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## FEBRUARY Calendar of Events

### Friday, February 1

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service & oneg

### Saturday, February 2

10:00 a.m.: Torah study\*, par. Yitro

### Monday, February 4

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn\*:  
Jewish Women Heroes  
6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew\* (cont.)

### Saturday, February 9

10:00 a.m.: Liturgy study\*  
10:30 a.m.: Shabbat morning  
service, par. Mishpatim

### Sunday, February 10

3:00 p.m.: Board meeting

### Monday, February 11

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

### Friday, February 15

5:00 p.m.: Religious School  
7:00 p.m.: EARLIER TIME!  
Shabbat & Purim service & potluck  
hamentaschen oneg

### Saturday, February 16

10:00 a.m.: Torah study\*, par.  
Terumah

### Monday, February 18

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn\*:  
Mussar (see Nov. *Tablet* for info)  
6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew\* (cont.)

### Monday, February 25

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

## MARCH

### Friday, March 1

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service & oneg

### Saturday, March 2

10:00 a.m.: Torah study\*

### Sunday, March 3

10:00 a.m.: Brunch with Daniel &  
Natalie Spungen (see article)

### Tuesday, March 5

6:30 p.m.: Community Holocaust-  
Studies Presentation at Billings  
West High School

### Tuesday, March 26

6:00 p.m.: CBA Community Seder,  
Crowne Plaza Hotel.

\*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 Rabbi's Column

“Be Happy! It’s Adar!” While this is not written in the Torah, it is written in our tradition and on our hearts. Why are we instructed to be happy in this month that begins this year on the evening of February 10?

One obvious answer is that spring is coming. While in Montana, winter can extend well beyond Adar, even here we notice that the days are getting longer and the snow that falls is not likely to remain on the ground for long. In Israel, things are warming up even more. The trees that were planted 15 days earlier on Tu B’shevat will soon leaf out.

Another reason to be happy is that Purim comes in the month of Adar. Children and adults alike enjoy an opportunity to dress up in costume, eat hamentaschen (either gluten-full or gluten-free), and hear the story of how Mordechai and Queen Esther thwarted the plans of evil Haman.

We at Congregation Beth Aaron will be happy this year to hear “the whole megillah.” In recent years, we have enjoyed acting out the story of Purim in creative Purim shpiels. But have you wondered what the story *really* says? At our Shabbat and Purim service on Friday, February 15, Brian Schnitzer will entertain us with a full reading of the

story in our *Tanach*. Be happy: he will read the story in English. And be happy: we will still bring out the groggers so that we can enjoy drowning out the name of Haman. And we’ll enjoy seeing each other in costume and sharing hamentaschen (get out your recipes!) at the oneg Shabbat. Please note that we will begin our service one-half hour earlier than usual, at 7:00 p.m.

Some of us are a bit sad that our Purim celebration will be held 8 days before the actual holiday. I will be discussing this with the Board to see if we want to change our calendar in future years. If you have an opinion about this, please talk with me. For this year, let’s set aside the sadness and enjoy the happiness of the occasion.

Another reason for us at CBA to be happy is that at the February Lunch and Learn on Monday, February 4, we will discuss Jewish women heroes. Esther was one of the first, but certainly not the last! Come prepared to learn about historical Jewish women heroes and bring tales of your own.

I wish everyone a happy month of Adar!

L’shalom,  
*Rabbi Barbara L. Block*

## Special Events to Celebrate the Spungen Family

Daniel and Natalie Spungen will make a special visit to Billings in early March and have made possible two very special opportunities.

First, the Spungen Foundation has been instrumental in arranging a visit by a Holocaust survivor to Billings West High School for a day of presentations to our Billings high school students (see

separate article).

In addition, the Spungens are also sponsoring a brunch at CBA on Sunday, March 3, at 10:00 a.m. Daniel will share a short PowerPoint presentation about his extensive Holocaust collection. He also hopes to show some of his most recent acquisitions. All are invited to this unique event.

## Holocaust Survivor Speaks at Billings West HS

A very special speaker will visit Billings West High School on Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. **Eva Mozes Kor** is a survivor of the Holocaust who, with her twin sister Miriam, was subjected to human experimentation under Josef Mengele at Auschwitz. Both of her parents and two older sisters were killed at the camp; only she and Miriam survived. In 1984, Kor founded the organization CANDLES (an acronym for “Children of Auschwitz Nazi Deadly Lab Experiments Survivors”), through which

she located 122 other living Mengele twins, as the experiment survivors came to be known.

Kor founded CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center in 1995 to educate the public about eugenics, the Holocaust, and the power of forgiveness. Kor received international notoriety when she publicly forgave the Nazis for what had been done to her. This story was later explored in the documentary *Forgiving Dr. Mengele*.



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The deadline for submitting items for the March Temple Tablet is **Thursday, February 21**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.

## Candle-Lighting Times

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.
Friday, March 8	5:51 p.m.
Friday, March 15	7:01 p.m.
Friday, March 22	7:10 p.m.
Friday, March 29	7:20 p.m.

## Torah Portions for February

**2/2: Yitro** Pent. Ex. 18:1-20:23; Pr. Isa. 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6

**2/9: Mishpatim** Pent. Ex. 21:1-24:18; 30:11-16; Pr. II Kings 11:17-12:17; Pr. I Sam. 18, 42

**2/16: Terumah** Pent. Ex. 25:1-27:19; Pr. I Kings 5:26-6:13

**2/23: Tetzaveh** Pent. Ex. 27:20-30:10; Deut. 25:17-19; Pr. I Sam. 15:2-34

## Donations

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

\*Paul Small, in memory of Aaron and Beverly Small

\*Jack and Adrea Sukin, for the cemetery

\*David and Sarah Weston Fund, for the Art Project

### In honor of CBA

\*Fray Bustos

\*Ed and Susan Septimus

\*Frank Pratt



## Save the Dates!

➤The CBA Community Passover Seder is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Rabbi Barbara Block will officiate with the assistance of congregants.

Please send your reservations to Al

## Time to Search for Bubbie's Hamentaschen Recipes!

In the spirit of the season, all are encouraged to bring hamentaschen or other Purim-related baked goods to Erev Shabbat services, Friday, February 15, for a potluck hamen-

taschen oneg Shabbat. Purim-related costumes and dress are also appropriate. **Services will start early**, at 7:00 p.m., as we will spend a little time sharing the Purim story.

➤The annual Congregation Meeting is being planned for Wednesday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m.

## Mitzvah-to-Go

We are still attempting to improve the communication between the Board of Directors and congregants, and among congregants. One of the purposes of the Mitzvah-to-Go Committee, an extension of our Membership and Outreach Committee, is to serve as a first congregational contact for any information about or on the needs of our members. Marilyn Kramer and Diane Kersten have been supervising this for some time, and we thank them warmly for their efforts.

Please share with Marilyn any happenings, such as engagements, births or

deaths, illnesses, surgeries, or hospitalizations, new homes, recent travels, new jobs or promotions, awards and honors, etc., concerning you, your family, or other congregants. We would like to share with you your joyous events and be what support we can during your more trying moments.

Marilyn may be reached by telephoning the synagogue (248-6412) or by emailing her at [cbabillings@yahoo.com](mailto:cbabillings@yahoo.com). Anyone interested in assisting with this very worthy project involving disseminating information and writing notes may also contact Marilyn.

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## 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).

### Shevat

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

### Adar I

1 (Feb 11): Sheila Sanders, friend of Rose Emily Blum

Abe Yoelin, grandfather of Sandy Sukin

3 (Feb 13): Phyllis B. Myers, mother of David Myers

5 (Feb 15): Jacob Isaac Perlmann, brother of Thelma

8 (Feb 18): David Lakier, father of Jeff Lakier

Ruth Blum, mother of Marc Blum

10 (Feb 20): Avram Perlmann, father of Thelma Lakier

William B. Levy, father of Julie Coleman Ford

11 (Feb 21): Elliot Reiter Schnitzer, son of Brian Schnitzer

12 (Feb 22): Chester J. Civin, father of Donna Healy

16 (Feb 26): Freeda Lipman, grandmother of Cendri, Miri, and Jill Hutcherson Salsbury

19 (March 1): Rita Hirshfeld, mother of Theo Hirshfeld

21 (March 3): Elliott J. Schaffer, father of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer  
Yaacov Hirshfeld, father of Theo Hirshfeld

March 6: Sally Schein, wife of Bernard Schein, mother of Lee Schein Kapelovitz

27 (March 9): Hannah Hecht Lipstadt, grandmother of Lisa Sukin

29 (March 11): Sonny Kopelove, stepfather of Brian Schnitzer

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Friday, March 1

Saturday, March 9

Friday, March 15

Tuesday, March 26: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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-Sunday, June 21-23: Montana Hadassah meets in Bigfork.

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Reform movement

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Torah"

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## Update from Interfaith Hospitality Network

With the new year, IHN welcomes a new family: Tatiana and Matt and their children Samarah (7), Bianca (5) and Xavier (2).

As this is written, final preparations are underway for the second annual Beach Blizzard. We are very grateful to Cloud Peak Energy, our presenting sponsor again this year. We also thank our other sponsors: Schutz Foss Architects, Shane & Gina Colton, the Ambuehl Family, Arthritis & Osteoporosis Center, Billings Federal Credit Union, Breakfast Exchange Club, Cal Northam-Realtor, Cross Petroleum Service, Dale & Jax Door & Glass, ECI Electrical Consultants, Energy Laboratories, Fisher Construction, Freyenhagen Construction, Hardy Construction, Horseplay on

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This year, IHN will be sending email updates on our families as well as other news. Please call the office: 294-7432 or email me ([adela@billingsihn.org](mailto:adela@billingsihn.org)) with your email address so we can include you in these updates.

Adela Awner  
IHN Executive Director

## Welcome to New Members!

CBA welcomes new members David and Kathleen Wilt! We asked them to share some information about themselves for those of us who don't know them (yet), and Dave replied:

Kathleen and I are originally from North Dakota and Virginia. We moved to Fromberg from Billings many years ago because we prefer the small-town life. We married later in life and have no family here other than our "adopted" CBA community. Kathleen studied clothing and textile at U of WA and

keeps busy with several cottage industries around home, not the least of which is baking challah. I did some graduate study in classical language/philology at Penn State, and it was a lifelong interest in language that led me to the shul to study Hebrew. The generous support and encouragement we received from all at CBA led us to a deep interest in Jewish faith and culture. We were delighted when Brian Schnitzer and Rabbi Block suggested that we might want to think about joining the congregation, and we did!

## Onegs Shabbat

Warmest thanks to the following oneg hosts!

### Fridays

February 1: Kersten



March 1: Rosenbaum

March 15: Simkovic

April 5: Ackman

May 3: Kraushaar

June 7: Kramer

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