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Russia Hacks Blintzapalooza Computer Network

By Bart Kochleffle, Chief Short Schrift Political Correspondent

TBH has learned that hackers associated with the Russian Government may have infiltrated the Blintzapalooza computer network, severely compromising the information stored within the server, which is stored in Blintzapalooza organizer Hannah "G. Gordon" Lidman's basement.

"At first, it just seemed like the network was running slower," said Lidman, "but then other things started happening that made it seem that something more nefarious was at hand."

For example, Lidman said, when she generated a report about the charitable beneficiaries of this year's event, the report read that the beneficiaries were the Russian-American Friendship League, the "No Nukes is Good Nukes" Foundation, and the Seattle chapter of the Vladimir Putin Fan Club.

Sources seem to indicate that the Russian hackers may have received help from within the committee itself, and an internal investigation has begun. While no charges have been filed, sources confirm that suspicions are resting on Oscar Swill, a long time member of the planning committee. Swill's recent behavior has raised concern, most notably the fact that Swill, who usually coordinates the placement of the Blintzapalooza banner on Capitol Way, included the password to the network along with the usual information about date and time.

Are You Even Reading This?

By Rabbi Seth Goldfinger

"And God said to Moses, proclaim to the people my word, so that they shall hear and be uplifted. For my words are important, since they are recited in a deep, resonant voice." (Exodus 78:3-4)

Each week I put hours and hours into studying obscure Jewish sources in order to bring you relevant and scholarly words of Torah. Each word is carefully selected and refined in order to bring you a meaningful message.

But why bother. Are you even reading? I bet you stopped reading after the Torah quote. You just think, oh no, here he goes again. Quoting Torah or some such.

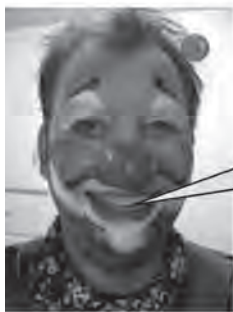
Ok, fine, here is a test. If you've made it this far I will give you a dollar. Maybe I should do that with all my sermons. Or better yet, I'll ask you questions about it to see if you are really thinking, and offer some good prizes. If you make it to the end, there will be an even better incentive, which will be so amazing that you will always read to (continued on page 56)

PURIM 2017!!!



**It's the Annual
Purim Fair
& Megillah
Reading**

**Games! Craft making!
Eat Pizza (by donation)!
World famous Purim Piñata!
Hamantaschen
Reading of story of Purim
in Hebrew and English!
Bring Your Most Creative Noisemaker!
Costume Parade (Kids and Adults!)
Kid Jokes! And (as always) More!**



**I'm Jusby the Clown! I'll
be there with some pie
in the face!**



*Here's an idea: bring a box of Mac and Cheese for
your noisemaker, then donate it to the Food Bank!*

**Saturday, March 11, 2017
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Temple Beth Hatfiloh Social Hall**

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Blintzapalooza Turns 29!



It's time again for another round of those cheesy pillows of goodness, along with a bagel and a shmeer, topped with smoke-kissed gold from the sea.

And it's time again to replenish your library and fill out your reading list.

And it's time again to take your bubbe's recipe box from the shelf and this year to flip through until you find that lokshen (noodle) kugel she made every Rosh Hashana – or maybe it was the potato kugel she made at Pesach – that will rekindle geshmacht childhood memories and wow the Kugel Bake-Off judges.

If your bubbe (nonna, oma, safta, etc.) did not give you a recipe box and you would like to learn how to make a kugel, examples will be provided, and a cooking class held, featuring kugel mavens Elizabeth Seigel and Cathy Wasserman, March 8th at 7:00 pm at the Temple.

It's hard to believe for some of us, but Blintzapalooza was born back in 1988. She's old enough to be finishing up a cardiology residency at UW Hospital – which is of course the specialty most associated with our annual celebration and community fundraiser.

This year we will be closing in on \$150,000 dollars raised over the years to meet the needs of the Olympia and Thurston County community. Along with an annual gift to Interfaith Works, the proceeds of the annual event have gone to dozens of other local groups that feed, house, educate, and provide support to the marginalized and those in crisis.

This year the recipients will be: CIELO of Olympia, which provides educational, counseling and advocacy services to the Latino community of the South Sound; the League of Women Voters of Thurston County, which promotes a knowledgeable and informed electorate; the Thurston County Teen Council of Planned Parenthood that provides peer sexuality education, focusing issues such as healthy relationships, diversity, and risk reduction; and the Nisqually Land Trust which purchases, creates and protects wild lands within the Nisqually watershed to protect and preserve a healthy river ecosystem and a sustainable fishery.

See you there! *Barnett Kalikow*

BLINTZAPALOOZA: THE FACTS

What: Blintzapalooza annual celebration and fund raiser featuring blintzes and bagels with (or without) cream cheese and lox.

What Else: Massive Book Sale

Even More: Kugel Cook-off. Kugel is noodle, potato or other carb-packed baked pudding or casserole.

Kugel Judges: Abbie Rose of Bagel Brothers; Jeremy Schwartz of San Francisco Bakery; and Lisa David of Nineveh Food Truck and Catering.

When: Sunday, March 26
10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Where: Temple Beth Hatfiloh
201 8th Ave SE in downtown Olympia

Volunteer: We still need help in the book sort on March 19 starting at 1:00 P.M. upstairs in the classroom building. Contact Tikva Glantz at tikvaglantz@gmail.com to volunteer. We also need cleanup help the day of the event at 2:00 pm. Contact Karen Farber at kpf555@gmail.com.

NORTHWEST RECONSTRUCTIONIST SHABBATON IS HAPPENING IN OLYMPIA, MAY 5-7

From President Laura Schragger

It's hard for me to believe that the long awaited Shabbaton is just around the corner! Trust me, despite the snow, the bulbs are showing us that it will be May soon.

The Shabbaton is, amazingly, going to be right here in Olympia, at Camp Solomon Schechter. The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College is sending two of their most respected teachers to join with Reconstructionist Rabbis from around the Northwest to lead us in learning, prayer, song, and fun. Learn about Jewish mysticism from one of America's leading scholars of Kabbalah, and hear about changing ideas of God, Torah, and Israel from a gifted teacher. The weekend will be a great chance to meet like-minded people from around the Northwest and to eat, to dance, and to schmooze. And, because we're the host congregation, you can choose to sleep at the camp or in your own cozy bed at home.

Sign up by March 10th and you'll still get the early registration discount. So far there are about 80 people signed up to attend. Check your calendar and sign up now. To learn more and register, go to Pacific Northwest Shabbaton website at www.jewishrecon.org/events/pnw-retreat.

Someone recently remarked to me that we have more activities than her parents' Reform congregation of 2,000 families. Maybe she's exaggerating, but March is certainly a busy month for us. On March 4th, we'll be showing *Image Before My Eyes* at 7:00 pm, a stunning commemoration of Jewish life using home movies shot in Poland before World War II. The Rabbi and three TBH members will lead a discussion on issues related to death and dying at 1:30pm the following day. Next up is the Shabbat Salon, on Friday, March 10th, with Reverend Paul Benz from the Faith Action Network. At the end of Shabbat, we get to act wild and crazy as we celebrate Purim at 6pm. The next weekend, the Zaslows visit from Ashland, with Rabbi David Zaslows leading Shabbat morning services at 11am on March 18th, followed by storyteller Debra Zaslows sharing Jewish tales at 7pm. On Sunday, Rabbi David Zaslows will be speaking about Exodus at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and The Great Book Sort takes place at TBH. On Sunday, March 26th, we have our grand celebration of Jewish food and tzedakah: Blintzapalooza. We close out the month, on Friday, March 31st, with a lay-led floor service at 7:30 pm.

Hope to see you soon.

MARCH EREV SHABBAT SERVICES

Erev Shabbat services on
March 3rd and 31st
will be at 7:30 pm.

All other services will be at 6 pm.

March 3	7:30 pm	Choir service, Oneg following
March 10	6:00 pm	Shabbat Salon
March 17	6:00 pm	Family service, Potluck following
March 24	6:00 pm	Service with "Shabbat at Home"
March 31	7:30 pm	Lay-led service, Potluck oneg

MARCH SHABBAT DAY ACTIVITIES

JEWISH WITH MEANING

1st Saturday, March 4, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

We will gather at 10:30 for food, ritual, experience, and discussion as we connect with our tradition on a deep level. All are welcome to join us. Those who are so moved will have the opportunity to create a Purim mask.

TORAH STUDY

2nd Saturday, March 11, 10:00 am

Prayer and study are equally holy activities; and we will do both. We'll share a snack and study the Torah together. All are invited. No experience is necessary!

MUSSAR MORNING & SERVICE

3rd Saturday, March 18

Mussar 9:30 am, Service 11:00 am

Mussar is the Jewish school of thought which seeks to root personal character development and right behavior in Jewish tradition and text. This month join us for a one hour service and Torah study with Rabbi David Zaslav.

TALMUD STUDY

4th Saturday, March 25, 9:30 am

The Talmud is a compendium of law and lore that is the basis on which biblical interpretation and contemporary Jewish practice rest. Rabbi Seth will lead us as we dive deep into this complex and fascinating text.

BE A GREETER!

From Rabbi Seth Goldstein

In the spirit of welcoming and providing a secure environment for our congregation, we are announcing the new TBH Greeter Corps for Erev Shabbat. Beginning in April, two greeters will be assigned to each Erev Shabbat service as a means of providing a more welcoming spirit to our members and guests, to help those who attend services with basic needs and to keep an eye and ear on our most precious resources: you. Greeters will be on hand before and/or after services to help facilitate a great Shabbat experience for all. The Greeter Corps stems from an initiative of the Safety Committee, Ritual Committee, the Board and the Rabbi.

The greeters will have a training in greeting best practices and safety techniques, as well as a "job description" and check-list. But for now, its just time for recruitment! If you are interested in being an Erev Shabbat greeter, please be in touch with the Rabbi at rabbi@bethhatfiloh.org or Caroline at tbh@bethhatfiloh.org. Anyone can be a greeter, you do not need to be a regular attendee of Erev Shabbat services. With a goal of creating a list of 30 greeters (!) the commitment would be to greet once a quarter.

Thank you for being a part of our growing inclusive community!

MARCH EVENTS

WEEKLY EVENT: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

This political advocacy group is focused on issue advocacy and communicating with lawmakers. We meet to discuss current events and identify various political actions to take. It is open to members and friends of the Jewish community. Bring your information and your concerns. Kvetching allowed. We also have an email list to help keep you up to date. The sign up list is on the MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD bulletin board outside the offices.

FILM SERIES: *Image Before My Eyes (1981)* Saturday, March 4, 7:00 pm

A stunning commemoration of Jewish life before World War II, paying homage to the dynamic and vibrant society of 3.5 million Polish Jews. *Image Before My Eyes* film draws on the sacred and rare artifacts of a crushed world -- home movies, forgotten song recordings, and the evocative memories of survivors -- to recreate Jewish Poland. (91 min, English and Yiddish) PDF flyer

Dying Happens, Let's Talk Sunday, March 5, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Please join us for an initial two-hour discussion to explore issues before, during and after death, including a range of Jewish perspectives related to these topics. Identify vital decisions relevant to you and those you care about. This event is intended for TBH members, families and friends from the wider community. The event will be held in the TBH Social Hall and be facilitated by Sherwin Cotler, Sheri Mila Gerson, Rabbi Seth Goldstein, and Hilarie Hauptman. RSVP by March 2nd to Caroline at tbh@bethhatfiloh.org.

SENIOR SCHMOOZE

Tuesday, March 7, 12:00 pm

The topic for the is 'Why do most American Jews vote Democratic.' Dessert provided. The presenter is Russ Lidman. If you want to see a slide showing 100 years of Jewish voting, 1916-2016, you'll just have to come to Schmooze.

SHABBAT SALON

Friday, March 10, 6:00 pm

Join us for our monthly Shabbat Salon. In March, our guest speaker is guest speaker Rev. Paul Benz from the Faith



Action Network. He will speak on interfaith advocacy for social justice in Washington state. We will begin with a full Shabbat service at 6:00 pm followed by a catered dinner and speaker in the Social Hall at 7:00 pm. To register, e-mail tbh@bethhatfiloh.org. You can also sign up and pay for dinner on our event page!

PURIM CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 11, 6:00 pm

Join us for our annual Purim celebration marking the events of the book of Esther when the Jews were saved from a nefarious plot and we have a party to remember it! Food, crafts, games, music, the famous Purim Pinata and the reading of the megillah! Come in costume!



THURSTON COUNTY FOOD BANK

Tuesday, March 14, 3:30 pm
2260 Mottman Road SW, Tumwater

Join us on the second Tuesday of March as we fill bags at the Tumwater branch of the Thurston County Food Bank. The FORKids program provides a weekend bag of food to over 2,000 elementary and middle school children in Tumwater, Lacey and Olympia. Questions? Contact Elie Halpern at (360) 357-8160 or ehalpern@aol.com.

RABBI DAVID ZASLOW Saturday, March 18, 11:00 am



Following Morning Mussar at TBH, join Rabbi David for a one-hour service and Torah study. Rabbi David's service will feature some of the inspiring prayers and songs from our Saturday morning service along with a look at the Torah portion of the week. He will call everyone up to the Torah for a special aliyah with a demonstration of what he calls Slow Torah. He'll layn (chant) just a few lines from the week's Torah portion and unpack the amazing metaphors that sit beneath the simple meaning of the words. On Sunday, March 19, Rabbi David will give an interfaith presentation at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard at 2:00 pm. Download the PDF flyer for more information on both events.

MARCH EVENTS CONTINUED

WISE WOMEN, PROPHETS, FOOLS, & RABBIS

Saturday, March 18, 7:00 pm



Join us for an evening of Jewish wisdom tales, Yiddish folktales, Hasidic stories, and legends from around the world.

Come meet peasants, wise women, prophets, rabbis, and holy fool found in our rich tradition of Jewish stories. This event is free and open to the public. Open the PDF flyer for more information.

BOOK GROUP:

The Grammar of God – Aviya Kushner

Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 pm

For readers of Bruce Feiler's *Walking the Bible* and Kathleen Norris's *The Cloister Walk* comes a powerful exploration of the Bible in translation. (228 pp.) Contact: Karen Greene at ekgisrael@gmail.com.

BLINTZAPALOOZA

Sunday, March 26

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Invite your family, friends and colleagues to join us for blintzes, bagels, and books!

ADVANCING IN HEBREW

Wednesday, March 29

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

This seminar-type gathering will work on advancing Hebrew knowledge, including grammar and roots. Contact Rabbi Seth at rabbi@bethhatfiloh.org if you want to know if this class is right for you. Held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, we are meeting on Wednesday only in March.

From TBH Committees

TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE



On Purim we celebrate Vashti, who stood up to the King, and Esther, who risked her life to save her people.

On Passover we celebrate the midwives Shifrah and Puah who defied the Pharaoh's order and Miriam who led her people to freedom. We celebrate these women by supporting women in need today.

From March 1st to April 14th, the TBH Tikkun Olam Committee is holding a Purim to Passover Product Drive to support the YWCA Other Bank. Please bring the

following products to TBH and place them in one of the marked blue bins:

menstrual products, dish soap, laundry soap, deodorant, shaving cream, shampoo and conditioner.



FORKids UPDATE

Valentine's Day was celebrated by eight TBH volunteers who showed up at the Tumwater branch of the Thurston County Food Bank to put together bags of food given out weekly in the elementary and middle schools in North Thurston, Olympia and Tumwater school district. Kudos to Rabbi Seth Goldstein, Erez Goldstein, Paul Paroff, Laura Hurtado-Webb, Bernie Friedman, Selah Hirsch and Stacy Hirsch. Our two newest volunteers, Paul Paroff and Laura Hurtado-Webb, both expressed their interest in doing this monthly on the second Tuesday of each month. Paul expressed the feelings of all of the volunteers as follows: "To have so much fun doing a good thing is marvelous."

Selah Hirsch and Stacy Hirsch also provided each of the volunteers with a healthy lollipop and Valentine's greetings. We bagged for less than an hour and a half. We look forward to all people willing to volunteer, including children, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and friends. It is on the second Tuesday of each month, and we will again be doing it on March 14 from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Tumwater branch of the Thurston County food bank.

FROM CATHERINE CARMEL: FAMILY LIFE AND LEARNING DIRECTOR



Shalom y'all,
Sometimes I struggle to express why we spend time in Beit Sefer working on experiences that don't result in specific, demonstrable learning. Why spend time thinking about

what a prayer means if kids can't remember exactly how it goes? I recently ran across a statement, attributed to Rebbitzin Dena Weinberg: "Torah is not education. It's transformation."

Ironically, as an educator I thought, 'Yes!...oh wait NOT education?' Of course, Torah is education, but it's not JUST education. It's not just memorization and regurgitation. It's not just teaching kids certain skills. As Jewish educators, we want to do more. We want to shape our students' character and identity. We want to influence the lens they use to see the world. We are not thinking just about what they know or what they can do, but who they are.

The point of engaging in Torah study is to be transformed by the experience. We learn Torah to become better people - better Jews. What that means is inherently specific to each individual, but without time to explore it; our students may leave their Jewish lens at the synagogue. So we explore what it means to live Jewishly and we hope our students will have the comfort to carry their Jewish lens throughout their lives.

Here's a note from Rabbi Seth, who teaches the Alim class:

The Alim class continues to explore Jewish spirituality through the prayer service, but less through learning the "how to" than by exploring the themes underlying the prayers. As we are doing through the year, we are

examining the themes of the prayers then doing a craft or a project that highlights the meaning.

If you come to the second floor of the classroom wing of the building you will see nature themed art that is projected on the walls when the sun shines, reminding us of the cycle of light and dark and the seasons contained within "Yotzer Or." On the bulletin board we made a map of connections among the class that teaches us about love and relationship of "Ahavat Olam." The students made their own tzitzit and mezuzot, two different "reminders" found within the Shema which are meant to remind us of the themes of covenant and One-ness.



We are about to embark on an exploration of the themes of the Amidah, the standing silent prayer. And we begin each time together with mindfulness meditation, to train ourselves to slow down, be open to spiritual experience and to train our minds to look beyond what we might see right in front of us.

It's a big and lively group and I am enjoying spending the time exploring with them all!

L'shalom,

Catherine

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

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APRIL CALENDAR PREVIEW



Film Series: *Havana Curveball (2014)*
Saturday, April 1 at 7:00 pm

Senior Schmooze
Tuesday, April 7 at 12:00 pm

Shabbat Salon
Friday, April 14 at 6:00 pm
Filmmaker and director Lisa Hurwitz
will discuss her documentary.

SAVE THE DATE:
Community Seder
Saturday, April 11
More details to come soon - watch the
weekly e-news. Tickets will be available
for purchase mid March!

**Book Club: *The Reader* by
*Bernhardt Schlink***
Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm

Happy Birthday, Yom Huledet Sameach

2	Lynn Grotzky	20	Camille Kettel
3	Linda Peckler	20	Erin Littauer
8	Russell Lidman	22	Mary de Jesus
9	Catherine Carmel	22	Doreen Garcia
11	Debra Glasser	22	Felicia Hanig
12	Marvin Max	22	Amy Newman
15	Samuel Barer	23	Angela Santamaria
15	Lori Kishimoto	24	Rebekah Zinn
15	Bruce Silverman	29	Howard Goldberg
15	Bert Trobman	30	Lynne Alfasso
17	Jeff Bean	30	Karen Farber
17	Tikva Glantz	30	Harriet Trobman
18	Gerald Fay	31	Brian Boyd
19	Cliff Glantz		

Thank You Volunteers!

Friday Night Oneg Hosts: **Gail Pollock and Orna Karlin**
FORKids Volunteers: **Rabbi Seth Goldstein, Erez Goldstein,
Paul Paroff, Laura Hurtado-Webb, Bernie Friedman,
Selah Hirsch, and Stacy Hirsch**
Kitchen Organization: **Two Angels...You know who you are**
Book Sorting: **Robert Perretz-Rosales and Tikva Glantz**
Facility Maintenance: **Ariel Adereth**
Database: **Judith Barnes**
Torah Study Lunch: **Howard Goldberg (January) and
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Senior Schmooze Host & Presenter: **Bernie Friedman and
Charles Shelan**
Mezuzah Class: **Leslie Goldstein**

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MARCH YAHRZEITS

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 James A. Bamberger | 10 Tommy Roth | 17 Lawrence Strasberg |
| 2 Mildred Frank | 11 Jim Wolfhagen | 18 Joan Greene |
| 5 Bernard Henry Adelson | 12 Yenta Rome | 19 Sadao Kishimoto |
| 5 Sam Alfasso | 13 Rose Ferber | 20 Hyman Posner |
| 6 Raymond Franklin | 13 Dorothy Peckler | 21 John Jerry Neff |
| 7 William Greenberg | 14 Marion Perretz | 23 Marion Denitz |
| 7 Harry Sahanow | 15 Cyrus David Goldberg | 25 Richard Bamberger |
| 8 Herman Klotz | 15 Mitchell Mandenberg | 25 Bernard Silverman |
| 9 Joan Hittle | 15 Leonard Ostrer | 27 Bali Goldberg |
| 9 Gretchen Neff | 17 Zangwill Freed | 30 Elizabeth Brocha |

These names will be read from the bimah at Shabbat services before and after the yahrzeit.

Bold type denotes those inscribed on a plaque on our Memorial Wall.

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