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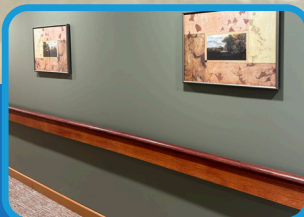
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Remembering Mildred Weinberg

Mildred Pearl Langer Weinberg, longtime resident of Webster Towers and Elan Gardens, died peacefully surrounded by her loving family at Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab on February 10, 2026 at the age of 103.

Millie was an active member of the Elan family and the Jewish community. After raising 4 children and retiring from teaching, she worked at the Scranton Jewish Community Center for 15 years as a Senior Adult Club Advisor and Supervisor of the Congregate Meals Program.

Millie moved to Webster Towers in 1997 with her husband David, to whom she was married for 67 years before his passing in 2010. During her 21 years at Webster Towers, she was an active leader of the resident community, made many wonderful new friends, and helped organize and lead community activities. She was known as "The Mayor of Webster Towers," a title she relished. Millie moved to Elan Gardens in 2019, where she also helped organize activities and made many new friends.



Millie was an active community volunteer, serving as a member of Temple Israel and its Sisterhood, and a member of the Temple Mitzvah Committee. She was Secretary of the Chatiner Hatikvah Ferein, Life Member of Hadasah, and Secretary of the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary. She was a reading volunteer in the public schools, and delivered Meals-on-Wheels in Webster Towers for 15 years.

Millie was a Board Member of the Jewish Home Auxiliary, where she was honored as the Volunteer of the Year in 2015. In 2003, she received the annual Senior Adult Club award of the Jewish Community Center for her many years of service to the Senior Adult Club.

Before her passing, Millie was recognized for her lifetime of service with a proclamation from U.S. Senator John Fetterman and a U.S. flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C.





Above: From L to R: Neil Weinberg, Barbara Nivert, Lou Nivert, Dorna Weinberg, Steve Weinberg

**Memorial contributions in Millie's honor may be made to:
Scranton Temple Israel, the Scranton Jewish Community Center, to Habonim Dror Camp Galil in
Ottsville, PA, or to the charity of the donor's choice.**



Welcome, HR Director Ashley Berkoski!

Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab is excited to announce the addition of Director of Human Resources Ashley Berkoski.

Prior to joining Elan this past October, Ashley worked for skilled nursing facilities in the area for 6 years, holding positions as admissions director and medical records director. Ashley earned a bachelor's degree in health information management from Devry University.

"I love working at Elan, it has been an extremely supportive and inviting atmosphere from the day I started," Ashley said. "I look forward to being able to help the employees with their issues and really engaging with the staff."

When asked about her leadership style, Ashley believes in the importance of putting yourself in others' shoes, and following the Golden Rule.

"I think it is important to treat all staff with respect, and how I would want to be treated as an employee," she said.

Outside of work, Ashley has four children who are active in cheer, basketball, baseball, and football, and she keeps busy watching them do what they love. If she could have one superpower, Ashley would love the ability to fly.

"I think being able to go whenever you want would be so awesome," she said.

Empowering the Future of Aging Services with Imagination Station

A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP WITH ABINGTON KIDS CREATIVE LEARNING CENTER

Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab is thrilled to announce a unique partnership with Abington Kids Creative Learning Center that will give children the opportunity to explore careers in aging services and STEM, all while developing empathy, confidence, and leadership skills.

Abington's Imagination Station is an interactive, large-scale play facility that will encourage children to connect, learn, and grow. Through Elan's Med-Bridge initiative, young learners will be introduced to the world of healthcare and service through hands-on play, inspiring them to one day become nurses, social workers, doctors, and other compassionate professionals.

"This is an incredible opportunity for both Beth Shalom students and Abington Kids students to connect across generations while embracing and celebrating our shared Jewish heritage and culture," said Director of Human Services Missy Bednar. "Together, we are building so much more than a play space – we are nurturing the future of aging services."

Abington Kids Creative Learning Center is a licensed early childhood program dedicated to intellectual, creative, and personal development through purposeful play. With certified, engaging classrooms and a nurturing environment serving infants through school-age children, the center integrates STEM curriculum throughout the year to foster curiosity and critical thinking.

An official Imagination Station grand opening will take place this spring. Learn more about the program at <https://kidscreativelearningcenters.com/imagination-station>.



Mark Your Calendars!

Once again, on June 4–5, 2026, Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab will be participating in NEPA Gives, sponsored by the Scranton Area Community Foundation. This year, we hope you'll support our effort to expand our in-house CPR Training Program which strengthens emergency preparedness for our residents.



Currently, CPR classes are provided by an outside vendor and are limited to six participants. The funds raised will be used to train two staff RNs as certified CPR instructors and to purchase updated CPR manikins with real-time feedback, enabling us to expand class capacity to ten participants per month and increase our annual training capacity to up to 120 staff members (nearly a 70% increase).

During NEPA Gives, donors can make secure online gifts to local nonprofits, and donations are enhanced with bonus funds from NEPA Gives sponsors, helping your support go even further! Participating nonprofits are also eligible for cash prizes - making June 4-5 an especially powerful time to give and help ensure our staff are ready to respond with skill and confidence when every second counts.

Thank you for making a difference!



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You have connections at Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab, a Jewish Senior Life Community!

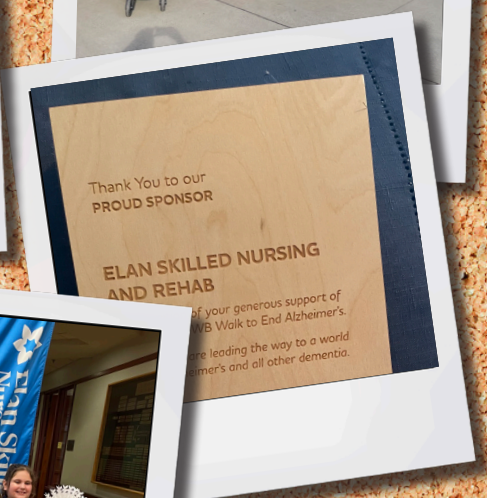
To assist you in reaching members of the staff, we are enclosing a directory of the most frequently called extensions. Others can be reached by pressing 5 for the directory or pressing "0" for the receptionist.

The main number is 570-344-6177.

Name	Department	Ext.	Name	Department	Ext.
Anglin, Jim	Director of Facilities	1128	Leister, Tammy	Interim Administrator	1101
Bednar, Missy	Director of Human Services	1151	Lipinski, Joe	5th Floor Clinical Director	1133
Berkoski, Ashley	Director of Human Resources	1173	McCabe, Gina	Clinical Operations Executive/DON	1131
Brown, Samantha	2nd Floor Clinical Director	1139	Nurses Station	Bridge at Elan	1142
Burman, Sue	Beautician	1115	Nurses Station	3rd Floor	1143
Chellino, Kathy	Clinical Coordinator	1118	Nurses Station	4th Floor	1145
Gorki, Ryan	Social Worker	1154	Nurses Station	5th Floor	1147
Guman, Amy	ADON/Infection Preventionist	1152	McClendon, Adrian	4th Floor Clinical Director	1136
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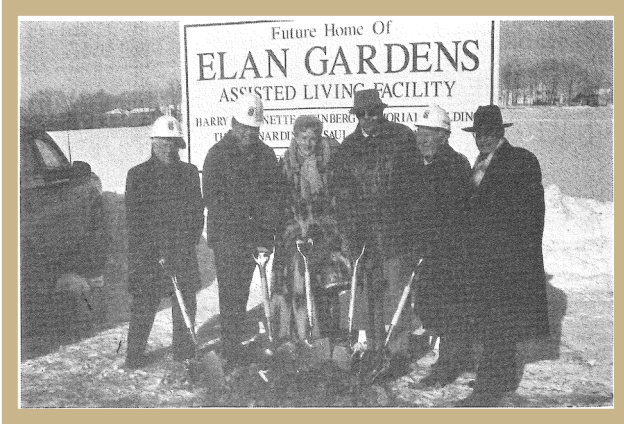
Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab Scrapbook

Recent Events





Looking Back On 30 Years



Elan Gardens groundbreaking ceremony

In November 1996, Elan Gardens opened its doors to the first residents. In the nearly thirty years since, we have been honored to invite countless families into our facility, sharing meals, holidays, and the many activities we have to offer. We have been especially humbled by how many of our residents' families go on to recommend our services to their friends, neighbors, and colleagues.

As we begin planning a celebration worthy of three long decades, we find ourselves looking back to the early years of our facility, long before we had photos posted on a Facebook page. Printed photos, some from professionals and some from disposable cameras, show us not just the boxy television sets of the mid-nineties, but familiar faces as well. From found-

ing staff to community leaders, many of those who helped establish Elan Gardens went on to become long-time coworkers, friends, and future residents.

We will be announcing the full plans for our November anniversary in the coming months. In the meantime, we are collecting memories from the past thirty years. If you have photos from other milestone events at Elan Gardens, please reach out to us. We hope everyone who has played a part in our development is able to share this special day with us.



Current Elan Gardens resident Al Weinberg first stood at Elan Gardens in 1996, dedicating a flagpole and American flag with other area veterans



Fresh Programs and Events at the Jewish Resource Center of the Poconos

The Jewish Resource Center of the Poconos (1210 N. 5th St., Stroudsburg) is delighted to present an exciting lineup of weekly programs designed to engage the mind, uplift the spirit, and strengthen community connections. With offerings for all ages, our center is a place where learning, culture, wellness, and friendship thrive.

Mondays begin with Nostalgic Recipes at 10:00 AM, led by Sally Fineman, where cherished dishes and the stories behind them come to life. Later in the day, at 4:15 PM, Rabbi Halberstadt leads Torah Study, guiding participants through the weekly Torah portion and exploring how these timeless teachings can be applied to modern daily life.

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM: Join us for the "Let Them" Workshop—a practical, uplifting session focused on letting go of what you can't control and finding more peace and clarity in daily life. At 6:00 PM there is an enjoyable Minyan Barbeque – also known as "Holy Smokes"!



Wednesdays offer a full day of enrichment. Start at 11:00 AM and Zumba Gold with Amanda for a lively workout. At 12:30 PM, Rabbi Salkow presents Wisdom for All Times, exploring the words of King Solomon from the Book of Proverbs. Later, at 4:00 PM, Rabbi Salkow returns for Talmud Study, a deep dive into Jewish legal theory and the logical arguments of our sages, where no question is off limits!

Thursdays begin with Chair Yoga at 10:45 AM, followed by very popular The Lunch Club for Seniors at noon, and spirited games of Mahjong in the afternoon. At 4 PM, Rabbi Salkow teaches Hebrew reading, writing and language.

Monday through Thursday, stop in for coffee and tea and board games at 10 AM. At 3:30 PM Mincha is held at the Center, and Maariv at 7:00 PM.



At the Jewish Resource Center, we are committed to creating meaningful connections, celebrating Jewish culture, and providing engaging educational opportunities for all. Whether you join us for a cultural celebration, an insightful class, a social gathering, or a music-filled event, there's always something happening!

For details or to sign up, contact Rabbi Moshe Halberstadt, Director of Programming, at mlh@poconojrc.org, or Maggie Augugliaro, Senior Citizen Program Coordinator, at maggie@poconojrc.org or call 570-517-0815. Come for the fun—stay for the friendships!

Geisinger School of Nursing Partnership



At Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab, we understand the importance of investing in education and strengthening the workforce of tomorrow. In February we hosted representatives from Geisinger School of Nursing for tea and an engaging discussion about the future of nursing in our community.

We are thrilled to announce that starting next spring, Geisinger nursing students will complete their clinical experiences on our campus! We are honored to welcome the next generation of nurses to Elan, and look forward to being a part of their professional journeys.

From L to R: Geisinger College of Health Sciences Associate Dean of Nursing Student Education Becky Stoudt, Elan Clinical Operations Executive Gina McCabe, Elan Director of Human Services Missy Bednar and Geisinger School of Nursing Director Lauren Weaver.

From the Ground Up: First Floor Renovation Project Nears Completion

A FRESH AND WELCOMING NEW LOOK



They say the only thing constant is change, and at Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab, exciting and changes are happening on the first floor of the building. A comprehensive renovation project began in November and is bringing a fresh and welcoming new look, new furnishings, and upgraded amenities to the lobby, dining room, and auditorium areas of the building.

Planning for the over half a million-dollar renovation project started in 2023, and Ballina Group of Dunmore was engaged as the architect in January 2024. General contractor is A.J. Guzzi of Clarks Summit.

"This process started because we needed to replace the carpeting, which was 15 years old, but it grew in scope because it makes sense to replace the cove base and paint at the same time," said Director of Project Management Kevin Tetreault. "This renovation is creating a brighter, more comfortable, and more contemporary environment for our residents, families, and staff, and we appreciate everyone's patience during the project."



The last major renovation of the first floor took place in 2000, and some of the furniture dates to that time. In addition to the fresh paint, flooring, and cove base, visitors will notice new reception desks in both main lobbies, new energy-efficient LED lighting, new ceiling tiles, modernized elevator car interiors, updated visitor check-in stations, and updated furniture throughout the lobby, dining room, and auditorium.

In addition, the Presidents Wall area of the lobby will be refreshed and updated. This area honors Elan's board leadership and includes historical photos and information about the presidents who have served since our founding in 1916.

In keeping with the theme of constant change, the next exciting improvement on the horizon for Elan will be updated telephone and Wi-Fi systems.





Greetings From Webster Towers

A Jewish Senior Life Community

In just a month or so the warm weather will be here and the sunshine will last a bit longer. I've enjoy the changes each season brings, but with each passing winter the cold air seems to get colder! I am more than ready to put my boots, hat and gloves in the closet for a few months! Entering the doors of Webster Towers is like a new season every day. We have kept our residents engaged over the winter with Wii Bowling, exercise hours, informative seminars and our annual Holiday and Valentine Parties. One of our residents has also added movie nights, Tuesdays and Saturdays, to our calendar! The movies presented are a variety of movies from the 30's, 40's and 50's. It's been a big hit! Our monthly calendar offers a little something for everyone and we take pride in keeping our residents busy, well informed, safe and relaxed.

Over the next few months our hallways will be buzzing with contractors who will be installing a new sprinkler system. All apartments will be equipped with state of the art sprinklers to ensure protection in the event of fire.

Keep love and kindness in your heart!
Pamela Goodall



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In Honor of you and your dedication to the Elan Commons Project
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Happy healthy Pesach

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Wishing you a speedy recovery

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Marlene Lieber
Well wishes speedy recovery

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Have a speedy recovery
Happy healthy Pesach

Moshe Fink

Marlene Lieber
Happy healthy Pesach

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In Honor of your 85th Birthday

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Happy healthy Pesach

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Marlene Lieber
Happy healthy Pesach

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