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The Temple Tablet



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Calendar of Events

MARCH

Friday, March 1

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

Saturday, March 2

10:00 a.m.: Torah study*, par. Ki Tissa

Sunday, March 3

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

Monday, March 4

NO Adult Hebrew

Saturday, March 9

10:00 a.m.: Liturgy study*
10:30 a.m.: Shabbat morning service, par. Vayakhel-Pekudei

Sunday, March 10

3:00 p.m.: Board meeting

Monday, March 11

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn*: Mussar
6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew* (cont.)

Friday, March 15

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

Saturday, March 16

10:00 a.m.: Torah study*, par. Vayikra
12:00 p.m.: Religious School*** off-site

Sunday, March 17

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

Monday, March 18

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn*: preparing for Passover
6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew* (cont.)

Monday, March 25

First night of Passover; NO Adult Hebrew

Tuesday, March 26

6:00 p.m.: CBA Congregational Seder, Crowne Plaza Hotel. Reservations required; see flyer.

Saturday, March 30

10:00 a.m.: Torah study*, special parashah for Shabbat Chol Hamoed

*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.

***Religious school requires preregistration and membership in

The Rabbi's Column

"Dayenu!" "It would have been enough ..."

Dayenu is perhaps the all-time favorite among Passover songs. As is the case with so many Jewish songs, it is the melody that endears it to us, generation after generation. But as with so much of our music, the meaning, too, calls out to us for consideration.

"It would have been enough." It would have been enough had God brought us out of Egypt and not supported us in the wilderness. It would have been enough had God supported us in the wilderness and not given us the Sabbath. It would have been enough had God given us the Sabbath and not given us the Torah. And so on.

Do we, in our culture, ever think that we have enough?

If we graduate from college, but do not have an advanced degree, is it enough?

If we have an apartment, but do not own a house, is it enough?

If we have a job, but do not get a desired promotion, is it enough?

Sometimes it seems that we never have enough.

Perhaps the answer to our eternal wanting more can be found in what the Hagaddah says after we've sung *Dayeinu*. We recite,

"How much more, then, O God, must we thank You for Your boundless goodness to us! For You brought us out of Egypt, supported us in the wilderness, gave us the Sabbath, gave us the Torah, brought us to the land of Israel, sent us the prophets, sustained us wherever we have dwelt, returned us to the land of our ancestors, and summoned us to perfect this world under Your rule!"

Anyone who is familiar with the basics of Jewish history knows that as a people, we have plenty to complain about. But the message of *Dayeinu* is to consider all the good that we have been given.

We can take this message to heart as a people, as a community, and as individuals.

I look forward to seeing you at our Congregational Seder, and wish everyone a Zissen Pesach – a Sweet Passover!

L'shalom,
Rabbi Barbara L. Block

Special Events to Celebrate the Spungen Family

On Tuesday, March 5, the Billings West High School will host a Holocaust survivor for a day of presentations to our Billings high school students. The Florence and Laurence Spungen Family Foundation has been instrumental in the arrangements necessary for this unusual opportunity.

On behalf of the Spungen Foundation, Daniel and Natalie Spungen have

offered to sponsor a brunch at Temple Beth Aaron on **Sunday, March 3, at 10:00 a.m.** in memory of his mother. Daniel would like to share with Congregation Beth Aaron a short PowerPoint presentation related to his extensive Holocaust collection. He also hopes to bring some of his most recent acquisitions for our inspection. (This unique event is restricted to current members and limited invited guests.)

Holocaust Survivor Speaks at Billings West HS

Everyone is encouraged to attend the presentation by Holocaust survivor and "Mengele twin" Eva Kor, who will be speaking at Billings West High School on Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. Kor founded CANDLES (Children of Auschwitz Nazi Deadly Lab Exper-

iments Survivors), as well as CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center to educate the public about eugenics, the Holocaust, and the power of forgiveness. Kor's story was explored in the documentary *Forgiving Dr. Mengele*.

Special Billings Premiere of Documentary Planned

Carol Roberts' sister and cousin have completed a documentary about the rescue of over 1,300 Jews during the Holocaust through immigration to the Philippines. *Rescue in the Philippines*

will be shown on PBS starting in April, and there will be a special Billings premiere at CBA on April 21 at 1:00 p.m. More information will follow in the April *Temple Tablet*. Save the date!



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

Candle-Lighting Times

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.
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.

Torah Portions for March

- 3/2: Ki Tissa** Pent. Ex. 30:11-34:35; Num. 19-1:22; Pr. Ez. 36:16-38
3/9: Vayakhel-Pekudei Pent. Ex. 35:1-40:38, 12:1-20; Pr. Ezek. 45:16-46:18
3/16: Vayikra Pent. Lev. 1:1-5:26; Pr. Is. 43:21-44:23
3/23: Tzav Pent. Lev. 6:1-8:36; Pr. Mal. 3:4-24
3:30: Shabbat Chol Hamoed

Donations

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

- *Bernice Matthews for the Cemetery Fund
- *Jan Buehler for the *Tablet*
- *Les Berkman for the *Tablet*

In honor of CBA

- *Fray Bustos
- *Ed and Susan Septimus
- *Frank Pratt



Save the Dates!

➤ The CBA Congregational 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 Page at CBA no later than Thursday, March 21. See

also the flyer included with this *Tablet*.
 ➤ A special documentary viewing is planned for Sunday, April 21, to commemorate those lost in the Shoah.
 ➤ The annual Congregation Meeting is planned for Wednesday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Book Group News

The next Book Group meeting will take place on Sunday, March 17, 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.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts about future meetings.
 Alan Kraushaar

Membership Directory Information

A directory of members of Congregation Beth Aaron will be available by the middle of March 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 Al 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 Al.

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 visiting the synagogue after March 14.

Congregation Beth Aaron will also be honoring those lost in the Shoah on April 21 with a public viewing of *Rescue in the Philippines: Refuge from the Holocaust*. This documentary is the story of the experiences of congregant Carol Roberts' grandfather and his four brothers during those horrible years. (More information to follow.)

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).

Adar

- 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

9 (March 20): Jerry Kohn, long-time member of CBA

12 (March 23): Louis Melnick, founding member of CBA, grandfather of Sandra M. Seitz
 Meyer Colnic, grandfather of Michael Bugenstein

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

20 (March 31): Frank Pat Coleman, husband of Julie Coleman Ford
 George Sukin, father of Bob and Jack Sukin, grandfather of Dean Sukin, and founding member of CBA
 Anna Bugenstein, grandmother of Michael Bugenstein
 Marcia Orman, longtime CBA member

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

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

Nisan

- 5 (March 16): Ellsworth A. Rio, father of Andy Rio and grandfather of Jon Rio
 Arthur Beiser, grandfather of Karen Beiser

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

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

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24	25 Erev Pesach NO Adult Hebrew	26 6:00 p.m.: Congregational seder 🍴	27	28	29	30 10:00 a.m.: Torah study 📖 Shabbat Chol Hamoad
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Schedule of Services for March-June 2013/5773

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-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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Update from Interfaith Hospitality Network

Thank you to all of you who attended and supported IHN's 2013 Beach Blizzard! We also extend our heartfelt thanks and deepest gratitude to Cloud Peak Energy and our other generous sponsors and donors and our fabulous Beach Blizzard volunteers. We are pleased to tell you that Beach Blizzard raised over \$75,000, which will be used to support IHN families. If you have an interest in helping with the 2014 Beach Blizzard, please call Adela at 294-7432.

Thanks to your generous gifts of time and financial support, once again last year, 75% of IHN Network families moved into their homes, and IHN continued to help and support graduated families. You can see below the difference you made in our

families' lives:

369 calls for services; 23 families in Network; 72 individuals; 17 children age 5 or under; 52% of families headed by single mothers; average stay in Network was 72 days; **75% of families moved into their own homes**, all four transitional housing units occupied throughout the year; two families successfully moved from IHN transitional apartments to permanent housing; aftercare services to dozens of "graduated" families; **60% of individuals served were children**; 24 congregations; 1400 volunteers; 20,000 hours of volunteer service!

THANK YOU!

Adela Awner
IHN Executive Director

Montana Hadassah Annual Meeting, June 21-23, Big Fork

We are excited to be working on the program for our statewide meeting June 21-23 here in the Flathead and are looking forward to another wonderful Hadassah weekend of learning, bonding and sharing.

As we live in such a magnificent area, we will be happy to arrange outings for those that would like to extend this weekend into a holiday here in the Flathead. We've arranged with the Marina Cay Resort in Bigfork to offer the group rates for an additional stay of 3 days prior to and after the weekend for those looking to take advantage of your trip here. So if you can start marking your calendars and making plans for your trip, please email us and let us know your arrangements, and the things you would be interested in seeing and doing. In this way, we can try and arrange carpooling and groups to enjoy these things together. For example there is, of course, Glacier Park, hiking, rafting (weather permitting), horseback riding, etc., not to mention all the art galleries and nearby towns.

All ideas are welcome. Send us your plans and what you'd be interested in doing, and we will try and put together some lists of things, groups, days and times.

Please make your reservations as soon as possible by calling the resort at [1-800-433-6516](tel:1-800-433-6516) or [406-837-5861](tel:406-837-5861) and letting them know you are with Hadassah for special rates. There are

many types and sizes of condos available. For more information, go to the website www.Marinacay.com.

We're looking forward to welcoming you all to our neck of the woods!!! HURRY ON DOWN!!!

Meeting Committee,

Melissa Werner
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