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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

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

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The Bulletin

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Birthday Club

October 27: Larry Wilson, Herbert Levine, Reuben Grosky, Hyman Berman, 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 elected President of the Weizman Institute 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 Congregation 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 EVE 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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**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 CL:4:21PM	6 60-Min Shabbat 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 CL:4:22PM	13 9:30AM Service/ HYBRID
14 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID HCL 4:41 PM Erev Hanukkah	15 HCL 4:41 PM 5PM Hanukkah Party!	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 4:43 PM Hanukkah	20 9:30AM Service/ HYBRID HCL 4:43 PM Hanukkah
21 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID HCL 4:44 PM Movie 1PM Hanukkah	22 BULLETIN DEADLINE HCL 4:44 PM Hanukkah	23	24	25 7:30AM Minyan Service/HYBRID OFFICE CLOSED, open for services	26 7:30PM Service/ HYBRID CL:4:28PM	27 9:30AM Service/ HYBRID
28 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID	29 BOARD MEETING 7PM VIAZOOM	30	31	January 1, 2026 OFFICE CLOSED, open for services		

**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
Yeamans**

**Steve & Cheri
Kaplan**

YAHRZEITS



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 Lorich	— 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
YAHRZEITS:

Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Clark

Ina Hankin



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

MONDAY, DEC 15TH
AT 5PM

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Join us at the home of Elizabeth Feller-Ballot!

HAVDALAH

Saturday, January 10th at 7PM

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