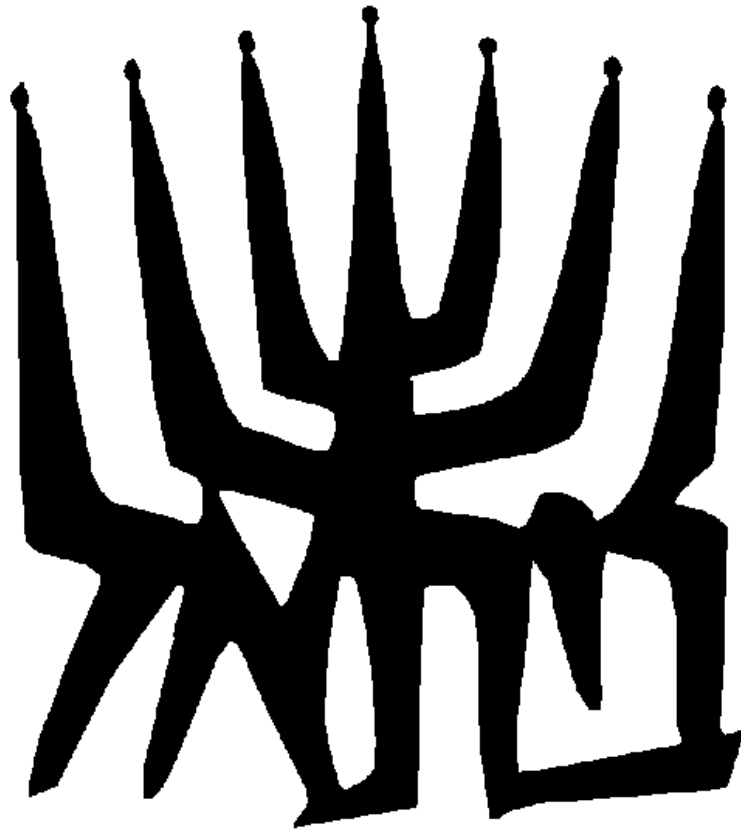


# BETH EL BULLETIN



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## From the Desk of Rabbi Mandel

Whenever a Jewish holiday is approaching, I like to share some of the little known traditions or facts about that day in order to enrich our community celebration. Since we are about to celebrate Purim (which many of you already know is my favorite day of the year) I dug back into some of my rabbinical school texts to try to find an appropriate tidbit to offer. I was pleased to find, tucked into my Cliff Notes for Maimonides Guide for the Perplexed, a rare mystical tractate: *Sefer HaMazon* (The Book of Food) which explores one of the most difficult quandaries faced by Jewish philosophers throughout the ages. The book was apparently dictated by Rav Kroquer to his wife Bracha as they fled from Portugal during the Inquisition and landed in the mystical stronghold of Sfat in Israel. What follows is an excerpt, the translation is mine.

“The one who grinds dried fruit for the center holds a place among the righteous. From where do we learn this: ‘They were there with David for three days, eating and drinking, for their kinsmen had provided for them...provisions of flour, cakes of figs, raisin-cakes, wine, oil, cattle, and sheep in abundance, for there was joy in Israel’ (I Chronicles 12:40-41) Others say fresh fruit: ‘Your limbs are an orchard of pomegranates and of all luscious fruits’(Song of Songs 4:13). Then a voice came down from heaven saying: ‘These and these too are the words of the Holy Blessed Source of all Delights.’ Hillel says it is the crust that is important; Shammai argues for the shape; but the Hidden One teaches that sharing is the most important thing, and that the center is sweet, for the Sages teach that Queen Esther knew that honey is the nectar from heavens, as it is written: ‘The House of Israel named it *manna*; it was like coriander seed, white, and tasted like wafers and honey.’ (Exodus 16:31)

However you prefer your *hamentaschen*, remember that the month of Adar is meant for levity and celebration! I hope to see you many of you at the Megillah reading on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

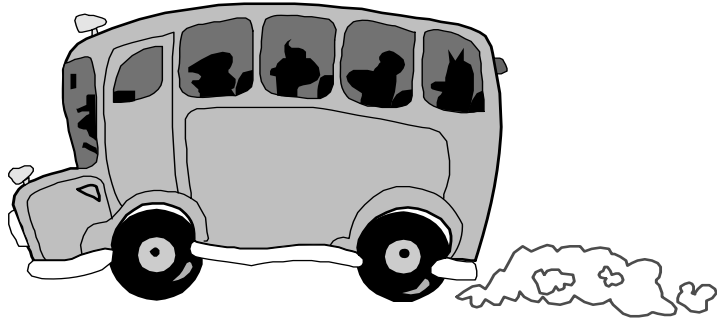
During these cold winter months we tend to hibernate and sometimes find it difficult to head back outside once back at home and warm in the evening. It was very nice to see everyone who wandered out into the cold and to our house for our annual open house! Our programming is still going strong and the pot luck Friday Shabbats have been warmly attended.

One of the things that happens during the winter when we don't have a chance to see each other as often is that we might lose sight of all the things we are accomplishing as a congregation. While I have been hibernating in the evenings in front of my computer, cleaning old files I have been amazed at the distance we have traveled together during the past two years. While we have launched L'dor V'dor, we have continued to meet socially, educationally and religiously. All of this is wonderful; however as we strive to meet our financial goal for L'dor V'dor we must still remember to meet our financial obligations to the congregation.

I have written and spoken extensively regarding our obligation to L'dor V'dor. I now remind all of us about the importance of paying dues, making donations to our operating expenses in honor and memory of people. We are a small congregation providing wonderful opportunities for the Jewish community. It is vitally important that we pay our bills so that we continue to function. Every dollar amount matters. Please look at your budget and if you find it possible to increase your dues, even if it's for one payment or to make an extra donation know that your contribution will be well utilized. As we build for the future we must continue making payments now.

We are already a strong congregation in spirit, friendship and outreach. Help us continue to remain financially strong in our everyday operating expenses. If each one of us made a donation of \$18.00 (chai) per family member it would make a huge difference in stretching our operating budget. Please look at your personal budgets and talk with your family members. Celebrate Purim with a donation in honor of your family to your congregation – Congregation Beth El!

Join us on May 21, 2006



The congregation will be going on a group field trip, by bus, to New York City's Lower East Side. We will be touring the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, the Eldridge Street Project which includes a tour of an historic synagogue, and enjoying lunch and sight-seeing in the area.

The cost of the trip includes the bus and admission to the venues. Food and incidentals are extra: \$42/adult, \$39/child.

In order to ensure our bus and museum commitments, reservations must be made for the trip by Sunday, April 23rd. You can reserve your spot by e-mailing or calling Rabbi Nina at:  
286-8389/[rabbinhm@ptd.net](mailto:rabbinhm@ptd.net)

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### GET WELL

Mildred Daniels  
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### BOARD MEETING

To be announced

### SISTERHOOD

Next Meeting:

March 26, 2006  
2:00PM

Rabbi will be there to organize a Sisterhood Shabbat Service.  
Book discussion:  
Shanghai Diary  
By Ursula Bacon

### Host for Shabbat Yeladim

**March 11:** Rachana Sahdev & Leslie Harris

**April 8:** Debra Kanutiz & Alan Adler

**May 13:** Benita & Tom Solomon

**June 10:** Artie Shapiro & Shari Geller

### SAVE AT THE DATE

Congregation Field Trip to NYC

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006

### 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Dance

The 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Dance is coming and this year will be better than ever. The entertainment will be provided by the region's hottest blues and dance band: Averie Clark and Cool Blue. La Primavera Restaurant in Lewisburg will again host the dance which takes place on Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 7-10pm. For more information, and to help with the fundraising efforts by getting or placing a greeting in the ad book, please call Renee Sosland: 524-2729.

### Interested in helping with the dance??

A limited number of discounted tickets are available for the dance for people willing to volunteer on the evening of the dance and/or in planning the Silent Auction. If you are interested, please call Rabbi Nina, 286-8389.

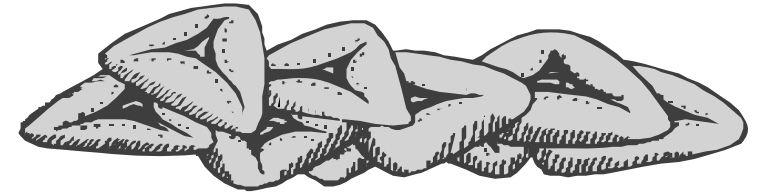
# Purim

## The 14<sup>th</sup> of Adar

(March 14, 2006)

### Purim Carnival

It's time again for the annual Purim Carnival with the Hebrew School. Please join us on March 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 to 12 for Purim plays, games, crafts, food, and excitement. Everyone wearing a costume wins a prize and there will be also be a costume contest!! All members and friends are welcome. The carnival will take place at the Senior Center in Lewisburg, 116 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, where we have been meeting for Hebrew School this year.

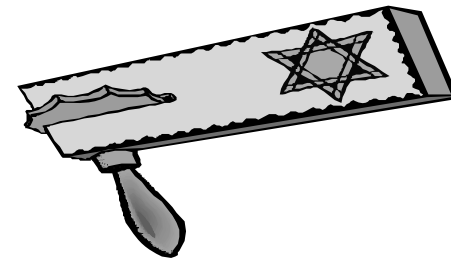


### Hamantaschen Bake Sale

Wouldn't you like homemade Hamantaschen without having to do all that rolling and folding? This year, trays of homemade Hamantaschen will be on sale at the Purim Carnival. Order a small (\$10) or large (\$15) platter in advance and pick them up the day of the Carnival. To place an order, please call or e-mail Rabbi Nina (286-8389; [rabbinnm@ptd.net](mailto:rabbinnm@ptd.net)) If you would like to participate in the baking for this sale, please let Rabbi Nina know. A limited number of trays will be available without pre-ordering on the day of the Carnival

### Megillah Reading

A festive Megillah reading and Purim party will be held on **Monday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm, at the Unitarian Universalist Commons** in Northumberland. Please join us and get ready to shake your graggers!



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At the

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(In Lewisburg)

**Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> 2006**

**From 7-10pm**

For more information,

And to help with the fundraising efforts by getting or placing a greeting in the ad book,

**Please call Renee Sosland: 524-2729.**

## Special Dance Announcement:

A limited number of reduced price tickets are available for the dance

## Yahrzeits

Adar		March
1	Lester Cohen Alfred Levinson George Cohen Esther Markley	1
2	Kenneth Buckler Kenneth Nadel Paul Levitan Leo Friedman	2
3	Edward Kaplan	3
4	Naomi Buckler	4
5	Sue Nichols	5
6	Dan Solomon Annie Silverman	6
7	Maxwell Shane Max Cohen	7
8	Katherine Friedman Rebecca Silberberg Helen Steen	8
9	William Martin Friedman	9
10	Leonard Apfelbaum Helen Liachowitz Jerry Bloom	10
11	Esther Freemont Stacy Brager	11
12	Sara Sperber	12
13	Julius Schwartz	13
15	Sadie Hyman	15
16	Helene Yagoda Rand	16
18	Jack Levine Joseph Nadel Clair Degenstein	18
19	Anna Kranick Monroe Blake Jr	19
20	Siegfried Hutterer Mollie Esther Adler	20
21	Max Greenfield Julius Stoler Byron Goldman Julius Voss Maxine Arnow	21

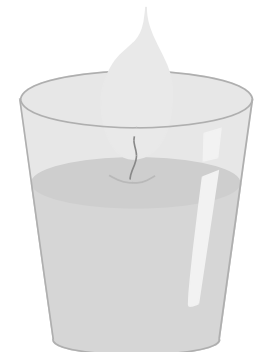
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Adar		March
22	Lillian Sheir Rosenblatt Blanche Bernstein	22
23	Louis Hershman	23
24	Olga Machauf	24
25	Dr Irving Cherry	25
26	Barnie Banks Jacob Weinberg	26
27	Rabbi Norman Perman	27
29	Simono Hutterer William Shumka	29
Nisan		
1	Barbara Kaufman Saul Sosland	30

### "Those in the first year of Passing"

Max Cohen  
Robert Newman  
Larry Gedrich  
Gerald Abowitz  
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**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

#### PASSOVER CANDY SALE

The religious school is once again selling Passover candy from Bartons. The students will be receiving brochures so that orders can be collected at the Purim Carnival March 12. I will also send a description of the candy via e-mail with Shamash. The candy should be delivered for distribution one week before Passover.

Thank you for your support!

Questions ???

Call Betsy 286 2775

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