

CBT Nu'z



Heshvan-Kislev 5770, November 2009 * Congregation B'nai Torah, Olympia, Washington, U.S.A.

November President's Message

The “Global” Jewish Community *Far Eastern Russia?*

As some of you may be aware, I recently had the opportunity to travel to Khabarovsk, Russia, a city of 600,000 30 miles from China and 450 miles from Vladivostok. The purpose of my trip was to provide training seminars to Russian city officials. Much to my surprise I discovered that Khabarovsk has a thriving Jewish community, and an array of Jewish services that any comparable sized community would be proud of. Why I found this surprising is that under Communism, the only “acceptable” religious practice was that of the Russian Orthodox Church. Other religious practices and houses of worship were not allowed. Now, with Perestroika all of that has changed. Broader religious observances have become acceptable, and the new Chabad synagogue in Khabarovsk is a strong testament to the vibrant Jewish community in that far eastern Russian city. Khabarovsk also draws its congregants from the autonomous Jewish Zone set up by Stalin in the 1930's where almost 2,500 Jews still live.

The Khabarovsk Chabad synagogue, completed this past September, is a truly beautiful building. It is 3 stories, with the first being a large social hall; the second housing the sanctuary; and the 3rd floor being primarily a balcony housing the *mekhitza*. The building is constructed of red brick and white columns, and surrounded by a wrought iron security gate. Unfortunately, security is a major problem and the synagogue is continually guarded by private security personnel. This synagogue provides not only religious services, but it also has an array of adult and youth programs, and a summer camp.

As a visitor to what one might consider a rather remote and desolate part of Russia, I felt “connected” knowing that in Khabarovsk, more than 6,000 miles from Olympia, there were fellow Jews whom I could rely on should anything go awry.

Other Happenings

All is going along well at CBT. We completed a very successful high holy days, and have begun the new Torah reading cycle. We will be asking congregants to assist us in our services by preparing and delivering a drash. Those interested should contact me or Len Albert. If we don't have enough volunteers, we may have to invoke a “selective service” system.

Additionally, the Shabbat Kal service is being transitioned into a “learners” minyan, and those who wish to participate in leading services may do so. Others are still encouraged to attend the Shabbat Kal service – with no obligations attached thereto.

Stan Finkelstein

President

SISTERHOOD MEETING

for Tuesday, November 3rd has been cancelled.

Note from the Editors

As some of you already know, we have been very sick at our house. We apologize for the newsletter size this month. We hope to have some favorite Hannukah recipes next month. Please email us with any of your favorites.

Thank you
Dave and Penny

Tea and Tsoaras

Since we had to eliminate one restaurant that had closed, each of the next restaurants have moved up a month. We will be going to Passage to India on December 8 to finish the six month cycle.

November 10

Shanghai Chinese Restaurant
4418 6th Ave SE
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Contact me for more information or questions.

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THANK YOU FOR FILLING THE FOOD BANK BARREL

Thank you to all those who brought food for the Food Bank. We did fill the barrel and it was well appreciated by their (the food bank's) staff.

Thank you to:

Our Sukkah builders and removers: Larry, Len, Lowell, Burleigh, Jon, Sharon, Sue, Manny and Moe. Our monthly cooks: Edith, Carolyn, Sue and Tobi. Our "Cholentmeister" Larry Perrin who is now up to five variations.

Thank you Mel

Thank you Mel Kowal for your continued work on the website.

DONATIONS

From Ed and Naomi Obie In honor of the birth of Shara Eve Coltoff, granddaughter of Larry and Sharon Perrin and Abby, the daughter of Lowell and Sue Cordas, upon her marriage.

From Dan and Lois Roselle, a donation to the Kiddush fund, and donations to the General Fund in honor of the births of Shara Eve Coltoff, granddaughter of Sharon and Larry Perrin, and Shayna Ruthie Walker, granddaughter of Carol and Bill Jolly

From Dorothy Levinson, a donation in memory of her father, Solomon Wisenberg and grandmother, Sarah Mindel.

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

November Yahrzeits

- 15 Heshvan ~ November 2: Doreen Miley Holder, sister of Donna Albert
17 Heshvan ~ November 4: Morris Belling, Founder
22 Heshvan ~ November 9: August B Hartmann, grandfather Laurie Elgin
22 Heshvan ~ November 9: Sarah Mindel, Grandmother of Dorothy Levinson
9 Kislev ~ November 26: Janet Corwin, mother of Alan Corwin

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- November 5 -- Sue Cordas Birthday
November 15 -- Eleanor Gibson Birthday
November 23 -- Cindy Engel Birthday
November 27 -- Rabbi Jaron Matlow Birthday
November 28 -- Penny Wilson Birthday

CELEBRATION OF THANKS – CELEBRATION OF GIVING

Interfaith Works 26th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration will take place at Temple Beth Hatfiloh on Sunday, November 22, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Through words and music, presenters from many spiritual traditions will express gratitude for the gifts we have received, and will reflect on ways we might respond in giving. Gifts given through the free will offering will be shared with the Interfaith Works and Thurston County Food Bank.

Children are welcome at this interfaith celebration. Presentations are short and varied, and the program will be followed by a reception with light refreshments and the chance to meet friends old and new. Please come and invite your friends and family.

Music of Remembrance presents: *Cantillations*, A Chamber Music Concert in commemoration of *Kristallnacht*

7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov 9, 2009

6:45 p.m. Meet the Composer: Gigi Yellen interviews Paul Schoenfield

Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall, Benaroya Hall, Seattle

Tickets: \$36 | 206-365-7770 | www.musicofremembrance.org

MOR presents a program of present-day and Holocaust-era music. *Cantillations*, by Israeli-born Ofer Ben-Amots, blends traditional cantorial styles with contemporary musical effects. Paul Schoenfield's *Sparks of Glory* inspires us with stories of spiritual courage. We'll hear works by Czech composer Pavel Haas, and by two composers – Sándor Vándor and László Weiner – who faced Nazi persecution in Hungary. Soprano Megan Hart, a Seattle Opera Young Artist, joins us for Yiddish art songs by the masterful Ukrainian composer Lazar Weiner

Is There Something in Judaism

You've Been Wanting to Learn?

- * How to read Hebrew?
- * How to lead a Prayer?
- * How to chant from the Torah?
- * Judaism 101? (or 202, 303, etc. etc. etc)
- * Are you interested in becoming Jewish?


RABBI Jaron Matlow *There's always more to learn
Jewishly!*

If you are interested in these or any other learning projects,
I would be honored to be your teacher. Please be in touch,
and we can discuss details such as learning plan, dates/times,
materials, etc. All I ask is that you WANT TO LEARN
(and if you can, pay me a fee you think you is reasonable).

Please contact my by e-mail or phone at:

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🕎 **November 2009-Heshvan-Kislev 5770** 🕎

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Balfour Day Board Meeting 7pm	3 Election Day	4	5 7:00 pm Men's Torah Study	6 3pm Shul Cleanup ~~~~ 🕎🕎 4:24pm	7 9:30am Regular Service w/kosher dairy lunch
8	9 Kristallnacht Remembrance	10 Tea & Tsoras 6:00 pm. Shanghai Chinese Restaurant	11 Veteran's Day, Canadian Remembrance Day	12 7:00 pm Men's Torah Study	13 3pm Shul Cleanup ~~~~ 7:30 pm Evening Service 🕎🕎 4:15 pm	14 Birkat Hahodesh
15	16	17 Rosh Hodesh Kislev	18 Rosh Hodesh Kislev	19 7:00 pm Men's Torah Study	20 3pm Shul Cleanup ~~~~ 7:30 pm Evening Service with Rabbi Maslan 🕎🕎 4:07 pm	21 9:30am Regular Service with Rabbi Maslan w/kosher dairy lunch
22	23	24	25 CBT NU'Z DEAD-LINE	26 Thanksgiving Day 7:00 pm Men's Torah Study	27 3pm Shul Cleanup ~~~~ 🕎🕎 4:02 pm	28 10:00 am Shabbat Kal w/Kosher Dairy Lunch
29 Yahrzeit Solomon Schechter UN Israel Partition Day	30		 <i>Please submit your articles and information to:</i> cbtnuz@live.com	C	B	T

Dec. Services: Dec. 5th at 9:30 am, Dec. 11th at 7:30 pm, Dec. 18th at 7:30 pm, Dec. 19th at 9:30 am, Dec. 26th at 10:00 am

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