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From the Cantor's Desk . . . מִשְׁנִיכְנִס אָדָר מְרַבֵּין בְּשִׂמְחָה

Mishenichnas Adar marbin b'simcha -

From the moment Adar arrives, we are to increase our joy. We enter March and Adar this year on the same day. On the 14th of Adar, we will celebrate Purim and read Megillat Esther. In the run up to this holiday that celebrates the triumph of our people over baseless hatred that would have seen all the Jews murdered, and then continuing on to Passover in which we celebrate our freedom from oppression, we are advised by the ancient rabbis to increase our joy.

This may seem particularly difficult right now for some as we mourn the senseless and brutal murder of the Bibas family in Gaza and the uncertainty from the restructuring of our world order and domestic government that is underway. However, it is just at times such as these that we need to come together, to celebrate, to socialize, to laugh and to love.

The first Shabbat in Adar (falling on March 1 this year), we will read from three Torah scrolls. Our weekly reading gives instructions for the building of the *Mishkan* – the Ark of the Covenant – that will carry the stone tablets through the desert. All of the children of Israel were called to donate what they wanted and the outpouring of resources was overwhelming. We will read also another paragraph regarding the requirement for each man over the age of 20 to pay one half shekel as a way to have a census. There was no distinction in amount based on wealth and the collections were given to support the needs of the Tent of Meeting and the *Mishkan*. The third portion recalls the sacrifices called for on the new moon.

I recently read an opinion stating that a reason for hatred of Jews may be related to the phenomenon of the Jewish people not disappearing despite being a “conquered” nation. Throughout the generations, Jews have clung to their cultural heritage, perhaps even more than to religious beliefs. And so, perhaps the greatest threat to our people is not anti-semitism, but the disconnection of those in our community and discontinuation of our heritage. If you are reading this, it means you still feel a connection to our “tent of meeting,” Congregation Beth Israel and to the Jewish people. Let's think about what that means to each of us and make ourselves count. Whether it's with the minimum contribution to the maintenance of the tent of meeting, or by generous voluntary donations of our time and resources. Is our contribution wearing our Jewishness proudly? Doubling down on a commitment to oppose baseless hatred? Stepping up to be present in the synagogue? Making our commitment known to our children and grandchildren and instilling that connection in them?

We each have our own contribution to make and if we do so, we can truly increase the joy in our community. Wishing you all a month of Adar filled with joy and commitment.

HADASSAH

Prof. Yoram Weiss, director general of the Hadassah Medical Organization, told the *Jewish Journal* of Greater Boston, speaking about the wide-ranging breakthroughs in research and care that took place at Hadassah in 2024 under the backdrop of a country at war.

Prof. Weiss said that he is especially proud of Hadassah's advancement in personalized medicine, including tailored immunotherapy and artificial intelligence, which is being used to more effectively treat cancer and other complex conditions.

[Read the full story in the *Jewish Journal*.](#)

[This Is Hadassah 2024](#)

[Video Briefing: Hadassah's Medical Innovation Since October 7](#)

[Hadassah AI Model a Breakthrough in Personalized Cancer Care](#)

Support US-Israel Collaboration for Expanding Medical Technology!

US-Israel partnerships are vital to advancing life-changing medical care for patients around the world. Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) has been leading breakthroughs in medical research and technology for over 100 years. The **Maximizing Israel-U.S. Research Advancement and Collaborative Leadership in Emerging Medical Technology (MIRACLE) Act** will boost collaboration, jumpstart life-saving technologies and strengthen the US-Israel relationship.

Urge your Representatives to support H.R. 661 to advance US-Israel collaboration on cutting-edge medical care and technology

PERSONAL

*May you find comfort among the mourners of Zion & Jerusalem.
May their memory be a blessing.*

Ethel Rich— February 11, 2025

Mel Kaplan's Unveiling is scheduled for Sunday, March 16th at 1PM

TENTATIVE DATE :

**EAT THE CHAMETZ SHABBAT DINNER
Friday, April 4th at 6PM**

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

*Coffee
with the
Cantor*

Every Thursday
6, 13, 20, 27



Join us at the Cantor's Place!

HAVDALAH

Saturday, March 8th at 6PM

551 S. Lancaster Street
Annville, PA 17003

Sign up available on our website
DAIRY/PAREVE ONLY



BETH ISRAEL BULLETIN



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!! CHECK OUT THIS CBI ARCHIVE FROM 1954 !!



ANNOUNCING SISTERHOOD'S JANUARY DANCE

THESE MONTHLY
BEEN HAVING.
DON'T KNOW WHAT
A REALLY GRAND

IF YOU HAVE BEEN AMONG THOSE ATTENDING
DANCES, YOU KNOW THE KIND OF FUN YOU'VE
IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ATTENDING, YOU REALLY
YOU'RE MISSING. YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS
EVENING.

SATURDAY NIGHT, JAN. 23, 1954 9:30 - 1:30

MUSIC BY THE MERRYMAKERS

PHONE	BOBBIE GELLER 2-7963	FOR
	OR	RESERVATIONS
	RUTH ERB 3-0804	

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NIGHT CLUB FUN AT THE LOW PRICE OF \$ 1.50 PER COUPLE.

NO ADVANCE SOLICITATIONS YOU PAY AT THE DOOR

HAVDALAH DATE & DETAILS

Cantor Okoshi is hosting our first 2025 Havdalah on Saturday, March 8th at 6PM at her home. We are looking for volunteers to host a Havdalah ceremony at their homes one Saturday each or every other month. Desserts & coffee served.

INTRO TO JUDAISM

Every Thursday at 6PM (except for March 13th, as we have our Purim Party & Spiel!)

President of the Month: Stacey Knarr

Next Month: Dr. Joseph Clark

March 2025

All services are HYBRID : Thurs. 7:30 AM Minyan, Fri. 7:30 PM, Sat. 9:30AM & Sun. 9AM Minyan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Shabbat in 60 9:30AM Service
2 9AM Minyan	3	4	5	6 7:30AM Minyan 11AM– Coffee w/ Cantor 6PM– Intro to Judaism	7 7:30PM Service	8 9:30AM Service Havdalah @ the Cantors
9 9AM Minyan 12PM Purim Rehearsal <i>Daylight Savings</i>	10 1PM Purim Bag Preparation	11	12	13 7:30AM Minyan 11AM Coffee w/ the Cantor 6:30 PM Purim Party & Spiel	14 7:30PM Service	15 9:30AM Service
16 9AM Minyan Mel Kaplan's unveiling at 1PM	17 Sip & Learn 7PM BULLETIN DEADLINE	18	19 Book Club 7:30 PM	20 7:30AM Minyan 11AM Coffee w/ the Cantor 6PM– Intro to Judaism	21 7:30PM Service	22 9:30AM Service
23 9AM Minyan Film Study 1PM	24 BOARD MEETING 7PM	25	26	27 7:30AM Minyan 11AM Coffee w/ the Cantor 6PM– Intro to Judaism	28 7:30PM Service	29 9:30AM Service
30 9AM Minyan	31					

Let's Celebrate our Members with March Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Bert Weintraub

Thomas Siegel

Marcia Buzgon

Lynn Lazin
Thompson

Betsy Cetron

Ed & Sharon
Greenebaum

Megan Grosky McGowan

Merle Kass Raab

Debbie Schaffer

N. Warren & Mary Rich

James Sligh

Office Manager—
Sammi Parmer

Yahrzeits



<i>Adar</i>	<i>March</i>	
1	1	Carol Blickstein-- Wife of Harris Blickstein
2	2	Kenneth Haller-- Father of David Haller
2	2	Bruce Howard— Husband of Sandra Howard
4	4	Pauline Portnoff-- Mother of Janet Katz
4	4	Joseph Shankroff-- Father of Ben Shankroff & Stan Shankroff
5	5	Jerome Shattls-- Father of Trudy Shattls & Fred Shattls
6	6	Leon Grosky— Father of Aaron Grosky
8	8	Howard Lokyitch-- Father of Robin Haller
9	9	Isadore Berliner— Grandfather of Iris Alster
9	9	David Pleet-- Father of Tracy Pleet Troain, Jesse Pleet & Alec Pleet
9	9	Russell Medalie-- Uncle of Dr. Susan Medalie
11	11	Lester J. Kantor, M.D.— Father of Judith Clark
12	12	Tillie Alster-- Mother-in-Law of Iris Alster
12	12	Lillian Trautfield-- Mother of Deb Schaffer
13	13	Labe Magdule— Father of Stuart Magdule
14	14	Joel Breistein— Brother of Norma Segal
14	14	Arthur Zivic-- Father of Rabbi Louis Zivic
16	16	David Tucker— Husband of Norma Segal
16	16	Melvyn Kaplan-- Father of Pamela Kaplan, Stephen Kaplan, Bryan Kaplan & Brother of Joan Rosenberg
17	17	Gretta Christison— Mother of Gretchen Weintraub
18	18	Sally Pleet-- Wife of Alec Pleet & Sister-in-law of Jesse Pleet & Tracy Pleet Troain
19	19	Dora Weintraub Kohen-- Mother of Bert Weintraub
25	25	Eva Freund— Sister of Vera Freed
25	25	Morris Chait-- Grandfather of Megan Grosky McGowan
26	26	Jonathan Feller-- Brother of Elizabeth Feller-Ballot
29	29	Eunice Lazin-- Mother of Lynn Lazin Thompson & Malcolm Lazin

Our thanks for Remembering
Beth Israel in February

Yahrzeits:

Mollie Bronstein

Janet Klompus Sligh

Bernadine Shattls

Noi & Alec Pleet

Jesse Pleet

Tracy Pleet Troain

Linda Siegel

Ben Shankroff

CLARK YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Clark

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, March 19th at 7:30PM via zoom.
Stacey Knarr will review

“The Kill Artist”

By Daniel Silva

The **JOSEPH & GERTRUDE JEWISH FILM STUDIES** presents....

SUNDAY, MARCH 23rd at 1PM

PAPERCLIPS– a documentary (*Stewart Isman will lead discussion*)

SIP & LEARN

Monday, March 17th at 7PM-8PM

MEGILLAH READING & PURIM PARTY
EVENT DATE: Thursday, March 13 at 6:30PM

Need still volunteers for the Purim Spiel, rehearsal will be March 9th at 12PM

Torah Cover Pledge

Recently made by:
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Clark

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