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OCTOBER Calendar of Events

Monday, October 1

6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew (cont.)**

Thursday, October 4

6:30 p.m.: MAJCO planning meeting

Friday, October 5

6:00 p.m.: Erev Shabbat & Sukkot service, followed by dairy potluck

Saturday, October 6

10:00 am: Torah study, par. V'zot Habrachah**

6:00 p.m.: IHN Cardboard Box City (see articles on p.4)

Sunday, October 7

3:00 p.m.: Board meeting

Monday, October 8

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Block. Topic: Simchat Torah**

6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew** (cont.)

7:30 p.m.: Beginning Adult Hebrew** (if sufficient interest)

Tuesday, October 9

7:00 p.m.: Adult Ed: Judaism** (see announcement)

Friday, October 12

7:30 p.m.: Erev Shabbat service

Saturday, October 13

10:00 a.m.: Liturgy study**

10:30 a.m.: Shabbat morning & Simchat Torah service & no-host lunch

Sunday, October 14

10:00 a.m.: Religious School***

10:00 a.m.: Sukkah tear-down

Monday, October 15

6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew** (cont.)

7:30 p.m.: Beginning Adult Hebrew**

Tuesday, October 16

7:00 p.m.: Adult Ed: Judaism**

Friday-Sunday, 10/19-21

MAJCO Shabbaton at CBA!

Friday, October 19

6:30 p.m.: Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by potluck oneg

Saturday, October 20

10:00 am: Shabbat morning service

Monday, October 22

6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew** (cont.)

7:30 p.m.: Beginning Adult Hebrew**

Tuesday, October 23

7:00 p.m.: Adult Ed: Judaism

Monday, October 29

6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew** (cont.)

7:30 p.m.: Beginning Adult Hebrew**

Tuesday, October 30

5:30 p.m.: IHN volunteers at Good Shepherd

****Liturgy Study, Torah Study & Adult Ed are open to CBA members and those who have received prior approval by Rabbi Block.**

*****Religious school requires preregistration and membership in CBA.**

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The Rabbi's Column

When I arrived in Billings just over two years ago, I was struck by two aspects of Jewish life here. First, this is a great community – a big tent that feels like family. Second, this congregational family is quite isolated from the larger Jewish community. The nearest Jewish community is another small congregation in Bozeman, 140 miles away. And when we want to partake in the delights of urban Jewish life, we have to travel at least as far as Denver.

Happily, a few months after my arrival in Billings, I learned how our community has answered the issue of Jewish isolation. Once a year, the Jewish communities of Montana gather for a Shabbaton. My first year, I experienced the warmth and excitement of meeting Jews from across Montana when we gathered in Bozeman. Children as well as adults enjoyed the high energy in the group as we prayed, studied, ate, danced, and of course, talked away the weekend. Last summer, we met outside Kalispell and experienced the beauty of Glacier National Park as we celebrated Shabbat. At both Shabbatons, we welcomed rabbis from outside Montana who enlivened our worship and study.

This year, MAJCO comes to Billings. Diane Kersten, chair of the event, and Shabbaton committee members Al Page, Tricia Williams, Rondel Smith, Merry Prestridge, and Brian Schnitzer

Special Shabbaton Shabbat Service and Oneg

CBA is hosting this year's MAJCO Shabbaton on Friday, October 19-Sunday, October 21.

Our out-of-town guests, some coming from as far as Missoula and the Flathead, will arrive before Shabbat begins, and we will welcome them at services at 6:30 p.m., followed by a congregational potluck (dairy compatible). CBA will provide challah, wine and juice, coffee and tea.

I don't know how many times I've heard the expression "at CBA, we do food well." And we do! We always take seriously the food we bring to onegs and

Thank You to the Perlman's!

We offer a heartfelt "thank you" to Jerry and Roberta Perlman for hosting our August Torah Study again this year. Our discussion of Va'etchanan on August 4 was lively, the views from

have been working hard for many months to create a fabulous weekend. The theme of our Shabbaton is "Preserving Torah – Nourishment for Jewish Mind, Body & Soul." Sofer Neil Yerman, whose visit last April we recall with delight, will return to Billings for the Shabbaton and will present sessions on Scribal Arts and Preserving the Torah; Sandy Voit from Seattle will lead us in discussions about Strengthening our Congregations and Protecting Our Sacred Space; and Sonia Chessin of Missoula will teach Israeli dance. Services on Friday evening and Shabbat morning will be led by Rabbi Ed Stafman of Bozeman and me, and there will be a morning hike on Saturday before the morning service. And of course, we will enjoy great food and conversation.

There is truly something for everyone at this Shabbaton. This is an opportunity for us to enjoy being among the larger Montana Jewish community. It is also a time to show them what a great congregation we are!

I look forward to seeing you there!

L'shalom,
Rabbi Barbara L. Block

P.S. If you haven't yet sent in your registration form, please do so now!

other celebrations, so let's welcome our guests with a Shabbat oneg that acknowledges the distance they have travelled to be with us.

We hope to see you there. Remember that this is a regular Shabbat service, and all are welcome. You may hear from me as I estimate how many congregants to expect. Please email me (the CBA directory has my email address) or call me at 248-6352 if you have any questions.

Tricia Williams
(food coordinator for the Shabbaton)

the Perlman's mountaintop home were spectacular, and the refreshments provided afterwards by Jerry and Roberta were superb. Thank you so much for your generous hospitality!



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*The deadline for submitting items for the November Temple Tablet is **Thursday, October 25**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.*

Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, Oct. 5	6:28 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 12	6:15 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 19	6:03 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 26	5:51 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 2	5:40 p.m.

Torah Portions for October

10/6: V'zot Habracha
10/13: Bereshit Pent. Gen. 1:1-6:8; Pr. Isa. 42:5-43:10
10/20: Noach Pent. Gen. 6:9-11:32; Num. 28:9-15; Pr. Isa. 66:1-24
10/27: Lech Lecha Pent. Gen. 12:1-17:27; Pr. Isa. 40:27-41:16

Donations

In honor of

*Don & Ellen Alweis's anniversary and Sheldon Alweis's engagement, by Janet Swadden

In memory of

*Charles Barer, by Shoshana Barer

New Year's Greetings

Don & Carol Roberts
 Al Page
 Rondel Smith
 Rabbi Barbara Block
 Greta Block
 Robert & Sandy Sukin
 Lori Pelatt
 Mary Lou Wall
 Gary & Sheila Donner
 Gail Grossman
 Joel & Elaine Ziskind
 Diane Kersten
 Don & Ellen Alweis & family
 Andy & Heather Rio
 Brian Schnitzer
 Aaron & Melissa Propp



Last Call for Religious School!

This is the last call for registration for Religious School for 2012-13. Your registration form and fees are due now! Please contact Wendy Magid if you have not already done so and you have a child you want to enroll. Please note that membership

in Congregation Beth Aaron is required for enrollment in Religious School. If you are not yet a member of CBA, please contact the CBA office for membership information. We look forward to a great year!

New Year's Greetings

Congregation Beth Aaron is, as in previous years, accepting New Year's Greetings support from all those wishing to contribute. (Unfortunately, the lack of earlier information was my oversight.) Your greetings for this new year of 5773 will be acknowledged in November's *Temple Tablet*, which means they can be sent in up to mid-October.

Contributions may be mailed to Beth Aaron or given to a member of your Board of Directors, identifiable by their nifty blue name-tags. We hope to pool this year's fund with last year's fund and purchase for the synagogue its first matching set of tableware in recent history!

Brian Schnitzer

Change in Security at CBA

Beginning in October, we will be upgrading our security system for the building. During this process, we will eliminate our old access codes, which means that they will no longer work after the changeover. If you currently have an

old access code and need to get a new one, please contact Al Page by October 1. If we do not hear from you, your code will become inactive. Thanks for helping in this change.

Al Page

CBA and IHN

Congregation Beth Aaron has been cooperating with Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (located at 1108 24th St. W) in providing volunteers to help Interfaith Hospitality Network fulfill its mission of helping homeless families achieve and sustain independence. This means that volunteers spend time with children and their parents, providing

dinner approximately twice every three months for families given temporary shelter by IHN.

CBA volunteers typically take Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Upcoming host weeks are Oct. 28-Nov. 3, 2012; Jan. 20-26, 2013; and April 14-20, 2013.

If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Nyd Kraushaar.

Member News

*The warmest of welcomes to new members **Melanie** and **Frank Cavalieri**, who just moved to Billings; to the **Meadows-Tamboulian** family from Bowman, ND, comprising **David** and **Shira**, Shira's mother **Jean Tamboulian**,

and children **Lucas** and **Sarah**; and to **David** and **Melissa Freedman**, from Miles City, and their children **Joel**, **Emily**, **Danielle**, and **Gabriel**.

*Sincere condolences to **Roberta Perlman** on the death of her brother, Michael Wright.

Yahrzeits

In Jewish custom, the yahrzeit is the anniversary of a loved one's death according to the *Hebrew* calendar. The Hebrew date comes first; the civil date follows (and varies by year).

Tishrei

16 (Oct 2): Louis Gold, grandfather of Brian Schnitzer

17 (Oct 3): Yetta Niss, founding member of CBA

22 (Oct 8): Milt Cohen, father of Ellen Alweis

25 (Oct 11): Rebecca Cohen, grandmother of Ellen Alweis

26 (Oct 12): Joe Alweis, grandfather of Don Alweis

Paddy Theodore Perlmann, brother of Thelma Lakier

Cheshvan

1 (Oct 17): Honey Kramer, mother of Steve Kramer

Sophie Parkans, grandmother of Bob Nemer

8 (Oct 24): David Greenstein, grandmother of Sandy Sukin

16 (Nov 1): Mildred Kraushaar, mother of Alan Kraushaar

17 (Nov 2): Les Alweis, father of Don Alweis, grandfather of Sheldon Alweis

19 (Nov 4): Joe Sax, grandfather of Marc Blum

20 (Nov 5): Berthe Perlmann, mother of Thelma Lakier

Ted Fahrenwald, father of Roxanne Fahrenwald

21 (Nov 6): Irving Sanders, father of Jeff Sanders

October 2012

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
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28	29	30	31			
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Some Personal Thoughts on Attending a Montana Shabbaton

Together with a core group of CBA members, I've attended several Shabbatons across Montana since 2000. This will be the third Shabbaton that CBA has hosted during that period.

Why do I go? I went with a sense of curiosity to my first Shabbaton. I met other Jews from each of the congregations around the state and started lasting friendships. Over the years, I found that all of the congregations in Montana work a little differently, but that they have shared concerns. Each congregation has its own history, and in each congregation, there are Jews who passionately believe that Judaism under the Big Sky should be strengthened, preserved, and made welcoming. A new congregation is created with each Shabbaton, and while short-lived, it can be an intense experience.

Why do I go back? I go so that I can renew friendships, worship and study with the Shabbaton congregation, and share great food. I get to experience different worship styles and different approaches to Torah study. The

programs are varied, interesting, and well presented. Some programs initially appear closer to my interests than others, but I can't think of any I haven't enjoyed. Also, I have always learned from each program and have been able to bring back ideas for consideration at CBA.

If you haven't ever attended a Shabbaton, or it's been a long time, join us. I guarantee that you will spend an enjoyable Shabbat and weekend.

We have planned delicious meals for Saturday lunch and dinner (with thanks to Ellen and Marilyn for the Saturday evening meal), and Sunday breakfast, with snacks for in-between times.

On behalf of the organizing committee, we look forward to seeing you at Beth Aaron on October 19-21.

Tricia Williams

(If you are interested in the history of Jews in Montana, copies of Julie Coleman's book *Golden Opportunities* are in the CBA Library; they are also available for purchase in the CBA social hall.)

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Reform movement
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Torah"
<http://urj.org/torah/ten/>

Fall Adult Education Classes—Something for Everyone!

This fall, CBA will offer two levels of Hebrew on Monday evenings. **Continuing Adult Hebrew** will meet at 6:30 p.m. beginning October 1. This class is for those who studied in last year's Hebrew class and those who know the alef-bet, can read Hebrew words (slowly is okay), and want to become more proficient in prayerbook Hebrew and reading Torah. We will use *Alef Isn't Enough* as our text. **Beginning Adult Hebrew** will meet at 7:30 p.m. beginning October 8. This class will begin by learning the alef-bet; it is appropriate for those who have never studied Hebrew or who want a refresher that starts at the beginning. Our text will be *Alef Isn't Tough*. While this text is designed for those whose primary goal is learning to read prayers and the Torah, it is also appropriate for those who want to go on to learn Modern Hebrew.

A course on Varieties of Judaism will be taught on five Tuesdays, beginning on October 9 (with a break on October 30 so as not to conflict with IHN). After a brief overview of the history of Jewish movements, we will

consider the different movements that are common in America today. In addition to the "standard" Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox, we will learn about newer streams including Reconstructionist, Jewish Renewal, post-denominationalism, Chabad, and Modern Orthodoxy. Time permitting, we will also discuss so-called "Messianic Judaism." Where do you fit in the Big Tent? Come and find out. There will be assigned readings after the first class. Part of class will be devoted to lively discussion. While not everyone will be able to make every class, you will gain more by committing to the five-session series.

We are also continuing the "Lunch and Learn" series, ordinarily held on the second Monday of the month at 11:45 a.m. Topics are chosen by the group. This month's topic is Simchat Torah.

All classes will be taught by Rabbi Block. Please contact her if you are interested any of these three classes. Also, please note that adult education classes are open to members of CBA; non-members who are interested should contact Rabbi Block at RabbiBlock10@gmail.com).

Update from Interfaith Hospitality Network

IHN is full with four families. All of the parents but one are working. Our seven children range in age from one to 12, and all are in school or childcare. Katrina and John and their four kids moved into their own apartment after only two weeks in the Network.

During your host week, I hope you will have the opportunity to meet Karin Fitzgerald, IHN's new Education Coordinator. Karin is working on a project aimed at helping and supporting our IHN children academically. Karin and her tutors and youth volunteers will be at churches some evenings working with the children. If you are interested in tutoring or otherwise helping with this project, please call the IHN office: 294-7432.

IHN has received close to 15 calls a week

from families seeking our help in the last month and a half. Even though school has been in session just over a month, Susan Runkle, District 2's Homeless Education Liaison, had already identified 175 homeless students in Billings public schools.

Our annual Cardboard Box City is one of the sources of funding that allows IHN to serve homeless families in our community, and your support for the event is very important. Please register and participate in Cardboard Box City or support a young person from your congregation who is sleeping out overnight. **Cardboard Box City is Saturday, October 6**; registration forms and more information are at www.billingsihn.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Adela Awner, IHN Executive Director

Interfaith Hospitality Network Needs Cookies!

In years past, IHN congregations have provided cookies for the participants of **Cardboard Box City**. This year's event will be held on the Rocky Mountain College Campus on **Saturday, October 6**. We are hoping to provide six dozen or more cookies from Congregation Beth Aaron. The cookies can be home baked or purchased, but should be "kid friendly": no nuts, and something sturdy that can survive transport, such as chocolate chip cookies, Rice Krispies bars, brownies, etc. (Please keep peanut butter cookies separate

from others for the benefit of allergy sufferers.)

All are also invited to join with those hardy enough to spend the night sheltered only by cardboard in this worthy effort and deliver the cookies to the Cardboard Box City on October 6 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

This event starts in the afternoon of the Shabbat of Sukkot. The Torah tells us our People lived in "booths" for 40 years. A cardboard box is not much different from a Sukkah. Help make CBA a supportive IHN congregation!

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