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JANUARY **Calendar of Events**

Friday, January 4

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service led by Tricia Willilams; oneg follows

Saturday, January 5

10:00 a.m.: Torah study*, par. Shemot

Sunday, January 6

3:00 p.m.: Board meeting

Monday, January 7

NO Adult Hebrew

Saturday, January 12

10:00 a.m.: Liturgy study*

10:30 a.m.: Shabbat morning service, par. Vaera

Monday, January 14

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Block*. Topic: Mussar (see Nov. Tablet, Rabbi's column, for info.)

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

Friday, January 18

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service; oneg follows

Saturday, January 19

10:00 a.m.: Torah study*, par. Bo

Sunday, January 20

3:00 p.m.: NIOT MLK Interfaith Service at First Methodist Church

Monday, January 21

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Block*. Topic: Jews and Martin Luther King

NO Adult Hebrew

Tuesday, January 22

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

Thursday, January 24

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

Sunday, January 27

3:00 p.m.: Book Group*** meets at CBA

Monday, January 28

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

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

***The Book Group is open to CBA members only

The Rabbi's Column

The famous photograph below shows Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, z"l, second from right, marching with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, fourth from right, in Selma, Alabama. Heschel later said, "I felt I was praying with my feet."

What are your plans for Martin Luther King day? If you have the day off from work or school, do you expect to hit the sales at the mall? Will you take time to reflect on the meaning of the day in our history? Will you take action to move forward the agenda of making this a country where all are truly free to realize their dreams?

I found the original intention for the national holiday on the website <http://mlkday.gov/about/serveonkingday.php>: "In 1994, Congress designated the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a national day of service and charged the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#) with leading this effort. Taking place each year on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service – a "day on, not a day off." The MLK Day of Service is a part of [United We Serve](#), the President's national call to service initiative. It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national

problems. The MLK Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."

We can take action in a variety of ways. Not all of us feel called to participate in marches (though feeling a bit of discomfort is not necessarily a bad thing!). One way to restore MLK Day to its true intention is to participate in the events held that weekend in Billings. On Sunday afternoon, January 20, there will be an interfaith service at 3 p.m. which will bring together different communities in Billings to reflect on the meaning of the day. I have spoken at this event for the past two years and will do so again this year. I urge you to attend this year and to open your heart to the people and the messages at this very moving event.

On Monday, January 21, we will devote our Lunch and Learn session to learning about the history of the relationship of Jews with Martin Luther King and the civil rights movement.

Please join me if you can for these important events.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Barbara L. Block



Book Group Meets

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 27, at 3:00 p.m. at the temple. Please note that a new day and time have been chosen because of winter dark and cold so that more people may be able to make it.

Also, the book will be a change of pace—not a historical novel related to the Holocaust. It is a wild and funny

autobiography by Moshe Kasher, an up and coming Jewish comedian who has gotten good reviews:

Kasher in the Rye: The True Tale of a White Boy from Oakland Who Became a Drug Addict, Criminal, Mental Patient and Then Turned 16

Alan Kraushaar



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*The deadline for submitting items for the February Temple Tablet is **Thursday, January 24**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.*

Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, Jan. 4	4:25 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 11	4:32 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 18	4:41 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 25	4:51 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 1	5:01 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 8	5:11 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 15	5:22 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 22	5:32 p.m.
Friday, March 1	5:42 p.m.

Torah Portions for January

1/5: Shemot Pent. Ex. 1:1-6:1; Pr. Isa. 27:6-28:13; 29:22, 23
1/12: Vaera Pent. Ex. 6:2-9:35; Num. 28:9-15; Pr. Isa. 66:1-24
1/19: Bo Pent. Ex. 10:1-13:16; Pr. Jer. 46:13-28
1/26: Beshalach Pent. Ex. 13:17-17:16; Pr. Judges 4:4-5:31

Donations

Many thanks to the following people, who made generous donations to CBA.

*Bob & Sandra Sukin, in memory of Sandy's grandmother Rose Yoelin

*Danny & Natalie Spungen, for *The Temple Tablet*

*Brian Schnitzer, in honor of Chanukkah

In honor of CBA

*Fray Bustos

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*Danny & Natalie Spungen

Oneg Hosts Needed!

Congregation Beth Aaron averages only 24 Erev Shabbat services a year but sometimes has difficulty finding hosts for post-Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg Shabbats, which discourages the few people who have attempted to co-ordinate the hosts. Until each of us again sees the oneg Shabbat as an opportunity to publically honor a person or event, our situation will probably not improve.

We must once more consider hosting an oneg a privilege and chance to share with our Jewish community while adding delight to the Shabbat. Most of us are familiar with the occasion being used to announce a new baby or upcoming family celebration. Some of us were raised in communities where our loved ones were honored and remembered on their Yahrzeit by the sponsoring of an Oneg Shabbat.

Nine Erev Shabbat services are scheduled from February through June of 2013, and several people have volunteered to host one: many thanks

A Heartfelt Thank You

A huge todah rabah to the latke crew for all their hard work in providing the main course of the CBA annual Latkefest! A special thank-you goes to Jeff Simkovic, who not only provided all the supplies needed but also arranged for the latke crew—Alan Kraushaar, Dave Wilt, and Jeff's son-in-law Alan—and was at the temple all afternoon and evening helping fry mounds of crispy latkes to satisfy our Chanukkah cravings.

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).

Tevet

21 (Jan 3): Miriam Burstein, mother of Uri Barnea

22 (Jan 4): Eleanor M. Fink, mother of Arthur Fink
Henry Myers, father of David Myers

24 (Jan 6): Beverly Small, member of CBA
Louis Nodler, father of Marsha Selwyn

28 (Jan 10): Susan Hutcherson, mother of Cendri and Miri Hutcherson and Jill Hutcherson Salsbury

29 (Jan 11): David Firestone, grandfather of Lisa Sukin

Shevat

1 (Jan 12): Alan L. Blair, brother of Julie Coleman Ford

9 (Jan 20): Esther Levy, mother of Julie Coleman Ford

14 (Jan 25): Harry Miller, grandfather of Don Alweis

15 (Jan 26): Edith Gold, grandmother of Brian Schnitzer

21 (Feb 1): Nathan Samuels, grandfather of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

Feb 4: Bernard Schein, husband of Sally Schein, mother of Lee Schein Kapelovitz

26 (Feb 6): Ann Sax, grandmother of Marc Blum

to Kathleen and Dave Wilt/Brian Schnitzer (January 4); Donna Healy (January 18); Diane Kersten (February 1); Chris and Rob Rosenbaum (March 1); and Marilyn and Steve Kramer (June 7).

A few opportunities remain to host an oneg: March 1, March 15, April 5, and May 3.

Anyone interested in providing an oneg on one of these evenings can call the synagogue (248-6412) and leave a message. Anyone interested in helping with the overall coordinating of dates is also asked to call the synagogue. Perhaps you might choose to share an evening with someone else. Also, several of your fellow congregants would be more than happy to assist you with your oneg, and the synagogue is attempting to keep paper products, wine, and challot on hand.






















Perform a mitzvah: host an oneg!

Another huge thank you goes to those who stayed long after the party to clean up: Rondel Smith, Al Page, Brian Schnitzer, Dawn Hirshfeld, Theo Hirshfeld, Rabbi Barbara Block, and Wendy Magid.

Thanks also to everyone who participated in the service preceding the dinner, and who brought chanukkiyot to light and food and music to share.

Thanks to the efforts of many, it was an evening to remember.

January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day 	2	3	4 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service & oneg  Shabbat	5 10:00 a.m.: Torah study  Shemot Pent. Ex. 1:1-6:1; Pr. Isa. 27:6-28:13; 29:22, 23
6 3:00 p.m.: Board meeting 	7 NO Adult Hebrew	8	9	10	11  Shabbat	12 10:00 a.m.: Liturgy study 10:30 a.m.: Shabbat a.m. service  Vaera Pent. Ex. 6:2-9:35; Num. 28:9-15; Pr. Isa. 66:1-24
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20 3:00 p.m.: NIOT MLK Interfaith service at First Methodist Church 	21 MLK Day 11:45 a.m.: Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Block 	22 5:30 p.m.: IHN at Good Shepherd 	23	24  Tablet Deadline 5:30 p.m.: IHN at Good Shepherd 	25  Shabbat	26  Beshalach Pent. Ex. 13:17-17:16; Pr. Judges 4:4-5:31
27 3:00 p.m.: Book Group 	28 6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew 	29	30	31		

Schedule of Services for January-June 2013/5773

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Saturday, January 12

Friday, January 18

Friday, February 1

Saturday, February 9

Friday, February 15: Shabbat & Purim service

Friday, March 1

Saturday, March 9

Friday, March 15

Tuesday, March 26: 2nd night Passover CBA Seder

Friday, April 5

(Sunday, April 7: Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day)

Saturday, April 13

Friday, April 19: Shabbat & Yom Ha'Atzma'ut service

Friday, May 3

Saturday, May 11

Friday, May 17: Shabbat & Shavuot service

Friday, June 7

Saturday, June 15

(Friday, June 21: tentative; Montana Hadassah meets this weekend.)

Unless stated otherwise, Friday services are at 7:30 p.m. & Saturday services are at 10:30 a.m.

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A million thanks to all of you who helped in so many ways to make Christmas happier for IHN families. Thank you to volunteers and congregations who adopted families for Christmas and lovingly shopped for presents for kids. Twenty-nine families enjoyed a wonderful dinner and fun activities for kids at our annual Christmas party, held at American Lutheran Church this year. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the dozens of volunteers who painstakingly planned and worked many hours to make the evening special. There were

smiles and happy faces, and all of these families will be in their own homes this Christmas with gifts you donated waiting to be opened. Very special thanks to the volunteers at Hope United Methodist, which hosted our families Christmas week. Thank you for going to great efforts to make Christmas a special day for the families in our program.

All of us at IHN wish all of you a happy, healthy new year!

Adela Awner
IHN Executive Director



Capitol chanukkiyah lighting, Al Page, center
Photo courtesy of the *Independent Record*



Capitol chanukkiyah lighting, all communities
Photo courtesy of Phyllis Lefohn



Lighting the chanukkiyah at CBA
Photo courtesy of Rachel Schaffer



Latkes and music at CBA
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