



CBT Nu'z



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Congregation B'nai Torah, Olympia, WA

February 2009

Tu B'Shevat



Tu B'Shevat will be Monday, February 9, 2009. Please see pages 4 and 6 for information and a special recipe.

Board Meeting

This month's board meeting will be held at 12:30 pm, Sunday, **February 8th, 2009.**

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President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

Just a few this's and that's this month. First, I think it is just amazing how our group has stepped up to continue teaching in our Beit Sefer program, Thanks go out to Penny, David, Tobi, Jon, Len, Donna, and Sue. Many, many shuls would love to have this level of volunteerism and would be envious. Of course, if you have some Jewish subject that you would like to offer in our next cycle beginning in April, please contact Penny or me.

I want to mention the Bylaws Committee that has worked hard to bring the by-laws in line with the fact that we have our own paid for building! The first draft is now completed. Once that has been reviewed and finalized, we will get it to everyone with enough time to review the proposed changes before the annual meeting.

There are a large number of community activities, lectures and events mentioned in this edition of the NUZ. I hope that you will have a chance to avail yourselves of some of them. The opportunity for Jewish learning at this scale rarely comes around.

Also, on the second Saturday, morning of the month, Chabad, in coordination with us, has a Shabbat morning service with study at 9:30 and services at 10am. Following there is a scrumptious lunch (to which I can attest) as prepared by Chava Edelman. Rabbi Edelman does like to have an RSVP for these services. If you need to say Kaddish, this is another opportunity.

This is the last edition of the NUZ that the Hartmann family will put together. They have been our editors for many years and have done a great job. They deserve a round of applause and a loud "Hurrah" for all their hard work. We wish them great success wherever life takes them next.

Lowell Cordas

Minutes of Board Meeting January 7, 2009

The Congregation B'nai Torah board meeting was called to order by President Lowell Cordas. Members present were Penny Wilson, Larry Perrin, Mimi Silver and Sharon Perrin.

Minutes from the December meeting were accepted.

During the period for public comment, Mimi spoke about the upcoming talk by Walid Shoebat on January 11 at the Living Water Church. Lowell will send a notice to all CBT members about this event.

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$61,000.00 in the accounts receivable fund. Five thousand dollars in donations was received over the past weekend. There is \$20,000.00 in the checking account.

Old Business:

The Albert's offered to take the ping pong table and store it at their home rather than try to sell it on Craig's list. There has not been any new information about selling the extra school desks or the CBT website. Lowell will contact 4th Dimensions Computers to have them help set up a website. Their charge is \$89.00 per hour and they estimate that it could take 4 hours. The board approved this effort.

Women's Torah & Stitches: 3 or 4 women have said that they are interested.

Community Bulletin Board: Everyone is interested in this idea. It will cover Tacoma, Olympia and the surrounding areas. The secretary from Temple Beth El in Tacoma will be involved.

April Dinner: Lowell will follow up with the speaker and arrangements, as the time gets closer to the chosen date. Cost for the dinner will be \$25.00 per person.

Ritual Committee: The committee is reviewing the Shabbat Kal service. Larry, Len and Lowell are reviewing prayer books.

By-Laws Committee: The committee has worked its way through two-thirds of the existing by-laws. There are some major changes that will be made.

School Report:

Penny has ordered new schoolbooks. The board thanks Penny, David, Len, Donna, Lowell, and Sue for teaching last semester. The new semester Penny Wilson will teach Chumash and Hebrew, David Pierik will teach music, Len Albert will teach trope and Talmud, Jon Auster will teach conversational Hebrew, Donna Albert will work

with the younger students; Tobi Braverman will teach about Yiddish culture of Europe.

New Business:

Food Bank Notice: Lowell will be working with the coordinator of the Food Bank to pick up our contributions.

Marjie Finkelstein will revise the membership renewal form as discussed previously.

Gary Hartmann has recommended that the CBT Nu'z be changed to e-mail Nu'z only with the exception of those who are interested in receiving it but do not use e-mail. There will be hard copies of the CBT Nu'z available at CBT. The board approved moving to full e-Nu'z.

The remainder of the meeting was spent on continuing to review and edit the procedures manual.

The next board meeting will be on February 8, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Perrin

Recording Secretary

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To be placed on our mailing list or to receive membership information, please contact Carolyn Cubert at 459-3572.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

February 5th ~ Charlie Auster

February 11th ~ Suzi Vallario

February 11th ~ Arlene Kapner

February 16th ~ Lowell Cordas

February 18th ~ Lori Elgin

February 26th ~ Carolyn Cubert

Hope to see you at our next Tea and Tsoras outing.

Our meeting time is 6:00 pm.

February 10

Lemon Grass

212 4th Ave W, Olympia

360-705-1832

Please let me know if you have questions or comments.

Sue Cordas

456-7367

Important Announcements From your President

Considering that most of us have email, the Board has chosen to move to an electronic distribution of our NUZ. If you do not have email, please let Lowell or Penny know that you require a hard copy. We will also continue to put hard copies on the entry table at CBT. We will begin e-distribution with our March edition.

Penny and David have volunteered to become our new editors. If you have items for the NUZ, please send them those items.

Sue and Lowell will be in Oregon during the following weekends in February and March:

Feb 21 Corvallis

Feb 28 Portland

Mar 7 Portland

Mar 14 Eugene

Tea & Tsoras

Support Our Soldier in Kuwait

They have moved Ric Engel again. He is still in Kuwait, but with a new address

Richard Engel

APO AE

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February Rabbi's Weekend:

Our next weekend with Rabbi Maslan is Feb 20, 21 and 22 with Friday evening services at 7:30pm, Shabbat morning services at 9:30am and, continuing our mini Jewish Film Festival, Havdalah and movies Saturday night beginning at 7:30pm.

Y A H R Z E I T S

Congregation B'nai Torah joins the following families in remembering loved ones on their *yahrzeit*.

Zechronim Lev'rochah. A memorial candle should be lit after sundown on the evening before the date given.

7 Shevat ~ January 10

Jacob Cubert

Grandfather of Burleigh Cubert

9 Shevat ~ January 30

Leo Blau

Father of Carol Jolly

11 Shevat ~ January 30

Lawrence Tannen

Brother of Robin Corwin

14 Shevat ~ January 21

Miriam Finkelstein

Mother of Stan Finkelstein

15 Shevat [Feb 9]

Malka Bas Leopold

Mother of Tobi Braverman

17 Shevat ~ January 24

Phyllis Larson

Grandmother of Ronda Larson

19 Shevat ~ January 30

Beckie Cubert

Grandmother of Burleigh Cubert

26 Shevat ~ January 29

Richard E. Engel

Father of Ric Engel

1 Adar ~ February 8

Patricia Branson

Mother of Pam Travis

D O N A T I O N S

Donations are always needed.

Checks should be made out to

Congregation B'nai Torah and sent to

CBT Treasurer at

P.O. Box 11432, Olympia, WA 98508-1432

From Mildred Parker:

To the Compassion fund,

From Dan and Lois Roselle:

To the Kiddush Fund

In memory of Nate Zeloner

Stepfather of Larry Perrin

Tu B'Shevat



Tu B'Shevat (Hebrew: טו"ב בשבט) is a minor Jewish holiday in the Hebrew month of Shevat, usually sometime in late January or early February, that marks the "New Year of the Trees" (Hebrew: ראש השנה לאילנות, *Rosh HaShanah La'Ilanot*). Tu B'Shevat is one of four "New Years" mentioned in the Mishnah. Customs include planting trees and eating dried fruits and nuts, especially figs, dates, raisins, carob, and almonds. In Israel, the flowering of the almond tree, which grows wild around the country, coincides with Tu B'Shevat.

Source: Wikipedia

WHO'S MINDING THE STORE? 150 YEARS OF JEWISH BUSINESS AND COMMERCE IN WASHINGTON

What's YOUR Story? The Washington State Jewish Historical Society is gathering the stories of Jewish businesses active in the state between 1850 and 1999. Our goal is to share and preserve the stories of the pioneers of commerce who were so vital to the development of the state's economy. On June 7, 2009 we will present these histories on more than 100 storyboards in a multi-media exhibit featuring narratives, photographs, and a DVD containing additional details and more histories.

We want to be sure that your family business becomes part of the exhibit to make our story complete. Did your family run a pawnshop, own a furniture store, shoe repair or grocery store? We're looking for individual narratives, documents and particularly for photographs. The exhibit will cover those who created, bought or sold the goods and services of everyday life; who provided others with funds; who were wildly successful; who barely scraped by; and the great middle-class heart of the community. Time is running out to gather information – if your family was part of the Jewish business community from the middle of the 19th century to the beginning of the 21st century, we need to hear from you as soon as possible. If you want to include your family's story, please contact one of the following: Lea Hamlin at 206-236-2647, leahamlin@comcast.net; Lilly DeJaen at 206-722-4727; or Carol Starin at 206-325-1631, costarin@aol.com. Please help – we can't finish the story without you! SAVE THE DATE – Mark your calendar now for June 7th to join us in experiencing this unique community heritage!

TBH Needs your Help

TBH teens are looking for couches and comfy chairs and the younger ones would enjoy bean bag chairs for their new wing. If you are replacing furniture, please consider donating to us. Contact Catherine at beitsefer@bethhatfiloh.org or 754-8519 if you can help. Thanks!

February Events at Chabad

Sundays 9:30 - 10:30 am

Bavli and Bagels (Talmud class with breakfast)

Mondays, 8:00 - 9:00 pm

Lessons in Tanya (Chassidic philosophy)

Tuesdays (beginning Feb. 10) 7:30 - 8:30 pm

You Be the Judge part 2

"How does an ancient system of law adapt to the modern world? See how Talmudic scholars respond to new advances in technology and society while remaining faithful to eternal principles. You Be the Judge 2 presents six new cases that invite you to pit your wits against some of the best minds in Jewish history".

Wednesdays, 8:00 - 9:00 pm

Women's Torah Study Group

A Bit of Humor?

Five Jewish Movies that Should Never Be Made:

#1 *Gonif with the Wind* - a Jewish thief travels through the Southern U.S. during the Civil War.

#2 *Ch'rainman* - Dustin Hoffman is a savant maker of horseradish.

#3 *The Good, The Chabad and the Ugly* - A Hassidic Gunslinger, a kugel western

#4 *You've Got Mohel* - The story of a ritual circumciser in the computer age

#5 *The Goy Luck Club* - The relationships between Jewish women and their mothers and mothers-in-law.

Contributed by Lowell

Sisterhood

Sisterhood Spring Tea: Mavens of Mitzvah

Sisterhood Spring Tea

Feb. 22nd, 2009

2pm-5pm

Leslie Shore's home

2014 Clairemont Circle SW

Olympia, WA 98512

Phone: 360.951.8373

Welcome Spring early this year with the **annual Sisterhood Spring Tea, at Leslie Shore's home, on Sunday, February 22, 2009.**

Past, present and future members of *The Olympia Jewish Sisterhood* are welcome! This year's theme will be "Mavens of Mitzvah," paying tribute to Jewish women throughout history who extended their hearts and souls to the service of others -- building and healing communities across the world.

The **Sisterhood Spring Tea** is a wonderful opportunity to spend a relaxing afternoon with a cup of tea (or coffee) and good friends. We hope to see you at Tea Time! The tea time and date have been moved up due to requests by members who are experiencing late spring and early summer calendar crunches with weddings, graduations and school vacations. Please contact Leslie Shore to RSVP & for more information: yatie1939@gmail.com or by phone 360.951.8373.

As most of you know, this is my last issue of the CBT Nu'z. I wish to thank CBT for the opportunity to serve the congregation as your newsletter editor for the last six years. We will always cherish the memories of our years at Congregation B'Nai Torah.

*Sincerely,
Gary Hartmann and Family*

Israeli Tu b'Shevat Salad

Recipe Ingredients

Salad:

1 endive

1 bunch watercress

1/2 head romaine lettuce

1 orange, peeled and cut into round slices

1 avocado, peeled and sliced

2 pitted dates, diced

1/4 cup dried cranberries

Salad dressing:

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar

1 clove garlic, peeled and crushed

Dash of salt

1 teaspoon honey

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

Freshly ground pepper to taste

1/2 cup olive or vegetable oil

Directions

Wash, separate, and shred greens. Combine into a salad bowl.

Add other ingredients.

Just before serving, pour dressing on salad and toss.

Salad dressing: Combine all ingredients except oil. Slowly whisk in oil and pour over salad.

*Preparation time: 20 minutes
Serves 6 to 8*

University of Washington Jewish Studies Program

February Lectures:

“Has Biblical Research Killed the Bible?”

Walker Ames Lecture

Professor James Kugel, Bar Ilan University

February 3, 2009, 6:30 p.m. 120 Kane Hall, UW Seattle Campus

Sponsored by The Graduate School, The Jewish Studies Program, KUOW, Simpson Center for the Humanities, University Bookstore

Archaeologists, linguists, ancient historians, and other modern scholars have all helped us to view the Bible in a new light. We now know much more about the historical circumstances in which different parts of the Hebrew Bible were written. But this increased knowledge has raised disturbing questions about the Hebrew Bible itself: Were its various books really written by the alleged authors -- Moses, David, Isaiah, and so forth? Did the historical events recounted in the Bible ever really take place? If not, how can the Bible continue to occupy its central place in Christianity and Judaism?

“The Girl in the Tree: Peripheral Performers of Turkish Synagogue Music”,

Dr. Maureen Jackson, 2008-2009 Hazel D. Cole Fellow in Jewish Studies

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Noon-1:30 PM 202 Communications Building, UW Seattle Campus

Based on research in the Jewish community in Istanbul, this talk shares Maureen's unexpected exploration of women well-versed in an historical synagogue repertoire, the Maftirim, performed by men on Shabbat. How did a girl growing up in 1930s Istanbul learn and perform these songs? As a woman, how did she negotiate communal religious and musical expectations in a changing society? Through memoirs and oral histories, this talk will explore these questions and more, challenging the gendered dichotomies of male and female in Sephardic music scholarship.

“Beyond Anne Frank: Hidden Children and Postwar Families in Holland”

Professor Diane Wolf, UC Davis

Tuesday, February 17, 2009, Noon-1:30 PM

Parrington Hall Forum, Room 309, UW Seattle Campus
Co-sponsored by the Center for Global Studies, Jackson School of International Studies.

Israel: Facing a Reconfigured Middle East and a New U. S. Administration

Professor Joel Migdal, Robert F. Philip Professor of International Studies, University of Washington

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

7:00 PM

Kane Hall, Walker Ames Room (2nd floor)

Co-sponsored by the Middle East Center, Jackson School of International Studies

SAVE THE DATES!

2009 Samuel and Althea Stroum Lectures in Jewish Studies

Out of Time: Memory of the Bygone in Modern Israeli Culture

Professor Yael Zerubavel, Rutgers University

May 17, 19, 21, 2009

Stroum Lectures begin at 7:30 PM

220 Kane Hall, UW Seattle Campus

May 17 — **Bridges to Antiquity**

May 19 — **Mirrors of Galut in the Homeland**

May 21 — **Journeys over Time and Place**

Also of interest...

On exhibit at Suzzallo Library on the UW Seattle Campus:

“Polish Heroes, Those Who Rescued Jews”

January 12 through February 13, 2009

Suzzallo Cafe, University of Washington, Seattle.

This moving exhibition by photographer Chris Schwartz tells the story of 21 Poles who rescued Jews during the World War II German occupation of Poland. Each of these heroic individuals still resides in the Krakow region today. This exhibition is a tribute to the “Polish Righteous Among Nations” created by the Auschwitz Jewish Center in Oswiecim, Galicia Jewish Museum in Krakow, and the Polish American Jewish Alliance for Youth Action, and is organized by the University of Washington Polish Studies Endowment Committee (UW PSEC) in cooperation with Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Los Angeles and Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center. Sponsored by UW Polish Studies. For more information email polish@u.washington.edu.

The Jewish Studies Program is a co-sponsor of this exhibit.

Please call 206-543-0138 or visit <http://jsis.washington.edu/jewish/events.shtml> for the most up to date information on events

USCJ NEWS

Renewing Our Commitment to Inclusion

Do people with disabilities have full access to religious service and worship?

Unfortunately, they do not. Although 84 percent of people with a disability report that religious faith is important to them, less than half attend a religious service at least once a month.

In an effort to help Jewish communities create physically and socially accessible environments for people with disabilities, United Synagogue's Commission on Inclusion of People with Disabilities is collaborating with all branches of our movement to remove unnecessary barriers to worship and religious education.

According to Linda Zimmerman, director of the Amit program in Atlanta, Georgia, and a member of the commission: "Imagine the transformation that could occur if we all joined together in achieving the common goal of including people with disabilities in our Jewish organizations and communities. Imagine the opportunities that would arise if we simultaneously endeavored to raise awareness, increase educational and spiritual growth, and accept every individual in every aspect of the Jewish community. As the issue of inclusion has been brought toward the forefront of Jewish life, more synagogues, Jewish schools, camps and JCCs have begun to welcome people with disabilities and to provide programming that includes all. The Jewish Special Education International Consortium has proposed that a unified commitment across the religious spectrum be made to designate the month of February as a national month of recognition and commitment to inclusion."

So far, the following national organizations have joined our cause:

- United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
- Jewish Special Education International Consortium
- Council for the Jewish Disabled
- Union for Reform Judaism
- United Jewish Communities
- Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies

Communities that have set aside specific time to focus on inclusion in a Jewish context have made tremendous strides. In several communities across the country congregations designate a special time each year in order to recognize the importance of inclusion. These include:

- Designating a weekend devoted to increasing awareness of this critical issue.
- Preparing a month-long initiative focusing on different aspects of inclusion.
- Delivering a sermon about our Jewish response to inclusion.
- Hearing from people with disabilities about what it means to participate in Jewish services and religious programming and participating as equal members of various synagogue committees.

Executive Director Northern California/ Pacific Northwest Region

The newly combined Northern California/Pacific Northwest region of the **United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ)** seeks an enthusiastic, energetic, observant and knowledgeable Jew, experienced in synagogue life, to serve as Executive Director. The successful candidate will provide consulting services to member congregations across the spectrum of synagogue life including programming, strategic planning, leadership and board development, operations, and staffing. Essential skills include strong administrative experience, budgeting and fund-raising, excellent communication, interacting with lay leadership and clergy, motivating volunteers, and working with a lay Board of Directors. Familiarity with technology for communication, programs, and budgeting is desirable. Supervision of the regional office staff, the regional Youth Directors and youth programming is required. Although based in one of the major cities in the region (most likely the San Francisco Bay area), the job will also involve travel within this varied and beautiful region. We offer a competitive compensation package.



Please send a letter of interest and resume to:
uscj_norcal_pnw_search@yahoo.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 – 12:00 Religious School	2	3	4 4:30 - 6:00 Religious School	5 7:00pm Men's Torah Study	6 2pm Shul Cleanup 🕒 5:03pm	7 9:30am Regular Service w/kosher dairy lunch
8 9:00 – 12:00 Religious School ~~~~ 12:30 Board Meeting	9 <i>Tu</i> <i>B'Shevat</i> 	10 6:00pm <i>Tea & Tsoras at</i> <i>Lemongrass</i>	11 4:30 - 6:00 Religious School ~~~~ 2:30pm Torah & Stitches	12 7:00pm Men's Torah Study	13 2pm Shul Cleanup ~~~~ 7:30pm Evening Service 🕒 5:14pm	14
15 9:00 – 12:00 Religious School	16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">CBT Nu'z Deadline</div>	17	18 4:30 - 6:00 Religious School	19 7:00pm Men's Torah Study	20 2pm Shul Cleanup ~~~~ 7:30pm Evening Service with Rabbi Maslan 🕒 5:25pm	21 9:30am Regular Service with Rabbi Maslan w/kosher dairy lunch ~~~~ 7:30pm Havdalah and Movies
22 9:00 – 12:00 Religious School ~~~~ 12:30pm Torah & Stitches ~~~~ 2pm Sisterhood Tea at Leslie Shore's Home	23	24	25 4:30 - 6:00 Religious School 1 Adar	26 7:00pm Men's Torah Study	27 2pm Shul Cleanup 🕒 5:35pm	28 10:00am Shabbat Kal w/Kosher Dairy Lunch
 CBT 						<u>March Services:</u> <i>Regular Services</i> March 7, 21 <i>Evening Service</i> March 13 <i>Shabbat Kal</i> March 28 Plus Purim Services

ALL EVENTS SCHEDULED AT CBT UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

The CBT Nu'z has been edited and published by Gary Hartmann. The new editors, beginning in February 2009, will be Penny Wilson and David Pierik. Please submit your articles for the March Nu'z by February 16th (or earlier) to Penny and David at: speedknitter@juno.com

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