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UB 018 Jüd datsangiin örgöö in Gandan Monastery (UB 01)

Tögs tsogt nuuts tarnii ikh amgalant oron

Tibetan name: *rgyud grwa-tshang*

English name: Tantric monastic school

Data provider: N. Biz'yaa, the head of the temple

Before 1938 the *Jüd datsan* or Tantric *datsan* was situated in Züün Khüree. (See Rinchen 910 for information about the old temple.)

NOTE in 2011: A new temple building for Jüd datsan has been built on the site of the old yurt-shaped temple, and houses several new sculptures.

The tradition was revived in 1998 on the initiative of Gurudeva rinpoche (a highly esteemed lama originally from Inner-Mongolian who contributed greatly to the revival, restoration and re-opening of temples in Mongolia) and Yo. Amgalan, the vice abbot of Gandan. Today, *Jüd datsan* is situated in a yurt on the left of the building which houses the Zanabazar University as well as the offices of the abbot and other high-ranking lamas and officers. The leader (with the rank of *dorj lowon*) of the temple is N. Biz'yaa, who studied in Zuunmod and *Züün Khüree Dashchoilin* monastery in Mongolia, Sera (Tib. *se-ra*) and Ganden (*Gandan*, Tib. *dga'-ldan*) monasteries in India. He is connected to an old lama, Ts. Dorj (1901-2007) who was in the old *Jüd datsan*. He is currently a lama in *Dashchoinkhorlin* monastery in Zuunmod and Biz'yaa lama is trying to revive the *Jüd datsan* tradition based on the information gleaned from the memories of this old monk. At present five other adult lamas belong to the temple and study there. There are no other ranked lamas in the temple. About 20 young novices belonging to the temple are being trained in chanting and translating, and, especially, in Tantric studies.

The three main protectors of the *datsan* are the three main tantric deities of the Gelukpa tradition, namely *Sandui* (Tib. *gsang-'dus*, Skr. Guhyasamaja), *Demchig* (Tib. *bde-mchog*, Skr. Chakrasamvara) and *Jigjid* (Tib. *'jigs-byed*, Skr. Bhairava, epithet of Yamantaka) who are known as *Sandejig süm* (Tib. *gsang bde 'jigs gsum*) being a summary name consisting of the first syllables of their names.

Daily chanting is held between 7.00-8.30am when the text *Sandejig süm* is recited. Each afternoon between 1.00 and 2.00pm a shorter version of *Sanduin jüd* (Tib. *gsang-'dus rgyud*, Guhyasamaja tantra) is read while on the 15th of every month it is recited in full.

A large sculpture of *Sandui* with his consort can be seen in the middle of the yurt temple in a glass box. On the altar there are the statue of Buddha, a thangka of *Demchig*, small thangkas of *Janraiseg*, *Manal* and *Manzshir* (Tib. *'jam-dpal / 'jam-(dpal)- dbyangs*, Skr. Manjushri). The three main protectors of the temple can be seen in another picture.

Next to the yurt-temple there is another yurt belonging to *Jüd datsan*, which is where astrology is practiced.

In 2005 the building of a permanent *Jüd datsan* was started behind the University, although only the base had been dug. Fundraising is still being done from a yurt to the south-east of *Janraiseg* temple.