



CBT Nu'z



*Iyar ~ Sivan 5769, May 2009 * Congregation B'nai Torah, Olympia, Washington, U.S.A.*

May President's Letter:

Dear Members and Friends,

Yesterday was one of those days that come along infrequently, but one that really gave me *naches*. First, we had a nice service combined with Chabad and those who wished were able to say the Yizkor prayer because, for the first time in a long time, there was a minyan in this town on a weekday holiday. And, our presence was greatly appreciated and acknowledged by Rabbi Edelman of Chabad. I want to thank our members who set aside their differences with Chabad in order to make this a true community event. Then, later in the day, I received a nice email from Rabbi Goldstein of TBH. First, and thankfully, his operation was successful and he will be back to work by the 20th of April. In addition, Rabbi Goldstein sent us the announcement of the community wide Yom Hashoah celebration on Monday evening the 20th of April at 7:30 pm whose announcement you have already received. Combining that with our ongoing effort to create a community wide South Sound Jewish Bulletin Board, the very capable leadership of Donna in guiding the Joint Sisterhood this year, the cooperation of Dan Miller at QFC in providing kosher food and some preliminary but very promising movement toward the possibility of a community wide approach to our youth's Jewish education; one can see the truth of the old saying that a rising tide raises all ships.

Please take every opportunity to build our greater Jewish community by attending other institutions' events. At the same time you can be an ambassador for CBT, an emissary to our greater Jewish community. When the opportunity presents itself, you will be able to present our message to others respectfully. As the community goes, so will we. As the community grows, so will we.

--Lowell

BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be on May 4th at 7:00 pm at CBT. All are welcome. Public comments will be taken at beginning of the meeting.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Brad Smith for the long-term loan of the painting "Praying at the Wall" and for donating a number of books to our library.

Thanks to Rhonda for monitoring our message phone and for recording our monthly message.

Thanks to Lois, Dan, Stan, Sue, Tobi, Lowell and Len for cleaning the Shul prior to Pesach.

REVISIONS TO OUR CBT CONSTITUTION

In the early part of May, all members in good standing will receive by surface mail and email a copy of the revised constitution that our By Laws Committee has worked on diligently. There are many changes driven by the need to address the challenges of conflict resolution, lines of communication and responsibility. Please review the document carefully and mark Sunday June 21st on your calendar for this important vote.

THE GRASS IS GROWING

It's that time of year and lawn-mowing volunteers are needed. We should mow the hand mowed areas about every two weeks to keep the work at its easiest. The first mowing has already occurred. I will be contacting all able bodied mower pushers to sign you up to a couple of dates until the grass growth slows in the latter part of summer. And, hint, hint, if Jimmy wants to make a little spending money, I think that can be accommodated.

GET YOUR CAMP ON! Do you know any incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders who would like to receive up to \$1800 for Jewish summer camp? The Foundation for Jewish Camp's JWest Campership Program provides incentives to first-time campers, who are not enrolled at Jewish day schools, to attend Camp Solomon Schechter, Camp Young Judaea West, Sephardic Adventure Camp, or one of 17 other non-profit Jewish residential camps throughout Western North America. The incentives are not need-based, so anyone can apply. To make the deal even sweeter, JWest will fund a return to camp the summer of 2010 (up to \$1000)! To learn more or to apply, visit **www.onehappycamper.org**. If you have friends or relatives who meet the eligibility requirements, please help us spread the word! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Michele Yanow at 206-708-7518 or email her at myanow@jewishcamp.org.

OUR MAY 27th SPEAKER; RABBI JAMES LEBEAU

Rabbi LeBeau is the Director of the United Synagogue Fuchsberg Center for Conservative Judaism, the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. He will speak to us about their program as well as the many opportunities for adults to participate. Rabbi and Carol Maslan have done so and are enthusiastic supporters. He will also take questions about, and discuss, the general situation in Israel today. Due to incomplete travel plans, the time of the lecture is a bit uncertain. Likely it will either start at 7 or 7:30 pm. Watch your emails for an announcement of the correct time and it is possible that the date may be changed to the Tuesday just before. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

MUSICAL EVENT IN OLYMPIA

From: Beth Cohen <batcatbc@yahoo.com>
To: slcordas@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2009 10:01:42 AM
Subject: Music of Qadim playing at Evergreen College

Shalom,

I would like to introduce you to a music group that is using their music to create a mission of peace, create a cultural bridge between the many Middle Eastern cultures and the west, and between Middle Eastern religious and ethnic groups.

They will be playing at The Recital Hall at Evergreen College May 20, 2009 and would like your help in promoting this event to anyone you come in contact with in order to fill the Hall and make this a successful and joyous event.

I have attached a Press Release which you can post and a card showing who they are with a description of their music.

To listen:

<http://www.qadimmusic.com>

<http://cdbaby.com/cd/eliyahu2>

Thank you in advance and if you have any other ideas about how to promote this event please let me know.

Best, Beth

Beth Cohen
411 45th St
Oakland, CA. 94609
(510) 597-1084

TEA & TSORAS

This is our next meeting for Tea and Tsoras. We will meet at 6 pm. The restaurant is in the same shopping center as our last meeting at Farelli's.

May 12: Souru Teriyaki
4820 Yelm Highway SE, Lacey, 360-413-1200

--Sue Cordas, slcordas@yahoo.com, 360-456-7367

CHEVRA KADISHA

The annual 7 Adar dinner was held at Temple Beth Hatfiloh recently to honor members of the greater Olympia Jewish community who are involved in the Chevra Kadisha (Jewish burial society). There were representatives of Congregation B'nai Torah, Temple Beth Hatfiloh, and Chabad at this event.

There has been some discussion about how to expand the leadership of the group as well as encourage others to become involved. The women and men maintain separate lists of volunteers for Tahara (ritual preparation of the deceased). Since this is an all volunteer project, we need input and planning from all members of the community regardless of affiliation.

There is a mock Tahara planned for Monday evening, April 27, 2009 at Funeral Alternatives in Lacey. Training for women will begin at 5:30 pm. and training for men will begin at 6:30 pm.

If you have any questions please contact CBT members Len or Donna Albert at 357-9719, Larry or Sharon Perrin at 866-0862, or TBH members Sheri Gerson at 786-0843 or Jeffrey Trinin at 357-9423.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Our annual Board Meeting will be held on June 21, 2009 at 12:30 pm. We will be voting on the new Constitution and Officers. Please attend and be heard.

Minutes of the Jewish Community Bulletin Board most recent meeting:

Dear Members,

Here are the thoughts expressed in Monday's meeting:

Present: Andy Mauer and Lisa Sobel of Temple Beth El, Rabbi Edelman of Chabad of Olympia, Karen Bloustine of Hadassah and Lowell Cordas of Congregation B'nai Torah in Olympia.

1. The working name for the website, after much discussion, remains Jewish in South Sound.
2. The Home Page title will say Jewish in South Sound and Beyond
3. The descriptive paragraph for the home page will read:

"Jewish South Sound and Beyond is designed for one stop access to everything Jewish in South Puget Sound and beyond."

4. The Home Page will feature these links: Synagogues, Social Organizations, Youth Programs, Adult Programs, Family Programs, Other Jewish Organizations, College Connection, Kosher, Seattle Federation, Calendar

Within each link there will be sub links to each component. ***Right now, please verify with me your organizations address, phone, email, FAX and website address.*** Access to entering information onto this site will be password controlled.

5. There will be either a scrolling or scrollable calendar on the right side of the page featuring highlights of the month.
6. There will be, based on space available, a map of the service area for this website.
7. Rabbi Edelman has a member who has offered to design the website with this input and is able to host it at no charge. (He is in the web business) Lisa made the point that all expenditures will have to be approved by the various boards.

Our next meeting will occur once more progress has been made on the site design by our outside professional.

Submitted by:

--*Lowell Cordas*

4-21-09

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

SHAVUOT SERVICE SCHEDULE

We will have morning services on both days of Shavuot (May 29 & 30) beginning at 9:30am. There will be a Yizkor service on Saturday May 30th. Shavuot is the holiday of dairy eats. Who knows, maybe we can talk someone into making blintzes this year?

CBT GALA DINNER POSTPONED

Our Spring event encountered too few ticket sales to meet our goals for fund raising and community exposure. Instead, it will become our Fall Kickoff Event following the High Holidays. It is now scheduled for the same time on Sunday Oct. 25th. This will give us more time to publicize the event and to generate more ticket sales. This means that everyone needs to sell at least one ticket in order to double our ticket sales and make this a successful event. In the meantime, menu suggestions are welcome as I heard from many how much they dislike Borscht.

The congregation wishes Eleanor Gibson a refuah shlema (speedy recovery) on her recent surgery.

Donations

From Dan and Lois Roselle, a contribution to the Kiddush fund.

From Stan and Marjie Finkelstein, a contribution to the Kiddush fund

From Alan Corwin, a donation to the Morris Belling Leadership fund in memory of the Yarzheits of Fannie Kossis (Alan's grandmother) and Alexander Corwin (Alan's father).

From Eleanor Gibson, to the Building fund in memory of her daughter, Shoshana-Vesta

Yarzheits

6 Iyar ~ April 30: **Annie Singer**, mother of Betty Tubman

15 Iyar ~ May 9: **Lisa Anne Corwin**, daughter of Alan and Robin Corwin

17 Iyar ~ May 11: **Frank Arnol Echols**, brother of Eleanor Gibson

18 Iyar ~ May 12: **Chaya bat Shmuel haLevi**, mother of Len Albert

19 Iyar ~ May 13: **Steven Hartmann**, brother of Gary Hartmann

20 Iyar ~ May 14: **Marc R. Mandler**, husband of Kate Mandler, father of Sam Mandler

23 Iyar ~ May 17: **Muriel Hartman**, grandmother of Laurie Elgin

25 Iyar ~ May 19: **Vesta (Shoshana) Fewel**, daughter of Eleanor Gibson

1 Sivan ~ May 24: **Nathan Perrin**, father of Larry Perrin

7 Sivan ~ May 30: **Hortense Ellen**, mother of Mike Ellen

8 Sivan ~ May 31: **Robert Hartmann**, father of Gary Hartmann

May Birthdays:

2 Len Albert

6 Mike Zorn

8 Lois Roselle

18 Cheryl Boldt

30 Jon Auster

D O N A T I O N S

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

Thank you for your donations.

Recipe for a nice dairy dessert for Shavuot:

BUBBIE BOBBIE'S CHEESECAKE

CRUST:

- 18 graham crackers
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter

Crush graham crackers.

Melt butter.

Mix ingredients together, and spread on bottom and sides of 8x11-inch baking pan.

Put in refrigerator.

CAKE:

- 3 8-oz. packages cream cheese - at room temperature
- 5 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Mash the softened cream cheese in a bowl.

Add eggs into bowl, one at a time, mixing well after each egg.

Add sugar and vanilla into bowl.

Pour the cheese mixture onto the crust.

Bake at 375-degrees for metal pan, or 350 for pyrex - for 40 minutes.

TOPPING:

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 cups (16 oz.) sour cream

Mix ingredients together, and spread over baked cake.

Bake at 475-degrees for metal pan, or 450 for pyrex - for 5 minutes.

--From Aish.com

Here's another recipe for Shavuot:

Mushroom Cheese Blintzes

BATTER

1 Recipe Classic
Cheese Blintzes Batter

FILLING

3 Tbsps. margarine
1 large onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 pounds mushrooms, sliced
1/4 cup diced green pepper (optional)
3 Tbsps. flour
1 cup milk
1/2 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. basil
1 pound mozzarella or
Monterey jack cheese, grated

USE: 7 inch skillet

10 inch skillet

YIELDS: 12 blintzes

TO ASSEMBLE CREPES:

1. Prepare batter and filling of your choice. Using a paper towel or basting brush, apply a thin coating of oil to a 7 inch skillet. Place skillet over medium heat until skillet is hot but not smoking.
2. Ladle approximately 1/3 cup of batter into the skillet. Tilt pan to swirl the batter so it covers the bottom of the skillet.
3. Fry on one side until small air bubbles form, and top is set. Bottom should be golden brown. When done, carefully loosen edges of crepe and slip out of skillet onto a plate..
4. Repeat the above procedure until all the batter is used. Grease the skillet as needed..
5. Turn each crepe so that golden brown side is up. Place 3 tablespoons of filling on one edge in a 2 1/2 inch long by 1-inch wide mound..
6. Roll once to cover filling. Fold the sides into the center and continue rolling until completely closed.
7. Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in the skillet and place each crepe seam side down in the skillet and fry 2 minutes on each side, turning once.

FILLING:

Melt margarine in a 10 inch skillet and saute onion, garlic, mushrooms, and green pepper, if used, for 10 to 15 minutes. Add flour and stir. Slowly add milk while stirring; add salt, pepper, and basil. Cook, stirring, over low heat until mixture thickens. Stir in cheese. Once thick, set aside.

TO ASSEMBLE:

Fill and fry.

--From Chabad.org

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
C	B	T		<p><i>Please submit your articles and information to:</i></p> <p>cbtnuz@live.com</p>	<p>1</p> <p>3pm Shul Cleanup</p> <p>🕒 8:03pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30am Regular Service w/kosher dairy lunch</p>
<p>3</p> <p>9:30 – 12:00 Religious School</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 pm Board Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Sisterhood meeting</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>7:00pm Men's Torah Study –</p>	<p>8</p> <p>3pm Shul Cleanup</p> <p>~~~~</p> <p>7:30pm Evening Service</p> <p>🕒 8:12 pm</p>	9
<p>10</p> <p>No School Happy Mothers Day</p>	11	<p>12</p> <p>Tea & Tsofas 6:00 pm Souru Teriyaki</p>	<p>13</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>CBT Nu'z Deadline</p> </div>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00pm Men's Torah Study ---</p>	<p>15</p> <p>3pm Shul Cleanup</p> <p>~~~~</p> <p>7:30pm Evening Service with Rabbi Maslan</p> <p>🕒 8:21 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30am Regular Service with Rabbi Maslan w/kosher dairy lunch</p> <p>~~~~</p> <p>7:30pm Havdalah and Game night</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:30 – 12:00 Religious School</p>	18	19	20	<p>21</p> <p>7:00pm Men's Torah Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>3pm Shul Cleanup</p> <p>🕒 8:30 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00am Shabbat Kal w/Kosher Dairy Lunch</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:30 – 12:00 Religious School</p> <hr/> <p>31</p> <p>9:30-12:00 Religious School</p>	25	26	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 pm Speaker Rabbi James LeBeau</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Erev Shavuot</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Shavuot Service 9:30 am</p> <p>🕒 8:37 pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30am Yizkor Service w/kosher dairy lunch</p>

June services

June 6th at 9:30 am
June 20th at 9:30 am

June 12th at 7:30 pm
June 27th at 9:30 am

June 19th at 7:30 pm
June 21th special morning program tba

MAY RABBI'S WEEKEND

Rabbi Maslan will be with us the weekend of May 15 -17. Friday night services will be held at 7:30pm. Saturday morning services begin at 9:30 am followed by lunch and learning with Bob. Saturday night we will have another game evening followed by Havdalah. Scoring will be a bit unique as it will still be Shabbat and writing is prohibited. Our Rabbi is always available for individual consultation. Please call him to schedule a time over the weekend.

Olympia Jewish Sisterhood

Our May 5th meeting is scheduled for Myra Paul's (253-514-8194) at 5426 138th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA, 98332. As I send this notice to the newsletters, Myra is just back in town from the East Coast where the joy of celebrating the arrival of a grandchild was unfortunately coupled with the death of a family member. Our thoughts and prayers are with Myra and her family during this difficult time. She indicates she still plans to host the meeting but in case that should change, please watch for an e-mail reminder and directions to Myra's (or wherever the meeting lands). To join the Olympia Jewish Sisterhood e-mail list contact Donna Albert DonnaLen@aol.com or 357-9719.

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