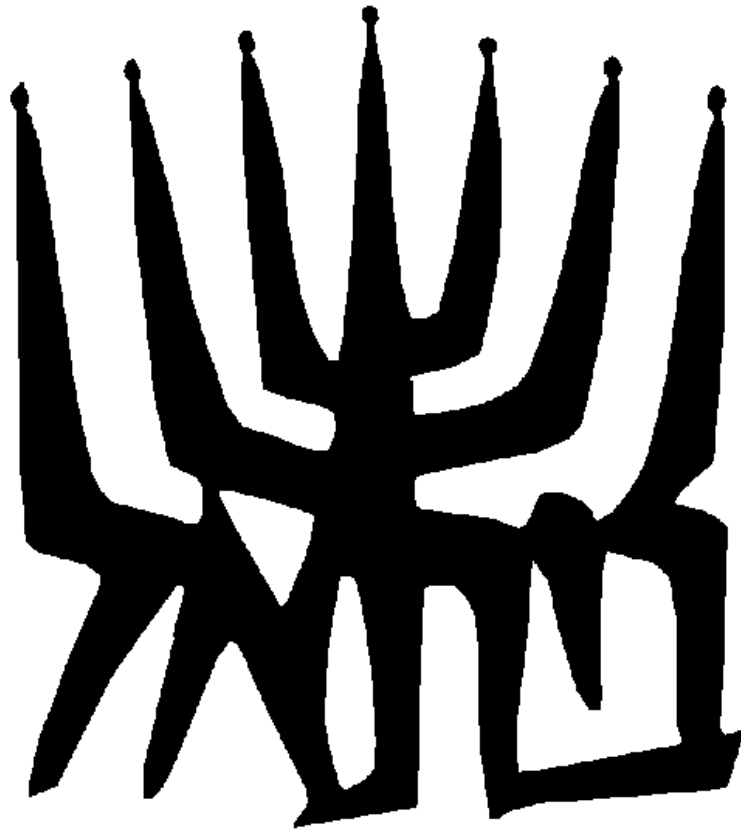


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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### From the Desk of Rabbi Mandel

Over the last 18 months or so, I've often found myself saying: "The congregation is in the people, not in the building." I truly believe that as we have come together for holidays, Shabbat, and lifecycle events, but like most of you, I'm ready for us to have a building again. Fortunately things seem to be moving forward very swiftly so that day should be coming soon. In the meantime, we remain in the *midbar*, the wilderness.

Our wilderness has been infinitely more comfortable than the one our biblical ancestors wandered in for 40 years. Unlike them, we have been blessed with welcoming and generous neighbors who have come forward to support us. As we look forward to the New Year, I wanted to take a few minutes to look back with thanks.

Since February 2005, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Central Susquehanna Valley (UUCCSV) has provided us – free of charge – worship space for Shabbat in their Commons building, and the Priestly Chapel has been open to us when the Commons was not available. Now the UUCCSV is pulling up its own tent stakes and moving to new but temporary quarters in Northumberland. They have shown limitless generosity to us and we wish them the best in their journey. As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be moving on to our next stop.

Many of the holidays have been celebrated with Rabbi Serena Fujita and the students at the Bucknell Hillel. Who can forget the wonderful Klezmer band last year for Simhat Torah! Our connection will only grow stronger in the fall when we begin to share Shabbat services with them. Please see inside this bulletin for a full schedule and description.

Of course High Holy Day services last year could not have happened without the warm welcome and donation of space we received from Susquehanna University. I am pleased to say that we will be able to enjoy their space again this year for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. A full schedule is included in this bulletin.

Finally, the Lewisburg Senior Center will continue to be our Hebrew School Home-Away-From-Home. They have been wonderfully accommodating to us providing classroom, kitchen, and all-important storage space.

It is fair to say then, that our congregation is in our members and our neighbors. I look forward to welcoming all of our community partners into our building for the dedication in 5767. *Shanah Tovah!*

L'shanah Tovah everyone. This has been a busy year and as we hurry to the High Holidays I hope everyone takes a moment to slow down and realize all the accomplishments we have done this year.

Once again we have completed a year without a home. With the generosity of the Universalist Unitarians we had a place to hold services, we held Hebrew/Sunday school at the Area Agency on Aging and many of you donated your homes in which to host events throughout the year. We continue getting closer to once again having our own space in which to worship, learn and socialize. You have generously met our calls to our L'dor V'dor Campaign and our appeal for funds to operate. On behalf of Congregation Beth El, thank you very much.

This coming year we once again will be back in Jewish space for our Shabbat services. Bucknell Hillel is welcoming us to share their space and once a month share services and a meal with them. I encourage all of you to make the commitment to attend services at least once a month and get back into the Shabbat "habit". It is a great way to begin the weekend and be with our community. In one of Polly's pictures from camp she had taken a picture of a counselor who was wearing a great shirt it said "Shabbat – Just do it"

As a bit of housekeeping reminder, we have changed our billing cycle, so please pay your dues as we rely on your dues and donations to exist. If you ever have questions regarding dues, please call me and I will be happy to meet with you or talk with you on the phone.

Our fall/winter Congregational Meeting will be Sunday evening, August 17. I will send out notices with the actual time and place. Please pencil in a "hold".

This has been a year of joy as well as pain and sadness for many congregants and I would like to take this time to wish everyone a year of healing, health and happiness.

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For those of you have sent in donations – Thank You! The Bulletin costs approx. \$1400 /year to copy and mail. To date we have only \$700 in donations. Its never too late to make your donation!!

**Please remember** for the bulletin to get out promptly all submissions are due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.  
Thanks for your cooperation

### MAZEL TOV

On the marriage of  
Craig Shane  
and  
Amy Altenbernd  
6/24/06 in Athens, GA

### NEW SERVICE SCHEDULE

Starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be meeting for Friday evening services 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.

This year we will have two Shabbat morning programs. Starting after the High Holy Days, we will have a traditional Saturday morning service beginning at 10 am, on the first Saturday of the month. This service will be held at the Berelson Center. On the second Saturday of the month Shabbat Yeledim will meet from 10-11am in members' homes. Shabbat Yeledim resumes in November. Locations will be posted.

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### HIGH HOLY DAYS

High Holy Day services will be held again this year at Susquehanna University in the Benjamin Apple Auditorium. Please see the schedule in this bulletin, or on our website: [www.beth-el-sunbury.com](http://www.beth-el-sunbury.com).

### SELICHOT MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for an early version—6:30-9:00pm—of the traditional midnight service held the Saturday evening before Rosh HaShanah. The program will be held at the Rabbi's house and will feature a screening of the film "Inner Tour." This documentary was co-directed by an Israeli and Palestinian director and raised important issues about life in Israel and the Palestinian territories. Please bring a dessert to share.

### HEBREW SCHOOL

Registration for Hebrew School will be held on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am. The morning will include a service and a welcome back program. Please note that members must be current in their dues or payment plans in order to register for Hebrew School. If you have any questions about this, please contact Benita at 524-2532.

### Congregation Meeting

Save the Date!!  
Sunday, September 17



Postcard forthcoming  
with additional  
information

### BOARD MEETINGS

Sunday, September 17  
before the  
Congregation Meeting  
Sunday, Oct 8, 7:00pm  
at Solomon's  
Sunday, Nov 5, 7:00pm  
at Solomon's  
Sunday, Dec 3, 7:00pm  
at Solomon's

# Yahrzeit

Elul		Sept
8	Murray Calder Martin Hutterer	1
9	Kurt Machauf Robert Bernstein	2
12	Fay Greenfield	5
13	Lillian Levine	6
14	Joseph Adler	7
16	Esther Levinson John Bloom	9
17	Arnold Minkler	10
19	Gertrude Cohen Marguerite Berstein Bertha Heyman	12
20	Harry Weis Max Silverberg	13
21	Hyman Rubenstein Jack Kolbert	14
23	Louis Keiserman	16
26	Joseph Hirsch	19
27	Marshall Hornberger	20
29	Harris Bernstein Beth Stiefel-Itoh	22
Tishrei		
1	Joseph Newman Aaron Berman	23
5	Esther Cook	27
6	Melba Kaufman Ruth Schwimmer Maxmillian Karniol	28
		Oct
10	Evelyn Karniol Ignaz Karniol Irving Steinberg	2
11	Mervyn Speck	3

“Those in the first year of Passing”

Jack Kolbert  
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**



*As you go forward into the New Year  
May you be blessed with good health and happiness*



**Happy New Year  
From the  
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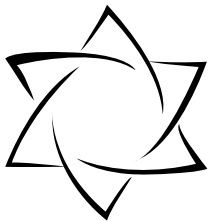
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