

CBT Nu'z



Sivan - Tammuz 5769, June 2009 * Congregation B'nai Torah, Olympia, Washington, U.S.A.

July President's Message

As I assume the responsibilities of being the CBT President, there are several acknowledgments that I would like to convey. First and foremost, I think that the entire Congregation owes a strong debt of gratitude to Lowell Cordas for his leadership and “toils in the fields” during his two years as CBT President. During his tenure much was accomplished. We were able to “burn the mortgage” and now own our building free and clear; we were able to secure the services on a part-time basis of Rabbi Bob Maslan, who will continue to serve CBT during the 2009-2010 fiscal year; we’ve seen adoption of an updated CBT Constitution; and we’ve become more active participants in the Olympia Jewish community. Secondly, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that Lowell’s efforts were ably augmented by the other Board members; Penny Wilson (Vice-President), Sharon Perrin (Secretary—who chose not to run for reelection), and Larry Perrin (Treasurer). In addition, many other members pitched in to help CBT to function as a small engaged congregation. I would also like to congratulate Mimi Silver, who was elected Vice President, replacing Penny Wilson, who will now serve as Secretary. Finally, I would like to personally thank Len Albert, our lay leader, whose dulcet tones add significantly to the *kavanah* of our services.

As we move forward, our small “shul in the woods” faces a number of challenges. First and foremost is that of “sustainability”. If we are to survive over the long run we must increase our membership. Collectively we must reach out and encourage others, especially those who are not affiliated, to experience a CBT service. There is probably no better time than the High Holidays in late September. Secondly, even though we’ve paid off the mortgage, we do have financial needs. Those include the probable replacement of the pump house, reupholstering the pews, and continuing to defray the costs of rabbinic services. We will need to increase our financial resources. Third and lastly, we must encourage greater participation amongst our members. While we’ve succeeded most of the time in having a minyan we want to encourage those who are less engaged to become more active.

On a closing note, I perceive of the role of CBT President to be that of the orchestrator of the wishes of the other Board members and the congregants. If you have concerns or wish to serve on a committee please contact me either by phone or email.

I thank all of the members for allowing me to serve as CBT President.

Stan Finkelstein

President

CBT MINUTES - June 4, 2009 Meeting

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

There was no public comment.

Treasurer's Report: See attached.

Lowell will mail out the annual meeting notice. 1. This board recommended approval of the proposed budget for 2009-2010 with careful monitoring. 2. The board recommended considering a professional bookkeeper for next year.

Old Business:

Camperships.

- B. It was moved to create a campership fund that is currently unfunded.
- C. It was recommended that any Jewish youth whose parents are members in good standing receive \$100.00 towards attending camp Solomon Schechter provided that those funds are available. This motion was not passed. It was then moved that the Morris Belling Fund be used as needed for camperships for hardship purposes to Solomon Schechter, provided that those funds are available. This motion was passed.

The board approved providing \$100.00 for Bella Wilson/Pierik towards attending camp.

Rummage Sale: Nothing has been planned to date. Penny felt that the current economic atmosphere does not bode well for rummage sales.

Photo Documentation: Nothing has been done to date. We need to announce this need in the next issue of the CBT Nu'z.

New Business:

At this time the non-profit that has asked CBT for assistance with its Israel Project regarding cattle raising will be rejected. A clothing and blanket drive may be scheduled for a future date coordinated with the Pierce County group.

Community School: After hearing from Catherine Carmel, Beit Sefer director at TBH, it is recommended that the incoming board maintain contact with her and continue to explore avenues for possible community wide schooling. However, given the projected difficulties, long time frame and limited CBT students, the board suggests that future CBT and TBH students focus on activities they can jointly participate in now.

Annual Meeting: The meeting is scheduled for June 21 at 12:30 p.m. The CBT Beit Sefer music students will perform as people arrive (*editor's note: due to a scheduling conflict this performance was cancelled -DP*).

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Perrin

Recording Secretary

CBT ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, June 21, 2009

President Lowell Cordas called the Annual Meeting for Congregation B'nai Torah to order at 12:35 p.m.. Members present were Donna Albert, Len Albert, Sue Cordas, Lowell Cordas, Carolyn Cubert, Burleigh Cubert, Marjie Finkelstein, Stan Finkelstein, Eleanor Gibson, Arlene Kapner, Sharon Perrin, Larry Perrin, David Pierik, Mimi Silver, Penny Wilson and Mike Zorn. Since there was not a quorum, it was moved and approved that the doctrine of necessity be invoked which will allow for the conduct of the business necessary for taking such actions to sustain the operations of the congregation.

Eleanor Gibson read a letter to thank past and current CBT members for the kindness extended to both she and Scott over the last several years.

David Pierik was appointed to be parliamentarian.

Out-going President Lowell Cordas said that although we are a small group, we need to keep cheerleading each other on and to look to the future.

Treasurer Larry Perrin presented the proposed budget of \$33,000.00. Assets are tied up in various funds. There is \$16,925.00 in the Bank of America account that is used to pay the bills. A motion was made, seconded and adopted to accept the proposed budget.

The draft of the revised constitution was discussed. A letter was received from "A member" with a proposal to be added to the constitution. This letter was not accepted. It was moved, seconded and passed that we accept the amended constitution. Lowell Cordas will insert revisions that were discussed at the meeting today and members will receive the revised constitution.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that we continue to employ Rabbi Bob Maslan for an additional year. Rabbi Maslan said that we should be proud of the number of people who attend services. He stated that he is proud to be associated with the congregation.

Lowell Cordas presented the slate of candidates for office for the coming year and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. The slate of officers for next year is: Larry Perrin, treasurer; Penny Wilson, secretary; Mimi Silver, vice president; Stan Finkelstein, President. A motion was made to adopt the slate as proposed. Larry Perrin presented a thank you gift to Lowell for all of his hard work as president for the past two years. Lowell thanked Sue for being there to help him as well.

Stan reported that we have made several important advances over the past two years. The mortgage was paid off. We have hired a part-time rabbi. A major rewrite of the constitution was completed. CBT is more active in the greater Olympia Jewish community. Stan thanked outgoing board secretary Sharon Perrin; Penny Wilson for serving as vice president and becoming the incoming secretary; Larry Perrin for continuing to serve as treasurer along with Jon Auster for record keeping and updating budget records; Penny Wilson and David Pierik for producing the CBT Nu'z; Len Albert for continuing to serve as our lay leader; Marjie Finkelstein for continuing to prepare the membership directory and coordinate the High Holiday Memorial book; Mel Kowal for being our web-master.

The question now is where are we going. The major challenge is sustainability. We need to grow our membership and revenues. We need to re-energize members. The past boards have set a template for CBT and we now need to focus forward.

Discussion followed about getting the word out about CBT to a greater area. Eleanor Gibson suggested more outreach in Grays Harbor. We need to do more publicity in Aberdeen, Westport. David Pierik and Penny

Wilson will work on getting in touch with the *Jewish Review* (Portland).

The fall event was discussed. The speaker has reserved the date for October 25. We need to have a committee to work on this event. There was a discussion about the challenge of meal selection since CBT has only a kosher dairy kitchen. The question was raised about having this event somewhere else. Maybe this event could be held around the time of Chanukah.

Committee Sign Ups:

Sue Cordas will continue to coordinate the kitchen.

Len Albert, Lowell Cordas, Stan Finkelstein and Larry Perrin will continue to clean the synagogue on Friday afternoons.

Len Albert will continue to chair the Ritual Committee and work with Chabad.

There is no representative for the Interfaith Works organization.

Larry Perrin and Jon Auster will continue to work on finance and budget.

Lowell Cordas, David Pierik and Ronda Larson will work on publicity.

Carolyn Cubert will head the Congregation Engagement Working Group/membership.

Tobi Braverman said she would continue to be the Camp Solomon Schechter representative.

Eleanor Gibson said she would begin working on recovering the pews. Lowell Cordas said there are more pressing problems to address—the pump house and septic system alarm. The overhead light in the social hall needs to be replaced.

Mimi Silver talked about her concern for safety and security in the building. A committee will need to be formed to discuss this issue and bring a recommendation to the board.

Bella Wilson is the only student for the coming year. Penny will do a home school program with her. TBH has said that CBT students can attend their Beit Sefer and only have to pay school tuition.

Stan Finkelstein said that he would schedule a board meeting in July and thinks that it will only be necessary for the board to meet every-other-month since much can be done electronically.

Donna Albert brought up the possibility of having a quarterly Friday night potluck dinner in conjunction with the Friday night service when Rabbi Maslan is in Olympia.

Respectfully submitted,

Outgoing Secretary,

Sharon Perrin

SISTERHOOD JULY MEETING

Arlene Kapner is hosting our July Sisterhood meeting on Tuesday, July 7 at 7:30pm at
8313 Camano Loop NE
Lacey, WA 98516
360-455-0180

Hope you can make it! Please RSVP to Arlene at akapner@comcast.net or phone number above. Directions to come by e-mail. She lives in Jubilee so please try to carpool. Hope to see you there!

Thanks,

Donna Albert

Hi All,

This is a letter to thank the individual who paid for John's memorial plaque and to the entire congregation of CBT for all of the many kindnesses you have given to Scott and me over the last several years.

When John and I each had surgery in the same month (June 1997) you came through with an incredible amount of help, physically, (food) mentally and emotionally. I feel that your help had a lot to do with me surviving cancer and John his second brain surgery.

When John was diagnosed as terminal on Thanksgiving Day and died on Dec. 1, 2001 you came through when I was a basket case. Then just 30 days later when Johnathon died we were all in shock but the congregation and Jeffery Trinnin managed to hold us all together and get what had to be done done.

Your kindness, warmth, generosity, and thoughtfulness are what has kept us afloat and me sane.

Len & Donna, offering to take the boys.

The carload of groceries that Donna & Pam delivered that lasted us more than 3 months.

The soap, shampoo, deodorant from Mildred that lasted 2 years.

The graves from John & Jonathon.

Perrins paying for Bar Mitzvah training.

It goes on and on... Thank you.

Eleanor Gibson

Honey Ginger Grilled Salmon (Serves 4)

Ingredients: 1 teaspoon [ground ginger](#), 1 teaspoon [garlic powder](#), 1/3 cup [reduced sodium soy sauce](#), 1/3 cup orange juice, 1/4 cup [honey](#), 1 [green onion](#), chopped, 1 1/2 lbs [salmon fillets](#)

Directions:

1. In a large self-closing plastic bag, combine first six ingredients; mix well.
2. Place salmon in bag and seal tightly.
3. Turn bag gently to distribute marinade.
4. Refrigerate 15 minutes or up to 30 minutes for stronger flavor; turn occasionally.
5. Lightly grease grill rack.
6. Preheat grill to medium heat.
7. Remove salmon from marinade; reserve the marinade.
8. Grill 12-15 minutes per inch of thickness or until fish flakes easily with a fork.
9. Brush with reserved marinade up until the last 5 minutes of cooking time.
10. Discard leftover marinade.

--From *Recipezaar.com*

TEA & TSORAS

Following is the list of the restaurants that have been picked for the next 6 months.
Our meeting time will remain 6:00 pm.

July 14 - Budd Bay Cafe
525 N Columbia St., Olympia * 360-357-6963

August 11 - Fuji Japanese Steak House
7914 Martin Way E., Olympia * 360-459-4499

September 8 - Mangano's Ristorante
9323 Martin Way E., Lacey * 360-456-2212

October 13 - Chili Thai
823 Lacey Blvd. SE. #A., Lacey * 360-438-8823

November 10 - Mercato
111 Market St NE., Olympia * 360-528-3663

December 8 - Shanghai Chinese Restaurant
4418 6th Ave SE., Lacey * 360-456-4278

Remember that there may be changes to these choices in the future.
Let me know if you have questions or comments.

Sue Cordas

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To be placed on our mailing list or to receive membership information, please contact Carolyn Cubert
at (360) 459-3572

DONATIONS

Mildred Parker in memory of Leon Parker

Sharon and Larry Perrin in memory of Robin Corwin

An anonymous donation to the Morris Belling Leadership fund to be used to send a CBT child to Camp Solomon Schechter.

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

Congregation B'nai Torah
CBT Treasurer, P.O. Box 11432
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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

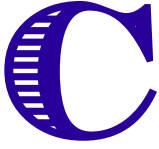
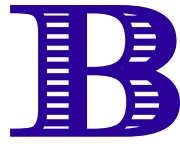
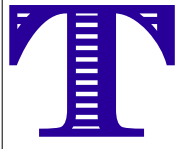

July Yarhzeits

- 11 Tammuz ~ July 3: Paul Tubman, husband of Betty Tubman
- 12 Tammuz ~ July 4: Annie Hildebrandt grandmother of Laurie Elgin
- 17 Tammuz ~ July 9: Sally Miley, mother of Donna Albert
- 17 Tammuz ~ July 9: Ruth Seigel, sister of Paul Tubman
- 19 Tammuz ~ July 11: Isaak Finkelstein, father of Stan Finkelstein
- 21 Tammuz ~ July 13: Bessie Wisenberg, mother of Dorothy Levinson
- 26 Tammuz ~ July 18: Esther Cubert, mother of Burleigh Cubert
- 3 Av ~ July 24: Kalman ben Moishe, father of Tobi Braverman
- 6 Av ~ July 27: Rubin ben Avram, father of Jerry Braverman
- 7 Av ~ July 28: Nathan Silver, father of Mimi Silver
- 7 Av ~ July 28: Alvin Wisneberg, brother of Dorothy Levinson

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

- July 3 – Molly Vallario Birthday
- July 4 – Len and Donna Albert Anniversary
- July 17 – Jon Auster and Carrie Margolin Anniversary
- July 20 – Bill Jolly Birthday
- July 30 – Donna Albert Birthday

* **JULY 2009 ~ TAMMUZ-AV 5769** *

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Canada Day</i>	2 7:00 pm Men's Torah Study	3 3pm Shul Cleanup 7:50 pm	4 <i>U.S. Independence Day</i> 9:30am Regular Service w/kosher dairy lunch
5	6	7 7:30 pm Sisterhood Meeting hosted by Arlene Kapner	8	9 <i>Fast of 17th of Tammuz</i> 7:00 pm Men's Torah Study	10 3pm Shul Cleanup ~~~~ 7:30 pm Evening Service 7:46 pm	11
12	13	14 Tea & Tsoras 6:00 pm. Budd Bay Cafe	15	16 7:00 pm Men's Torah Study	17 3pm Shul Cleanup ~~~~ 7:30 pm Evening Service with Rabbi Maslan 7:41 pm	18 <i>Birkat Hahodesh</i> 9:30am Regular Service with Rabbi Maslan w/kosher dairy lunch
19	20 CBT NU'Z DEAD- LINE	21	22 <i>Rosh Hodesh Av</i>	23 7:00 pm Men's Torah Study	24 3pm Shul Cleanup 7:34 pm	25 <i>Shabbat Hazon</i> 10:00 am Shabbat Kal w/Kosher Dairy Lunch
26	27	28	29 <i>Erev Tisha B'Av fast begins at sundown</i>	30 <i>Fast of Tisha B'Av</i> 7:00 pm Men's Torah Study	31 3pm Shul Cleanup 7:25 pm	 <i>Please submit your articles and information to: cbtnuz@live .com</i>

August services: Aug. 1st at 9:30 am, Aug. 7th at 7:30 pm, Aug. 14th at 7:30 pm, Aug. 15th at 9:30 am,
Aug. 22th at 10:00 am, Aug. 29 at 9:30 am

If you have Calendar details for August or September please email cbtnuz@live.com by July 9.

Kids Make The Darndest Jokes About The Bible (Authentic)

In the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis, G-d got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.

Noah built an ark, which the animals come on to in pears.

Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.

Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten ammendments.

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada.

Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.

David fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Joke On How Lost We Are

Morris and Esther, an elderly Jewish couple, are sitting together on an airplane flying to the Far East. Over the public address system, the Captain announces:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I am afraid I have some very bad news. Our engines have ceased functioning, and this plane will be going down momentarily. Luckily, I see an island below us that should be able to accommodate our landing. This island appears to be uncharted; I am unable to find it on our maps. So the odds are that we will never be rescued and will have to live on the island for a very long time, if not for the rest of our lives."

A few minutes later the plane lands safely, whereupon Morris turns to his wife and asks, "Esther, did we pay our pledge to the Yeshiva yet?"

"No Morris!" she responded.

Morris smiles, then asks, "Esther, did we pay our UJA pledge?"

"Oh no, I forgot to send the check!!"

Now Morris laughs.

Esther asks Morris, "So what are you smiling and laughing about?"

Morris responds, "They'll find us!!"

--from jewishpath.org

The 17th day in the Jewish month of Tammuz, Jews the world over fast and lament to commemorate the many calamities that have befallen our people on this ominous day.

The purpose of such fasts in the Jewish calendar is, according to Rabbi Eliyahu Kitov's Book of Our Heritage, "to awaken hearts towards repentance through recalling our forefathers' misdeeds; misdeeds which led to calamities..."

Rosh Chodesh Av is the [Yahrzeit of Aharon HaKohen](#). It is the only Yahrzeit mentioned in the Torah. It is recorded, not in Parshat Chukat where we read of Aharon's passing, but in Mas'ei - which we read on the Shabbat closest to Rosh Chodesh Av.

Rosh Chodesh is Rosh Chodesh. It is a joyous and hopeful commemoration of the Beit HaMikdash, not only its destruction. Notwithstanding the mournful nature of the first third of Av, we must keep in mind that after the 10th of the month, the consolation and promise for a brighter future takes over.

Five misfortunes befell our fathers ... on the ninth of Av. ...On the ninth of Av it was decreed that our fathers should not enter the [Promised] Land, the Temple was destroyed the first and second time, Bethar was captured and the city [Jerusalem] was ploughed up. -[Mishnah](#) Ta'anit 4:6

--From Internet sources

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