

CBT Nu'z



Shvat/Adar 5770, February 2010 * Congregation B'nai Torah, Olympia, Washington, U.S.A

February President's Message

CBT “Happenings”

The past month has been a relatively quiet one for CBT. Under the direction of the Ritual Committee, a schedule of Learners' Minyan offerings has been finalized. The Learners' Minyan will be the fourth Shabbat of each month. This past month Rabbi Jaron Matlow prepared a presentation relating to the “choreography of prayer”; when to sit, when to stand, etc. As with the previous Learners' Minyan presentations, the discussion acknowledged that we often observe synagogue and prayer practices without questioning why we do certain things. Often it is because the Siddur says “rise or be seated”. The presentation by Rabbi Matlow not only clarified those practices, but also highlighted differences between Orthodox, Conservative, and Reformed congregations. Rabbi Matlow's presentation was well received by those in attendance.

In addition to the Learners' Minyan educational offerings, Rabbi Maslan will be providing educational offerings on six Sundays between now and Rosh Hashanah. His next Sunday morning class will be on February 21st and he will discuss “the 613 Mitzvot”, what they are, their relevance to contemporary Judaism, and how we can comply with the mitzvot.

Water, Water, Everywhere, but Not a Drop to Drink!

As most of you are aware, we are experiencing major problems with our water system. Not only does the pump house require major reconstruction, but we recently determined that our water has inordinately high levels of magnesium, rendering it unsafe to drink. Lowell Cordas has been working

with both the county and state regulators as well as consultants to determine how the problem can best be addressed. For the time being we are relying on bottled water, but hopefully we'll be able to shortly return to well water. In the meantime, **don't drink the tap water.**

Mazel Tov to Jacob McConnell

This past weekend, Jacob McConnell, son of former CBT President Steve McConnell and his wife Mindy Sandler, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in Spokane. Steve and Mindy were strongly committed to CBT and played a major role in overseeing the remodeling of our building. On behalf of the entire congregation I congratulate Jacob and his parents on this auspicious occasion.

Final Note: February 28th is Purim-----Stay Tuned

Respectfully Submitted

Stan Finkelstein

Helping Haiti

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism is deeply saddened by the tragic loss of lives and the devastation caused by the earthquake in Haiti. We have set up a fund for donations toward relief efforts for the earthquake victims.

Donations can be made online at www.uscj.org/donate/relief

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February Sisterhood Meeting Announcement

Dear Sisters,

Get ready for a fascinating Sisterhood meeting Tuesday, February 2 to view the second installment of *Jews in America*, the well-received PBS series. We had a great time watching and discussing the first part-so please join as we continue. Of course, lots of yummy noshes will contribute to the fun.

Let's begin at 7:00 at my home:

6039 Hogan Drive SE (near corner of College St & Yelm Hwy)
Olympia 98513

Easy to find via mapquest, or call for directions: 360-456-4254

--Naomi Obie

Learners Minyan/Shabbat Kal

February: Different customs in prayer (ashkenaz, liberal, sephard, etc)

March: Understanding the Torah Service

April: Specific Prayer: The Shema

May: Specific Prayers: The Amidah

June: Specific Prayers: Psalms

Summer months: Specific Prayers: Aleinu, Ashrei, Ein Keloheinu, etc.

Fall: Begin series anew but focus on the philosophy of prayer at least in the beginning of the series.

These are subject to change. If you don't see something you would like to learn about, please contact the ritual committee and see if it can be put on the roster .

CBT's Yahoo Group – for up-to-date information

Rabbi Jaron Matlow has created a Yahoo group for CBT. This group is currently being used to allow easy, advance sign up for Torah reading, giving the drash and reading the Haftarah in English. If you are interested in doing any of these things, please contact Jaron at jmatlow@yahoo.com to enroll in the Yahoo group and sign up. Also, if you are interested in learning how to leyn Torah, again, please contact Jaron, Len or Rabbi Maslan to arrange for lessons.

Save the Date

Game night at CBT Feb 13 at 7:30pm. Bring your favorite game and kosher dairy dessert or snack.

Tea and Tsoras

Update for next 6 months and reminder for next month

Following is the list of the restaurants that have been picked for the next 6 months.

Our meeting time will remain 6:00 pm.

February 9

Thai Garden

2735 Harrison Ave NW

Olympia

360-943-6292

March 9

Apollo's Pizza & Pasta

2010 Harrison Ave NW

Olympia

360-750-7444

April 13

Lemon Grass

212 4th Ave W

Olympia

360-705-1832

May 11

Red Bike

4441 Pacific Ave SE

Lacey

360-528-3226

June 8

Saigon Rendezvous

117 5th Ave SW

Olympia

360-352-1989

Remember that there may be changes to these choices in the future.

Let me know if you have questions or comments.

Sue Cordas

360-456-7367

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DONATIONS

From Steve and Mindy McConnell, to the pump house fund in honor of his son's Jake Bar Mitzvah held in Spokane January 22-23.

From Stan and Marjie Finkelstein, to the Kiddush fund in memory of Miriam Finkelstein and to the Pump house in honor of Jared and Joely Finkelstein.

To the Pump house fund from Mimi Silver, Burleigh and Carolyn Cubert, Mike and Brigitte Ellen

From Dan and Lois Roselle, in memory of Dr. Leonard Light.

From Larry and Sharon Perrin, a contribution to CBT in honor of the birth of Stan and Marjie Finkelsteins twin grandchildren Joely and Jared Finkelstein.

From Alan Corwin, a donation in Memory of Robin Corwin's birthday January 28

Donations are always needed. Checks should be made out and mailed to:

Congregation B'nai Torah
CBT Treasurer, P.O. Box 11432
Olympia, WA 98508-1432

Current funds include:

Adult Education Fund, Building Fund, Kiddush Fund, Loan Fund,
Megillah Esther Fund, Memorial Book Fund, Morris Belling Leadership Fund,
Newsletter Fund, Prayer Book Fund, Youth Education

February Yahrzeits

- 17 Shevat ~ February 1: Phyllis Larson, grandmother of Ronda Larson
17 Shevat ~ February 1: Miriam Matlow, sister of Rabbi Jaron Matlow
19 Shevat ~ February 3: Beckie Cubert, grandmother of Burleigh Cubert
24 Shevat ~ February 8: Rose Williams, sister of Betty Tubman
26 Shevat ~ February 10: Richard E. Engel, father of Ric Engel
30 Shevat ~ February 14: Samuel Cohen, father of Edith Rutel
5 Adar ~ February 19: Robert Ellen, father of Mike Ellen
5 Adar ~ February 19: Judith Auster, mother of John Auster
9 Adar ~ February 23: Harry Sahanow, father of Sharon Perrin
9 Adar ~ February 23: Jennie Cordas, mother of Lowell Cordas
11 Adar ~ February 25: Sidney A. Kapner, father of Arlene Kapner
14 Adar ~ February 28: Selma Cohn, grandmother of Alan Corwin
14 Adar ~ February 28: Cecille Silver, mother of Mimi Silver

February Birthdays

4 - David Pierik
5 - Charlie Auster
11 - Arlene Kapner
16 - Lowell Cordas
26 - Carolyn Cubert



Interfaith Works is seeking applicants for the half-time position of Executive Director. The job announcement may be found on Interfaith Works website, www.interfaith-works.org.

Note from one of the Editors.

I was recently reading the Jewish Review, from Portland, and discovered a new to me author. David Michael Slater writes mostly childrens books and is now branching out into teen books, along the lines of Golden Compass and Harry Potter, with a Jewish slant. He lives in Portland and a school teacher there. So if you are looking to buy your child, grandchildren, nieces or nephews a new book series, give him a chance. Currently his books are only available on Amazon.com. The series is called the Sacred Series and the first book is The Book of Nonsense.

If you have Calendar details (or other newsletter info) for March or April please email cbtnuz@live.com

🕎 **FEBRUARY 2010 ~ Shvat/Adar 5770** 🕎

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  <i>Please submit your articles and information to: cbtnuz@live.com</i> | 1 | 2 7:00 pm Sisterhood Meeting hosted by Donna Albert | 3 | 4 7:00 pm Men's Torah Study | 5 3pm Shul Cleanup ~~~~ 7:30 pm Evening Service 🕎 5:02 pm | 6 9:30am Regular Service w/kosher dairy lunch |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Tea & Tsoras 6:00 pm. <i>Thai Garden</i> | 10 | 11 7:00 pm Men's Torah Study | 12 3pm Shul Cleanup ~~~~ 7:30 pm Evening Service 🕎 5:12 pm | 13 Game Night 7:30 pm |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 7:00 pm Men's Torah Study | 19 3pm Shul Cleanup ~~~~ 7:30 pm Evening Service with Rabbi Maslan 🕎 5:23 pm | 20 9:30am Regular Service with Rabbi Maslan w/kosher dairy lunch |
| 21 10:00am Jewish Education: " <i>How the 613 laws apply to you.</i> " with Rabbi Maslan | 22 CBT Nu'z Dead-line | 23 | 24 | 25 7:00 pm Men's Torah Study | 26 3pm Shul Cleanup ~~~~ 🕎 5:34 pm | 27 10:00 am Shabbat Kal w/Kosher Dairy Lunch |
| 28 Purim TBA | | | C | B | T |  <i>Please submit your articles and information to: cbtnuz@live.com</i> |

March services: March. 6th at 9:30 am, March. 12th at 7:30 pm, March 19th at 7:30 pm, March 20th at 9:30 am, March 26th at 10:00 am

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