



## The Rabbi's Column

Our tradition provides many ways to prepare for the High Holy Days. During the month that precedes Rosh Hashanah, the month of Elul, there are special prayers called "selichot" (literally, "sorries") that are added to the morning service. The shofar is blown at the end of each weekday morning service. The shofar wakes us up to the need to make teshuvah, to turn from ways that we regret and to return to our better, higher selves.

The selichot prayers are also traditionally included in a special service at midnight on the Saturday/Sunday preceding Rosh Hashanah – or on the Saturday/Sunday a week before, if Rosh Hashanah falls on a Monday or Tuesday, as it does this year. The Selichot service is a very beautiful service which has been compared to the overture to an opera. Many of the highlights of the High Holy Day liturgy are included: Avinu Malkeinu,

Ashamnu, Hashiveinu, and other favorites. It is at this time that we change the dressing of the Torah scrolls from their usual red covers to their High Holy Day white ones. And we pause from the busy-ness of other preparation to ready our souls for the work of the High Holy Days.

I am delighted that we will have a Selichot service at Beth Aaron this year on the evening of Saturday, September 8. We will begin earlier than the traditional midnight start time. After a study session and nosh at 8:45 p.m., our service will begin at 10 p.m. The service begins with havdallah and ends with the blowing of the shofar. It is a brief service, about 45 minutes, but one you will remember as a highlight of this season. I hope to see you at this very beautiful and reflective time.

Shanah tovah u'metukah!  
*Rabbi Barbara L. Block*

## Religious School Information

It is time to register for Religious School for the coming year. Please contact Wendy Magid if you have not already done so and you have a child you want to enroll in religious school. 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!

## High Holiday Information

1. The Yom Kippur break-fast is a non-meat, dairy potluck. Please contact Rondel Smith if you have any questions.
2. We will be collecting canned and boxed foods during the High Holy Day

season for donation to the Billings Food Bank. Collection containers will be in the vestibule starting Erev Rosh Hashanah. We would like to carry the items to the Billings Food Bank during the eight days of Sukkot, October 1-7.

## Let's Raise the Sukkah!

The Sukkah will be raised on Sunday, September 30, at 9:30 a.m. All those of any age are invited to be present for doughnuts, coffee, and milk, and to join in the festivities. Children are asked to bring items for decorations and string for

hanging those items. Adults are asked to bring ladders, power-drivers, and branches for the covering. (Sukkot will be celebrated on Erev Shabbat, Friday, October 5, with a service at 6:00 p.m., followed by a potluck Yom Tov dinner.)

## Shabbaton in Billings

CBA is sponsoring the statewide Shabbaton in conjunction with MAJCO from Friday-Sunday, October 19-21.

Please see the separate registration form included with the *Tablet* for more information.

## If You Receive Duplicate Tablets ...

if you currently receive *The Temple Tablet* by both snail mail and email, please note that you will start receiving only the email edition unless you let the editor know by October 1 that you would

like to continue receiving both versions: contact Rachel Schaffer at [rschaffer@musubillings.edu](mailto:rschaffer@musubillings.edu) or (406) 657-2954 (voice-mail messages are fine).



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## SEPTEMBER Calendar of Events

### Friday, September 7

7:30 p.m.: Erev Shabbat service

### Saturday, September 8

10:00 am: Torah study, par. Ki Tavo

### Selichot

8:45 p.m.: Study and nosh

10:00 p.m.: Service

### Sunday, September 9

5:00 p.m.: Board meeting

### Monday, September 10

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Block. Topic: Preparing for the High Holidays, Part 2

6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew: Reading from the Machzor (High Holiday prayerbook)

### Saturday, September 15

10:00 a.m.: Liturgy study

10:30 a.m.: Shabbat morning service

### Sunday, September 16

7:30 p.m.: Erev Rosh Hashanah

### Monday, September 17

10:00 a.m.: Rosh Hashanah morning service followed by Tashlich

### Friday, September 21

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Shuvah service

### Saturday, September 22

10:00 am: Torah study, par. Vayelech

### Tuesday, September 25—Erev Yom Kippur

7:30 p.m.: Kol Nidre

### Wednesday, September 26

10:00 a.m.: Yom Kippur a.m. service

3:00 p.m.: Minchah service

4:30 p.m.: Yizkor service

5:15 p.m.: Concluding service & break-fast

### Sunday, September 30

9:30 a.m.: Sukkah raising (Sukkot starts in the evening)

## SAVE THE DATES

Friday, October 19-Sunday, October 21

Shabbaton in Billings!



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## Thank You to the Kramers!

On behalf of all those of the Congregation Beth Aaron family who were present, I should like to thank Marilyn and Steve Kramer for opening their beautiful home to us for Erev Shabbat Balak. They are gracious and generous hosts.

Having been blessed with a little rain the night before, there was even some

blue visible in the sky. In a cool breeze, we ushered in the Shabbat and watched as the heavens seemed to burst into red and orange flames with the setting of the sun.

Again, we offer to Marilyn and Steve a heartfelt todah rabbah and yishar koach!

Brian Schnitzer

*The deadline for submitting items for the October Temple Tablet is **Thursday, September 20**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.*

## Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, Sept. 7 7:22 p.m.  
 Friday, Sept. 14 7:09 p.m.  
**Erev Rosh Hashanah**  
 Sunday, Sept. 16 7:05 p.m.  
 Friday, Sept. 21 6:55 p.m.  
**Erev Yom Kippur**  
 Tuesday, Sept. 25 6:47 p.m.  
 Friday, Sept. 28 6:41 p.m.  
 Friday, Oct. 5 6:28 p.m.



Photo courtesy Brian Schnitzer

Shabbat at the Kramers', 7/6/12



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## Torah Portions for September

**10/1: Ki Tetze** Pent. Deut. 21:10-25:19; Pr. Isa. 54:1-10  
**10/8: Ki Tavo** Pent. Deut. 26:1-29:8; Pr. Isa. 60:1-22  
**10/15: Nitzavim** Pent. Deut. 29:9-30:20; Pr. Isa. 61:10-63:9  
**10/22: Vayelech** Pent. Deut. 31:1-30; Pr. Hos. 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27  
**10/29: Haazinu** Pent. Deut. 32:1-52; Pr. II Sam. 22:1-51

## Donations

**In honor of**  
 \*CBA, by Jose & Fraythda Bustos  
 \*CBA, by Andrew Shipp  
 \*Ellen Alweis's birthday and Don & Ellen Alweis's anniversary, by Esta Miller  
 \*Ellen Alweis's birthday, Don & Ellen Alweis's anniversary, and Sheldon Alweis's engagement, by Mildred Miller

### For the Hebrew class:

\*Tammy Dayton

### In memory of

\*Robert & Christine Rosenbaum in memory of Robert's brother Bud Rosenbaum  
 \*Robert & Sandy Sukin in memory of Sandy's grandmother Sarah Greenstein

## Thank You to the Schaffers!

The Board of Directors of CBA wishes to thank Drs. Deborah and Rachel Schaffer for making possible a donation from the Elliott J. Schaffer Fund of the Montana Community Foundatio, to help with our Torah restoration. This donation will make it

possible for us to get closer to achieving our goal of restoring and preserving our Torahs. This has been a long process, and our fundraising is ongoing. When you see Rachel or Deborah, please thank them for helping to make this possible.

## 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

## 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).

### Elul

18 (Sept 5): Benjamin Schaffer, grandfather of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

22 (Sept 9): Murray Sanders, uncle of Jeff Sanders

25 (Sept 12): Irvin Schnitzer, father of Brian Schnitzer  
 Rabbi Samuel Horowitz, beloved rabbi of CBA

26 (Sept 13): Sarah Greenstein, grandmother of Sandy Sukin

### Tishrei

5 (Sept 21): Morris Schnitzer, paternal grandfather of Brian Schnitzer

10 (Sept 26): Paul Alweis, uncle of Don Alweis

Mollie Miller, grandmother of Don Alweis

13 (Sept 29): Shimon Burstein, father of Uri Barnea

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

# September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> ☆ <b>Ki Tetze</b> Pent. Deut. 21:10-25:19 Pr. Isa. 54:1-10
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Labor Day</b> 🏠	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>7:30 p.m.:</b> Shabbat service ☆ Shabbat	<b>8</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Torah study <b>8:45 p.m.:</b> Study & nosh <b>10:00 p.m.:</b> Service ☆ <b>Ki Tavo</b> Pent. Deut. 26:1-29:8; Pr. Isa. 60:1-22
<b>9</b> <b>5:00 p.m.:</b> Board meeting 📅	<b>10</b> <b>11:45 a.m.:</b> Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Block 🍴 <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Adult Hebrew 📖	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Send in member news!</b> 📣	<b>14</b> ☆ Shabbat	<b>15</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Liturgy study <b>10:30 a.m.:</b> Shabbat a.m. service ☆ <b>Nitzavim</b> Pent. Deut. 29:9-30:20; Pr. Isa. 61:10-63:9
<b>16</b> <b>7:30 p.m.:</b> Erev Rosh Hashanah; oneg follows ☆	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Rosh Hashanah morning service followed by Tashlich ☆	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>👉 Tablet Deadline</b>	<b>21</b> <b>7:30 p.m.:</b> Shabbat Shuvah service ☆ Shabbat	<b>22</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Torah study ☆ <b>Vayelech</b> Pent. Deut. 31:1-30; Pr. Hos. 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>7:30 p.m.:</b> Kol Nidre ☆	<b>26</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Yom Kippur a.m. service <b>3:00 p.m.:</b> Minchah <b>4:30 p.m.:</b> Yizkor <b>5:15 p.m.:</b> P.m. Service & break-fast ☆	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> ☆ Shabbat	<b>29</b> ☆ <b>Haazinu</b> Pent. Deut. 32:1-52; Pr. II Sam. 22:1-51  <b>Sunday 30</b> <b>9:30 a.m.:</b> Sukkah raising ☆

## Thank You from Interfaith Hospitality Network

Interfaith Hospitality Network's 24 congregations and 1800 volunteers make up a unique and special faith community that supports IHN families. Congregation Coordinators spend hours attending to the many details that ensure the week goes smoothly, and each week, a different group of volunteers selflessly gives their time and resources in order to help IHN children and parents thrive and succeed. During the second quarter of 2012, over 700 volunteers gave approximately 4100 hours hosting and helping IHN families. That is an average of 55 volunteers spending 313 hours each week setting up bedrooms for families; purchasing, preparing, and serving meals; spending evenings and sleeping overnight with families; preparing birthday meals and getting gifts for family members; doing laundry; and responding to unexpected situations or needs of the families. Not to be forgotten are the hundreds of dollars in food that volunteers and congregations provide.

IHN's 24 Day Center volunteers and 16 volunteer drivers spent an additional 235 hours keeping the Day Center open and transporting the families on weekends.

The community that IHN depends on also includes our financial supporters, including all of the sponsors of the 2012 Cardboard Box City. We extend our gratitude to Presenting Sponsor Little Horn State Bank, as well as Cummins Rocky Mountain, St. Vincent Healthcare, Wesco Resources, First Interstate Bank, Archie Cochrane Ford, Billings Clinic, Brewer Dental Center, EBMS, ExxonMobil, Freyenhagen Construction, Holiday Stationstores, Karell Dyre Haney, KULR 8, Midland Printing, NorthWestern Energy, The Planet, 360 Office Solutions, Simply Family Magazine, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Sodexo, CTA, and our host Rocky Mountain College. Cardboard Box City takes place on Saturday, October 6, and information and registration forms are on IHN's website: [www.billingsihn.org](http://www.billingsihn.org).

The Interfaith Hospitality Network board and staff extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all who help IHN families in so many ways!!

Adela Awner, IHN Executive Director

# Schedule of Services for Fall 2012/5773

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## September

Friday, September 7, 7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat service

Saturday, September 8, Selichot: 8:45 p.m., study and nosh; 10 p.m., service

Saturday, September 15, 10 a.m. Liturgy study; 10:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service

Sunday, September 16, 7:30 p.m., Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 17, 10 a.m., Rosh Hashanah morning, followed by Tashlich

Friday, September 21, Shabbat Shuvah, Erev Shabbat service, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25, 7:30 p.m., Kol Nidre service

Wednesday, September 26, 10 a.m., Yom Kippur morning service; 3 p.m., afternoon service; 4:30 p.m. Yizkor; 5:15 p.m., Concluding service & break-fast

Sunday, September 30, 10 a.m., Sukkah raising (Sukkot starts that evening)

## October

Friday, October 5, 6 p.m., Shabbat and Sukkot service followed by potluck

Sunday, October 7, 10 a.m., Sukkah tear-down

Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m., Liturgy study; 10:30 a.m. Shabbat and Simchat Torah service

Friday, October 19, 6:30 p.m., Erev Shabbat service – in conjunction with MAJCO

Saturday, October 20, 10 a.m., Shabbat morning service – in conjunction with MAJCO

## November

Friday, November 2, 7:30 p.m., Erev Shabbat service

Saturday, November 10, Liturgy study; 10:30 a.m., Shabbat morning service

Friday, November 16, 7:30 p.m., Erev Shabbat service

Friday, November 30, 7:30 p.m., Learning service for lay service leaders

## December

Friday, December 7, 7:30 p.m., Erev Shabbat service

Saturday, December 8, 6 p.m., Congregational latke dinner

Saturday, December 15, 10 a.m., Liturgy study; 10:30 a.m., Shabbat morning service

Friday, December 21, 7:30 p.m., Erev Shabbat service

## Member News

\*Sincere condolences to **Bob, Chris,** and **Sarah Rosenbaum** on the death of Bob's brother, Bud Rosenbaum, in California.

\*Mazel tov to **Angie Stidham** on her new

position as accountant with Ortt & Co.

\*Mazel tov to **Rabbi Evon Yakar** and his wife **Rachel** on the birth of their son, **Caleb**.

## Thank You to Michelotti-Sawyers!

The new Jewish Life 2012-2013/5772-5773 calendars are now available for members at CBA.

Once again Congregation Beth Aaron is very appreciative of this kind and

generous gift by Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary and Crematory. They have served our religious community's needs, in the most difficult moments, for more than 50 years.

### Useful links on the Web:

URJ weekly Torah series  
<http://urj.org/torah/#cprFor%20Webmasters>

Weekly newsletter of the Reform movement  
<http://urj.org/eneews/jta/>

Weekly "Ten Minutes of Torah"  
<http://urj.org/torah/ten/>

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