

**APRIL 2013**  
**NISAN-IYAR 5773**

# The Temple Tablet



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## Calendar of Events

### APRIL

#### Monday, April 1

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

#### Friday, April 5

6:00 p.m.: Shabbat service & oneg

#### Saturday, April 6

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

#### Sunday, April 7

3:00 p.m.: Board meeting

#### Monday, April 8

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn\*: Mussar

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

#### Saturday, April 13

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

10:30 a.m.: Shabbat morning service, par. Tazria-Metzora

#### Sunday, April 14

3:00 p.m.: Book Group\*\* meets.

#### Monday, April 15

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

#### Friday, April 19

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

#### Saturday, April 20

10:00 a.m.: Torah study\*, par. Acharei Mot-Kedoshim

#### Sunday, April 21

10:30 a.m.: Religious School

1:00 p.m.: Documentary premiere at CBA (see article)

#### Monday, April 22

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn\*: Israel

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

#### Monday, April 29

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

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

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

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

## The Rabbi's Column

April 15 is Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day. This year we mark the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Israel's independence. It is a time for celebration, and a time for reflection.

At this year's conference of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) in March, one of the most exciting and thought-provoking sessions was "Shaping the Soul of the State of Israel." In honor of Israel Independence day, I want to share with you some of what I learned from each of the four Israeli presenters.

David Siegel is the Consul General of Israel, Los Angeles, and Southwestern USA (and according to the moderator, a rising star in the Israeli Foreign Ministry). He shared with us that although Israelis are always concerned about threats from the outside, the recent elections were about the character of the State of Israel. Debates about its internal affairs dominated the pre-election discussion. He added that this is a moment of opportunity, and a time when secular Israelis are looking at Judaism again.

Rabbi Dr. Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi suggested that Israel is the most significant issue facing Jews today. She said that three questions are critical at this moment: (1) Can women play an equal role in the public sphere in Israel? (2) Is non-Orthodox Judaism legitimate and equal in Israel? (3) Do Diaspora Jews matter in Israel, other than for support? She told us that Women of the

## Yom Hashoah Observance

Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, starts this year at sundown on Saturday, April 6. We are providing an appropriate reading and 24-hour Yizkor candles for congregants to utilize privately in their own homes as that Shabbat sun sets. Members may obtain their candle and reading while

## Special Billings Premiere of Documentary Planned

Congregation Beth Aaron will be honoring those lost in the Shoah and the Frieder Family on April 21 with a pre-release public viewing of the documentary *Rescue in the Philippines - Refuge from the Holocaust*. The film tells the story of the five Frieder brothers, who risked all to help save Holocaust victims through a daring rescue in the Philippines with the help

Wall has come to represent all three of these issues.

Rabbi Gilad Kariv also reflected on the recent elections. He saw the results as sending the message that the people did not want minority groups to impose their views on the majority. The majority of Israelis have progressive values and are concerned with issues of social justice and religious tolerance.

Rabbi Maya Leibowitz began by sharing a slogan of the campaign: *Ha'am doreish tzedek chevrat*: "The people seek social justice." Until last year's campaign, many Israelis did not realize that social action is a Jewish value. The critical issues for Israel are affordable housing and affordable education. The people are no longer living in fear; they want to be change agents. Being born in Israel and speaking Hebrew are no longer enough; they are concerned for the soul of the society.

Each of the four panelists also shared with us what they would like to see Jews in America do to support them. This will be the topic of my sermon on Friday, April 19, and the topic for discussion at the Lunch and Learn on April 22. I look forward to seeing you then.

I wish the State of Israel all the best in the 66<sup>th</sup> year of Statehood!

L'shalom,  
*Rabbi Barbara L. Block*

visiting the synagogue.

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of that country's president Manuel Quezon, Dwight Eisenhower, still a colonel in the U.S. Army, and U.S. High Commissioner Paul McNutt. "Catholics, Protestants, and Jews helping their fellowman because 'it was the right thing to do.'" (Our own Carol Roberts' maternal grandfather, Alex Frieder, was one of the five Frieder brothers.)



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*The deadline for submitting items for the April Temple Tablet is **Thursday, April 18.** Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.*

## Candle-Lighting Times

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Friday, April 5  | 7:29 p.m. |
| Friday, April 12 | 7:38 p.m. |
| Friday, April 19 | 7:47 p.m. |
| Friday, April 26 | 7:56 p.m. |
| Friday, May 3    | 8:03 p.m. |
| Friday, May 10   | 8:14 p.m. |
| Friday, May 17   | 8:22 p.m. |
| Friday, May 24   | 8:30 p.m. |
| Friday, May 31   | 8:37 p.m. |

## Torah Portions for April

**4/6: Shemini** Pent. Lev. 9:1-11:47; Pr. II Sam.6:1-7:17  
**4/13: Tazria-Metzora** Pent. Lev. 12:1-15:33; Pr. II Kings 7:3-20  
**4/20: Achare-Kedoshim** Pent. Lev. 16:1-20:27; Pr. Amos 9:7-15  
**4/27: Emor** Pent. Lev. 21:1-24:23; Pr. Ex. 44:15-31

## Donations

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

- \*Robert & Sandy Sukin in memory of Robert's father George Sukin
- \*Theo & Dawn Hirshfeld in memory of Rita Hirshfeld, mother of Theo Hirshfeld, and Yaacov Hirshfeld, father of Theo Hirshfeld.
- \*Sandra Melnick Seitz in memory of Louis Melnick
- \*Bernice Matthews for the Cemetery Fund
- In honor of CBA**
- \*Fray Bustos
- \*Ed and Susan Septimus

## Book Group News

The next Book Group meeting, postponed from March, will take place at the temple on Sunday, April 14, at 3:00 p.m., to discuss *A Simple Habana Melody*, by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Oscar Hijuelos, written in 2003. It is a rich and beautifully written story about

Israel Levis, a Cuban composer whose life had once been a dream of music, love, and sadness and who is mistakenly identified as a Jew by the Nazis while in Paris and sent to Buchenwald.

Alan Kraushaar

## Membership Directory Information

A directory of members of Congregation Beth Aaron is available for mailing to each member household that requests a copy. Directories will *not* be emailed, and they are *not* to be put on the internet or made available to others. Anyone wanting a copy should request

one from AI Page by leaving a message at 248-6412. Those wanting ONLY their name listed and no additional personal information such as mailing address, telephone numbers, and/or email address should also notify AI as soon as possible.

## Mitzvah to Go Is Here to Serve YOU!

We are still attempting to improve communication between the Board 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 needs of our members. Marilyn Kramer and Diane Kersten have been supervising this for some time, and we very much thank them 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, birthdays, awards and honors, etc., concerning you, your family, or other congregants. We would like to share 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.

## 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).

### Nisan

22 (April 2): Rosalie D'Esopo, mother of Margaret Cloutier

25 (April 5): Sarah Duberstein, mother of Lenny Duberstein

27 (April 7): Minna Horowitz, beloved Rebbitzin of CBA  
 Tzvi Hirshfeld, brother of Theo and Dawn Hirshfeld

### Iyar

2 (April 12): Esther Colnic, grandmother of Michael Bugenstein

5 (April 15): Jennie Schaffer, grandmother of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

11 (April 21): Sam Melnick, father of Sandra, Sharon, and Saralee Melnick

25 (May 5): Jessie Alweis, grandmother of Don Alweis

27 (May 7): Fred Harold Grossman, father of Gail Grossman, grandfather of Evan and Maddy Quarles

Lois Ewers, mother of Nyd Kraushaar

### Sivan

2 (May 11): Miranda Carr, daughter of Pam Doerr

4 (May 13): Ettie Guthals Schmidt, mother of Joel Guthals and beloved member of CBA

5 (May 14): Louis Bugenstein, grandfather of Michael Bugenstein

11 (May 20): Louis Harron, founder of CBA

15 (May 24): Helen Firestone, grandmother of Lisa Sukin

22 (May 31): Ruth Cohen, mother of Ellen Alweis, grandmother of Sheldon Alweis

24 (June 2): Rhoda Samuels, grandmother of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

Rose Nodler, mother of Marsha Selwyn

# April 2013

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday                               | Wednesday | Thursday                     | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|---|---|
|   | 1<br>6:30 p.m.:<br>Adult Hebrew<br>   | 2<br><b>Passover ends at sundown.</b> | 3         | 4                            | 5<br>6:00 p.m.:<br>Shabbat service & oneg<br><br>Shabbat  | 6<br>10:00 a.m.:<br>Torah study<br><br>Shemini  |
| 7<br><b>Yom Hashoah</b><br><br>3:00 p.m.:<br>Board meeting<br>                      | 8<br>11:45 a.m.:<br>Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Block<br><br>6:30 p.m.:<br>Adult Hebrew<br>  | 9                                     | 10        | 11                           | 12<br><br>Shabbat   | 13<br>10:00 a.m.:<br>Liturgy study<br>10:30 a.m.:<br>Shabbat a.m. service<br><br>Tazria-Metzora |
| 14<br><b>Yom Hazikaron</b><br><br>3:00 p.m.:<br>Book Group<br>                      | 15<br><b>Israel Independence Day</b><br><br>6:30 p.m.:<br>Adult Hebrew<br>                | 16<br><b>Send in member news!</b><br> | 17        | 18<br><b>Tablet Deadline</b> | 19<br>7:30 p.m.:<br>Shabbat service & oneg<br><br>Shabbat | 20<br>10:00 a.m.:<br>Torah study<br><br>Achare-Kedoshim   |
| 21<br>10:30 a.m.:<br>Religious School<br><br>1:00 p.m.:<br>Documentary premiere<br> | 22<br>11:45 a.m.:<br>Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Block<br><br>6:30 p.m.:<br>Adult Hebrew<br> | 23                                    | 24        | 25                           | 26<br><br>Shabbat   | 27<br><br>Emor  |
| 28<br><b>Lag Ba-Omer</b>  | 29<br>6:30 p.m.:<br>Adult Hebrew<br>  | 30                                    |           |                              |   |   |

## Schedule of Services for April-June 2013/5773

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

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Reform movement  
<http://urj.org/enews/jta/>

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

## Invitation from Interfaith Hospitality Network

The Interfaith Hospitality Network board and staff invite you to join us for brunch at our annual Appreciation Celebration

on Saturday, April 20, at 10:00 a.m. at American Lutheran Church, 5 Lewis Avenue.

## A Very Fine Spungen Luncheon

On Sunday, March 3, Congregation Beth Aaron had the honor to host a brunch in memory of Florence Spungen, mother of Danny Spungen. At the brunch, Danny gave a presentation on part of his latest collection. The presentation was well received by all in attendance.

I would like to thank everybody who

helped in the kitchen and with cleanup and who brought food for the brunch. Special thanks to Donna Healy for taking charge of the kitchen and the preparation of the food, Amira Harper for the flower arrangements, and Ellen Alweis for her advice and help with the desserts. It is great to see such great results when we all work together.

Al Page

## YWCA to Salute Roxanne Fahrenwald!

Dr. Roxanne Fahrenwald, left, program director of the Montana Family Medicine Residency (MFMR) at RiverStone Health, reacts with surprise as she hears she has been chosen as one of the honorees of the YWCA's 2013 Salute to Women. The award honors outstanding women who have made

significant contributions to the community. Jane McCracken, director of the YWCA, right, surprised Dr. Fahrenwald with a single red rose at the end of a business meeting at RiverStone Health. Honorees will receive their awards during a banquet on April 18 in the Crowne Plaza. Also pictured is Dr. James Guyer of MFMR.

Donna Healy



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