

# KISLEV / TEVET

# DECEMBER 2025

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From the Cantor's Desk . . .

I'm writing this on the day before Thanksgiving. While the story of the first Thanksgiving that most of us were taught at school is likely more of a legend than historical, it does not make the occasion less significant. The themes of Thanksgiving, an American secular holiday, could not be more Jewish at their core.

Observant Judaism would have us give thanks each time we put food or drink into our mouths and after. It would have us say a *bracha* each time we experience something new, and each time we experience something ordinary. We express gratitude for waking up in the morning and being able to fulfill our bodily functions. We bless our family members each Friday night and in our daily and weekly prayers. In Judaism, gratitude is not a once-a-year ritual, but a constant mindfulness practice. However, it is largely a private, personal practice. Thanksgiving brings the private into the public. In my family, we go around the table expressing what we are particularly thankful for. The most popular answer is family and friends. I believe we are all sincere when we answer this, but I wonder what if we showed this gratitude regularly rather than when pressed to think about it at Thanksgiving? Would our relationships change if we expressed gratitude to those around us each day? Like Mr. Rogers, what if we acknowledged each day our appreciation of those around us just for being?

So, I want to express my gratitude to each member of this community for supporting the operations of the synagogue and making it possible for us to support our members. To all the members of the Board of Directors and our Executive Officers who volunteer their time. To the members of our committees who oversee all the operations and activities. To all those who attend services and events, without your presence, there really is no point! To those who contribute their services and talents (Linda and Rachel Siegel, we are so enjoying the table cover!), to beautify our gatherings, give rides to those who need them and play in our band. To Sammi Parmer, our office manager, without whom so much of what we do would not happen, and to Duane Daly, our new custodian, who joined us the day before Rosh Hashanah at our busiest time.

*Thank you ALL for having me as part of this community,  
and may we ALL go from strength to strength.*

## **MONTHLY BOOK CLUB**

**NO Book Club in December!**

Next Book Club: Wed. Jan 21st at 7PM— *It's The Secret of Secrets* by Dan Brown  
**Joey Clark reviewing.**



### **December 21st Sunday film 1PM**

During the fall of 1942 in a Polish village the Banya Family offered to hide a Jewish couple in their one room farmhouse. For 28 months the couple stayed and hid in spite of all the danger. This film portrays their emotional return journey to Poland and a reunion forty years after the war planned by their son, Producer and Actor, Saul Rubinek. A journey of his family 's past affirms the strength of love and destiny in a time of horror.

## **DIVERSITY UNDER FIRE: WHAT A MULTICULTURAL HOSPITAL CAN TEACH THE WORLD**

Over Hadassah's medical center's long history have seen firsthand how diverse teams can provide compassionate care even in the most challenging circumstances and never more so than after Oct. 7, 2025. This experience has taught valuable lessons that representatives from Hadassah were invited to speak at the Transcultural Nursing Society and share their model of care hopefully offering insights to others who are grappling with tensions in their own worlds.

A full article explaining their approach can be found in [ephylanthropy.com](http://ephylanthropy.com)

## **PERSONAL**

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

- J. Michael Sligh— Husband of Janet Klompus Sligh— Nov 7, 2025
- Gayla Rozen Blickstein— Sister-in- Law of Richard Blickstein— Nov 10, 2025

## **TORAH SPARKS**

Open your inbox every Tuesday to commentaries, videos, poems, and more from Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center scholars. Torah Sparks are available by e-mail only. For anyone interested, please contact the office

# BETH ISRAEL BULLETIN



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!! CHECK OUT THIS CBI ARCHIVE !! NOV 7, 1958

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The Bulletin

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## Birthday Club

October 27: Larry Wilson, Herbert Levine, Reuben Grosky, Hyman Ber-  
man, Edith Ely.

November 3: Elmira Tice, Esther  
Clark, Shirley Halderman, Seymour  
Leibowitz, Ben Kass.

## LOOK IN WLBR TV

This Sunday, Nov.

9- Rabbi Hack and Cantor Genuth  
will present a program on the  
Sabbath, at 5:00 PM. Do watch and  
ask your neighbors to watch!

## American Education Week

The Lebanon

City Teachers Association remind  
us that the week of Nov. 9-15  
has been set aside as American  
Education Week- the Theme being  
'Report Card, U.S.A.'. Although  
you are always welcome to visit  
your schools, this week especially  
we urge everyone to visit their  
Public Schools- and take a look  
at their accomplishments and their  
needs.

We are happy to add our word of  
urging to those of the teachers  
and trust that YOU will visit our  
Public Schools this week.

## FROM THE NEWS

Last week ABBA EBAN  
was chosen to succeed the late  
Chaim Weizmann as head of the  
WEIZMAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE at  
Rehovat, Israel. The newly elect-  
ed President of the Weizman Insti-  
tute in his first speech pledged  
Israel's scientists to the task of  
"Reinforcing our country's em-  
battled defenses".

## HADASSAH NOTES

If you have not as  
yet made your reservation for our  
KICK OFF DINNER- Wednesday, Nov. 19-  
DO IT NOW- just call Esther Clark  
(CR 2-6133). There is no charge,  
we just want to know how many will  
be present.

Send your coupons to Goldie Gold!

## CONGREGATION

We wonder if it is a  
comfort to our officers to know how  
well satisfied our members are with  
the way things are being run? And  
our members must be well satisfied  
because only 14 men showed up for  
Monday night's meeting. Of course  
the meeting was cancelled for lack  
of a quorum.

There will be a regular Congre-  
gation meeting Monday night, Dec. 1  
and won't YOU please make an effort  
to attend- if only to voice your  
approval in person!

## SISTERHOOD REMINDER

WEDNESDAY NIGHT,

NOVEMBER 26

marks our annual

## THANKSGIVING

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## EVE

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## DANCE

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From 10 to 11 PM you will be the  
guest of Sisterhood for a delightful  
cocktail party after which you will  
dance to a wonderful orchestra!

ALL THIS for one low price!  
Plan now to come and help make this  
an outstanding social and financial  
success!

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# December 2025

All services are HYBRID: Thurs. 7:30 AM Minyan, Fri. 7:30 PM,  
Sat. 9:30AM & Sun. 9AM Minyan      1st Saturdays are 60 min Shabbat

**Coffee with the Cantor—Select Thursdays in December at 11AM—**  
**Ancestor Coffeehouse & Creperie    104 W Main St, Annville, PA 17003**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 7:30AM Minyan Service/HYBRID  11AM–Coffee w/ the Cantor	5 7:30PM Service/ HYBRID  <b>CL: 4:21PM</b>	6 <b>60-Min Shabbat</b>  9-10AM Service/ HYBRID
7 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID	8	9	10	11 7:30AM Minyan Service/HYBRID 11AM–Coffee w/ the Cantor	12 7:30PM Service/ HYBRID  <b>CL: 4:22PM</b>	13 9:30AM Service/ HYBRID
14 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID  HCL 4:41 PM  Erev Hanukkah	15 HCL 4:41 PM  <b>5PM Hanukkah Party!</b>  Hanukkah	16  HCL 4:42 PM  <i>Hanukkah</i>	17  HCL 4:42 PM  <i>Hanukkah</i>	18 7:30AM Minyan Service/HYBRID 11AM–Coffee w/ the Cantor HCL 4:42 PM Hanukkah	19 7:30PM Service/ HYBRID  HCL 4:43PM  Hanukkah	20 9:30AM Service/ HYBRID  HCL: 4:43 PM  Hanukkah
21 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID  HCL: 4:44 PM <b>Movie 1PM</b> Hanukkah	22  <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> HCL: 4:44 PM Hanukkah	23	24	25 7:30AM Minyan Service/HYBRID  <b>OFFICE CLOSED, open for services</b>	26 7:30PM Service/ HYBRID  <b>CL: 4:28PM</b>	27 9:30AM Service/ HYBRID
28 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID	29  <b>BOARD MEETING 7PM VIA ZOOM</b>	30	31	January 1, 2026  <b>OFFICE CLOSED, open for services</b>		

**Let's Celebrate our Members with  
DECEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries!**

Jesse Pleet

Malcolm Lazin

Deborah (Robert)  
Grosky

Joe Clark

Ray Wolfson

Fred & Kathy Wolfson

Bruce & Miriam  
Yeaman

Steve & Cheri  
Kaplan

# YAHREZEITS



## Kislev Dec

11	1	Suzanne Shankroff	— Wife of Benjamin Shankroff
11	1	Meyer Weintraub	— Father of Bertram Weintraub
12	2	Barbara Shattls	— Aunt of Frederick Shattls & Trudy Shattls
14	4	Rachel Lyn Grosky	— Daughter of Aaron Grosky
16	6	Linda Fenner	— Wife of Terry Fenner, Sister of Blossom Leibowitz & Irma Braman
16	6	Richard Staffieri	— Partner of Lucille Baron
17	7	Sophie Miller	— Mother of Blossom Leibowitz & Irma Braman
17	7	Rachel Stadiem	— Mother of Deborah Kessler & Sister of Sara Schneider
18	8	Norman Schaffer	— Father of Jim Schaffer & Thomas Schaffer
21	11	Betty Heiligman	— Friend of Eta Glassman & Joni Kantor
22	12	Marsha C. Grosky	— Mother of Megan Grosky-McGowan, Cousin of Dr. Joseph Clark & Friend of Barbara Fishman
22	12	Dean Lorch	— Son-in-Law of Judith Clark & Dr. Joseph Clark
23	13	Kitty Glaser	— Mother of Shirley Glaser
27	17	Sylvia Gildar	— Sister of Irvin Orel
29	19	Daniel Kaplan	— Grandfather of Stephen Kaplan, Pamela Kaplan & Bryan Kaplan
30	20	Allan Smith	— Father of Brandon Smith

## Tevet Dec

2	22	Murray Grosky	— Father of Megan Grosky-McGowan & Brother of Sandra Smith
2	22	Alex Kaufman	— Grandfather of Stuart Magdule & Denny Magdule
3	23	Bert (Buddy) Breit	— Father of Steven Breit
3	23	David Tugender	— Brother of Lisa Spencer
4	24	Sylvia Yespy	— Mother of Sandra Howard & Ina Hankin
6	26	Audra Fegan	— Daughter of Bernadine Shattls
8	28	Irving Kantor	— Uncle of Thomas Kantor & Wynne Kantor
9	29	Leon Kantor	— Grandfather of Thomas Kantor & Wynne Kantor
10	30	Maurice Horowitz	— Father of Fred Horowitz
10	30	Zelda K. Magdule	— Mother of Stuart Magdule and Denny Magdule, Mother-in-Law of Bev Magdule

Our thanks for Remembering  
Beth Israel in November

YAHREZEITS:

Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Clark

Ina Hankin



IT WOULD MEAN A **latke**  
IF YOU COULD MAKE IT TO  
OUR HOLIDAY EVENT!

**MONDAY, DEC 15<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 5PM**

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*Join us at the home of Elizabeth Feller-Ballot!*

# HAVDALAH

Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

400 Boyd Street  
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PAREVE or DAIRY only*

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