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As 2017 starts and we say goodbye to another year, it's a great time to reflect on CBT's accomplishments.

In 2016, we ...

- Grew from 48 family units to 60, a 21% increase!
- We saw the renovation of the Rabbi's Office, which emerged out of the remnants of a men's restroom into a beautiful office suitable of her position. We're also happy to announce that the renovation was completely paid for by the generosity of the congregation and a contribution from WPC. Once again, we recognize Jesse Kallweit for leading this project and seeing it from just an idea to a wonderful reality.

Religious School ...

- Grew from 12 students to 25! Amazing!
- Saw Ethan Hendricks and Halli Rose become bar/bat mitzvahs.
- Saw the return of Stacey Jessen as our once a month kindergarten and pre-K class teacher.
- We now have four teachers, where several years ago we only had enough students for two.

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High Holy Days

- Diane Firestone coordinated another wonderful series of High Holy Days services
- We were blessed with the extraordinary vocal talents of Jon Fisher
- Despite buying more HHD machzorim, we still ran out of books. While this may seem like a negative, it highlights our growth and the ever-increasing number of visitors we attract. The purchase of more books is already in process, and wouldn't it be amazing if we ran out again next year?

Board of Trustees and Officers

- Saw a transition in the Treasurer and Bookkeeper roles from Lee Hakim and Sharie Habegger, to Golda Sheets and DeeAnn Failing respectively.
- We are always seeking members to attend a Board meeting and learn more about how CBT operates.

Several incredible events including:

- The introduction of outdoor evening services
- The success and continuation of the once a month family service
- The healthy-latke making event
- The Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Moskowitz attracted 37 attendees.

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Festival of the Trees

On February 12th we held a Tu B'Shevat seder . Tu B'Shevat is the Festival of the Trees and you are supposed to partake of the seven different species. wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. We've done this in a small way before but this year Joann planned an all out event. The adults met for the first hour for an interesting talk by the Rabbi.while the children planted miniature terrariums in the garden. Then the adults and children all met in Nickles Hall while the Rabbi read her favorite Tu B'Shevat story - and then we all were invited to eat some of each of the seven species.

Home made chalah for the wheat, barley pudding, white and red grape juice, figgy pudding, pomegranate salad, green and black olives and stuffed dates.

In addition you are supposed to try a fruit of vegetable you have not tasted before. Diane went to every exotic fruit and vegetable market and came up with a dozen which she chopped and sliced so everyone could have a taste. Between students, parents and guests there were 60 people in attendance and it looked like all had a good time.



CBT is Green

We strive to be green and environmentally-conscious wherever and whenever possible. We have taken several initiatives to reduce waste including e-Communications, re-usable cups and plates and/or compostables for our onegs, and recycling. We thank **Hazon** for their grant and generous support in helping us meet our environmental goals.



Dear B'nai Torah Family-

On behalf Rev Linda Cheek, the Confirmation class, and me, we would like to say a huge Thank You for making us feel so welcome. Reverend Linda said it was one of the most fun times she has had attending a Jewish service (and she has attended a fair amount throughout her ministry). Your kids made our kids feel right at home. I especially liked the way they all sat together after the service. During our Sunday meeting, the confirmation group thought it might be fun to get together with your youth again for some fun and games.

At Good Shepherd we always say "All means ALL." We include everyone of different backgrounds, cultures, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and the list can go on from there. We especially liked seeing the words in your Ark reflect what we also believe for humanity. Your youth was very poised and mature when helping along with the service. I wish them all the best as they prepare for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. I know you are so proud of the young adults they are becoming.

Thank you again for your hospitality! If there is anything we could ever do here at Good Shepherd for you, please let us know!

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Volunteer Spotlight

When I sat down to write this article, I looked back at the volunteers we've highlighted in the past. I can't believe we've missed acknowledging this person for so long. This newsletter's volunteer spotlight falls on Jessica Rothman.

There's so much to say, but introductions probably aren't necessary. EVERYONE at CBT knows her. She is likely the first person you've met when walking in the door. She's always smiling and engaging our guests, ensuring that they feel welcome. If someone is sitting alone at services, Jessica will sit next to them. That's just the kind of person she is.

Jessica has been B'nai Torah's secretary since July 2014, but that's only a small portion of her contributions. She is always working on programming ideas and events that bring the community together. She introduced the Movement and Meditation sessions during the High Holy Days, and implemented the New and Prospective Members luncheon that has evolved into our Rabbi Lunch and Learn sessions. If there's an activity or CBT program that you've enjoyed, Jessica has likely had a hand in making it happen.

She is truly a sweetheart, and has a beautiful spirit. It's an understatement to say that we appreciate and love her. Simply put, our congregation would not be the same without her and our community is far richer for people like her. You honor us with your tireless efforts and for everything you do, we thank you wholeheartedly.

Thank You!



Birthdays

March

Hal Levison 3/1
Mike Metlay 3/6
Bev Dudridge 3/9
Lyric Martin 3/12
Todd Doleshal 3/16
Jerry Failing 3/18
Aneesha Parrone 3/22
Sarah Hendricks 3/24
Rabbi Anat 3/24
Marla Bender 3/24
Cat Palmer 3/28
Tyler Hartman 3/31
Aydia Kaplan 3/31

April

Lee Hakim 4/1
Sean Thorne 4/5
Marsha Corn 4/6
Max Guerra 4/7
David Thorne 4/10
Abe Weiss 4/14
Rebecca White 4/19
Adrienne Jacobi 4/19
Jill Kingen 4/21
Doris Weiss 4/26
Robert Barclay 4/27
Ilene Raynes 4/28

Anniversaries

Karen Hartman & Evan Siegle 4/2
Michael & Nimita Weiss 4/10
Doris & Abe Weiss 4/11
Susan & Steven Scruggs 4/17
Erin & Robert Barclay 4/29

Yahrzeits

Joshua Brodsky 3/8
Jacob Fireston 3/9
David Brown 3/11
Anita Perkins 3/16
Morris Singerman 3/17
Jerry Fear 4/11
David Freedman 4/12
Ann Handler 4/12
Nettie Farkas 4/14
Peter Traub 4/15
Tom Parrone 4/22
Rose Hoffman 4/30
Pearl Tabachnik
Irving Solomon



Cooking Corner

Fish Cakes

1/4 cup finely chopped onions
1/4 cup finely chopped red peppers
3 Tbsp. oil, divided
1 lb. mild whitefish fillets, steamed, flaked
1/4 cup matzo meal
3 Tbsp. KRAFT Real Mayo Mayonnaise, divided
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh parsley
1 tsp. salt
1/4 cup BREAKSTONE'S Sour Cream
2 tsp. fresh lemon juice

Cook onions and peppers in 1 Tbsp. oil in large skillet 3 min. or until crisp-tender; cool completely. Place in medium bowl. Add fish, matzo meal, 1 Tbsp. mayo, egg, parsley and salt; mix until well blended. Shape into 24 small cakes, using about 1 Tbsp. fish mixture for each cake. Place in single layer on large tray or baking sheet; cover. Refrigerate 15 min. or until firm.

Meanwhile, combine remaining mayo, sour cream and lemon juice; cover. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Heat remaining oil in large nonstick skillet. Add fish cakes, in batches; cook 2 min. on each side or until golden brown on both sides, turning carefully. Serve with sour cream sauce.

Recipe Courtesy of Kraftrecipes.com



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