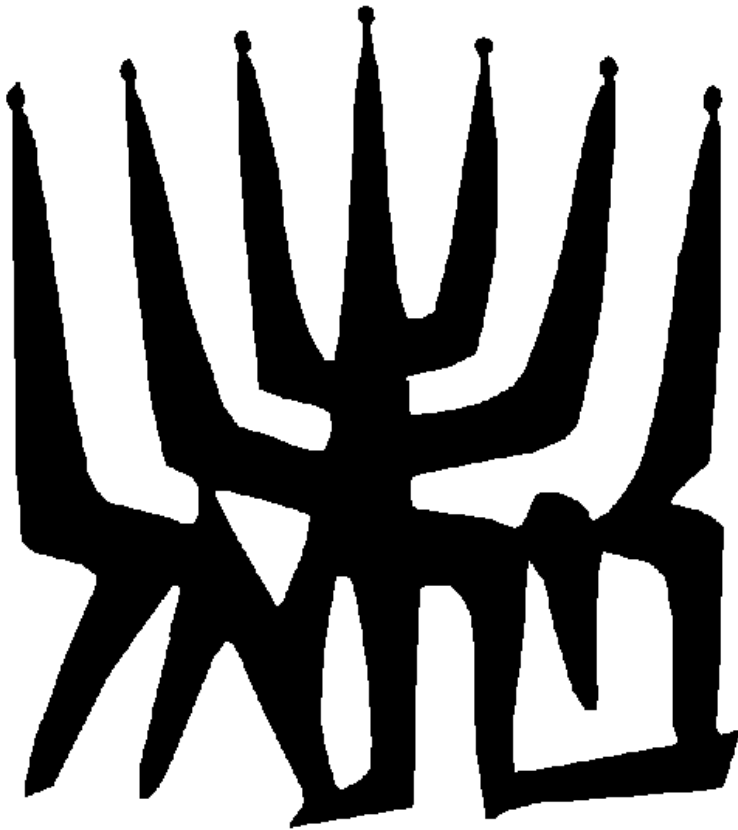


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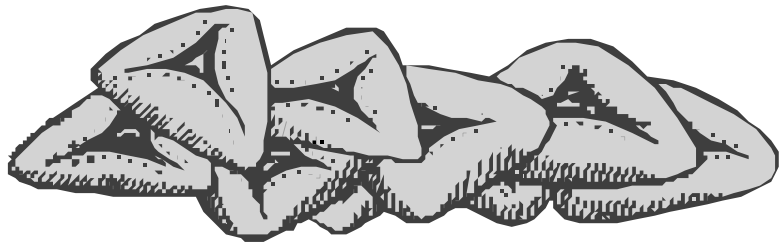
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From the Desk of Rabbi Mandel

For centuries, Purim has been a celebration of the thwarting of plans to destroy a Jewish community. Not seen as a somber occasion, the ancient rabbis decreed that we should revel in the victory and even encouraged raucous celebrations in addition to the reading of the Megillat Esther—the Scroll of Esther. Humorous plays, stories, and poems have been written to accompany Purim celebrations for centuries. The following is adapted from The Purim Anthology by Philip Goodman:

A Hasid was privileged to have the grandson of a distinguished Rebbe as his guest of honor for the Purim meal. When his wife placed the traditional *kreplach* on the table, the guest took one and said: “I am taking one to recall our God who is One.” He then took two and said: “I am taking two to recall Moses and Aaron.” He then took three and said: “I am taking three to recall the three patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” He then took four and said: “I am taking four to recall the matriarchs—Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and Leah.” He continued in the same manner until he reached twelve kreplach and said, “I am taking twelve to recall the twelve tribes of Israel.” The host, seeing that the guest’s appetite was not yet satisfied, called to his wife: “My dear, come quickly and remove the kreplach, I suspect our honored guest may want to recall all 613 mitzvot.”



President’s Message

Every year around Purim time I dream of making pounds and pounds of Hamentashen, Hamen’s ears and other delectable treats to plate and give to my many friends. Every year in a mad rush on the night before Purim I madly coral Avigal and Polly and make enough Hamentashen to bring and share at the Megillah reading. The dreams of beautiful plates being left as a surprise for my friends lie on the wayside of all the other should have dones.

This year, instead of getting my hopes up that I will get those pounds of hamentashen made I am taking the easy way out and sharing my favorite recipe with you. Now, many of you I know have your own recipes that have become your favorite, either because someone in your family handed it down to you or because you have taste tested many throughout the years and settled on the family favorite. But, in the off chance you are looking for a new recipe or if you have never made hamentashen before – this is my favorite and easy!! The recipe is from Congregation Beth Yeshurun’ Sisterhood cookbook Let My People....Eat!!!! Let me know what you think if you have the chance to try it.

Hamantashen (Cookie Dough) – Bessie Wisenberg

½ cup butter or margarine	2 tsps baking powder
½ cup sugar	2Tbsps. Milk
1 egg	½ tsp. vanilla
2 cups of flour	1 egg beaten

Cream together the butter and sugar and add egg. Mix and sift flour and baking powder and add alternately with milk to creamed butter and sugar, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Add vanilla. Chill dough so it is easier to handle. Roll out dough, cut into rounds and place filling in center of each round. Form triangle by folding sides in toward the middle. Brush with beaten egg and bake on greased cookie sheet at 375 degrees for 15-30 minutes until browned. Yield 24

Hint: Fillings can be anything you like, canned fillings are easily found in the baking aisle. Poppy, Prune, Apricot, Cherry – let your imagination soar. To make the rounds I turn a glass upside down and use that as my “cookie cutter” If you want to make the hamentashen parve, I found that orange juice is a good substitute for the 2tbsps milk.

Happy Purim!
Benita

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Purim Celebrations

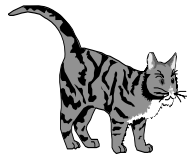
The Megillah Reading for Purim will be held at 7pm on March 3rd, at the Senior Center in Lewisburg, 116 N. Second Street.



The Purim on March 4th, beginning at 9:30 am, also at the Senior Center.



At both celebrations we will be collecting dog toys and supplies for donation to the SPCA in Danville!



1st and continuing for two editions of our Purim artwork at the Kind Café in Selinsgrove.



GET WELL

Diane Buckler
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ONEGS

March 2: Debra Kaunitz
March 3: Megillah Reading
Analisa Weis, & ???
March 4th: 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

Spring Dance

Averie Clark and Cool Blue
At the
La Primavera Restaurant

May 12 2007
7-11PM



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 7th 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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1:00PM
at Norman and Phyllis Rich

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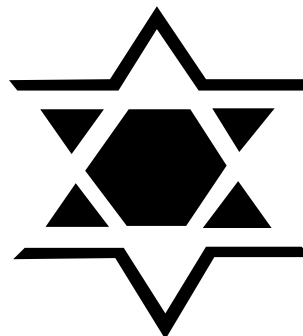
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Adar		March
11	Esther Freemont Stacy Brager	1
12	Sara Sperber	2
13	Julius Schwartz	3
15	Sadie Hyman	5
16	Helene Yagoda Rand	6
18	Jack Levine Joseph Nadel Clair Degenstein	8
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20	Siegfried Hutterer Mollie Esther Adler	10
21	Max Greenfield Julius Stoler Byron Goldman Julius Voss Maxine Arnow	11
22	Lillian Sheir Rosenblatt Blanche Bernstein	12
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26	Barnie Banks Jacob Weinberg	16
27	Rabbi Norman Perman	17
29	Simono Hutterer William Shumka	19
Nisan		
1	Barbara Kaufman Saul Sosland	20
4	Karl Sosland	23
5	Michael M Fremont	24
6	Melvin Jacobson	25
7	Max Rosenblum Robert Newman Max Cohen	26

Nisan		March
8	Max Polinsky Esther Sandler	27
10	Harvey Newman	29
		April
13	Joseph Solomon Buntman	1
15	Grace Rosenblum	3
18	Lillian Pearl Rothblum Robert Newman	6
19	Georgianna Leitzel Freida Arnow Clara Dainoff	7

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

Francie Silverstein
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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**



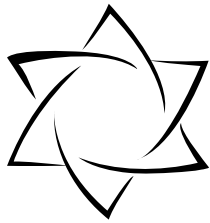
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