

**MAY 2013**  
**IYAR-SIVAN 5773**

# The Temple Tablet



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## Calendar of Events

### MAY

#### Friday, May 3

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

#### Saturday, May 4

10:00 a.m.: Torah study\*, par. Behar-Behukotai

#### Sunday, May 5

3:00 p.m.: Board meeting

#### Monday, May 6

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

#### Saturday, May 11

10:00 a.m.: Liturgy study\*  
10:30 a.m.: Shabbat morning service; par. Bamidbar

#### Monday, May 13

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

#### Tuesday, May 14

7:00 p.m.: Tikkun L'Eil Shavuot: a study session (see Rabbi's column)

#### Wednesday, May 15 Shavuot

#### Friday, May 17

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

#### Saturday, May 18

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

#### Friday, May 31

7:00-8:30 p.m.: Members-only dessert potluck at Rondel Smith's house (see separate article)

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

## The Rabbi's Column

In congregations served by student rabbis, Shavuot is rarely observed. The holiday is observed 50 days after the start of Passover. The date on the Hebrew calendar is the 6th of Sivan, which falls in late May or in June -- long after the student rabbis have moved on to summer pursuits. This year, we will at last celebrate Shavuot at Congregation Beth Aaron!

Observance of Shavuot is commanded in the Torah. In Leviticus, we read: *You shall convoke on this very day -- there shall be a holy convocation for yourselves -- you shall do no laborious work; it is an eternal decree in your dwelling places for your generations* (Leviticus 21: 21). So, Shavuot is a day when no work is done. It is one of three agricultural festivals. The other two, Passover and Sukkot, are weeklong holidays; Shavuot is just one day (Conservative and Orthodox Jews outside Israel observe an extra day for each of these three holidays). Traditionally, these three festivals were pilgrimage holidays when all male Jews were commanded to appear in Jerusalem.

Shavuot is also known as the time of the "giving of the Torah." Early Reform

## Friday Dessert Potlucks Begin

Congregation Beth Aaron is attempting to increase opportunities to gather together socially for appropriate moments other than those following services at the synagogue.

Our current service schedule focuses primarily on the earlier weeks of each month. Several months on the secular calendar will have five Fridays each year. We shall ask congregants to host an informal after-dinner dessert potluck open house for members only on those

## Well-Deserved Thank You's

Many thanks to all those who helped organize and conduct the congregational Passover seder this year, especially Nyd Kraushaar, Jill Salsbury, Al Page, Tricia Williams, Pam Doerr, and Brian Schnitzer.

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

Friday, May 3; Saturday, May 11  
Friday, May 17: Shabbat & Shavuot service  
Friday, June 7; Saturday, June 15

Jews combined the themes of the bringing of the first fruits to the Temple and the giving of the Torah and decided that this was the appropriate time to celebrate Confirmation of students who were completing their formal Religious School educations.

Of course, every rabbi tells those students that this does not mean the end of learning; every Jew has the task of being a life-long learner. So I encourage you to attend one of the two education sessions that will be devoted to learning about Shavuot. The Lunch and Learn on Monday, May 13, will be devoted to learning more about Shavuot, and on Tuesday, May 14, we will repeat this study in the form of the traditional "Tikkun L'Eil Shavuot." However, we will not follow the tradition of studying all night until sunrise! You may be assured of a good night's sleep.

On Friday, May 17, we will celebrate Shavuot as well as Shabbat at our evening service. I look forward to sharing this wonderful holiday with you!

L'shalom,  
*Rabbi Barbara L. Block*

few Fridays. Your Board of Directors has approved modest financial support for these events. The first such Erev Shabbat will occur at the end of May.

Congregants are invited to the home of Rondel Smith for coffee, tea, and dessert on Friday, May 31, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. (On this particular Erev Shabbat, attendees are asked **not** to bring additional items.) Members may obtain her address by calling/emailing Congregation Beth Aaron.

Many thanks also to Carol Roberts and her sister, Barbara Sasser, for bringing *Rescue in the Philippines* to CBA on April 21.

Photos from both events can be found on page 4, courtesy of Brian Schnitzer.

Friday-Sunday, June 21-23: Montana Hadassah meets in Bigfork.

Friday services are at 7:30 p.m. & Saturday services are at 10:30 a.m.



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*The deadline for submitting items for the June Temple Tablet is **Thursday, May 23**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.*

## Candle-Lighting Times

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.
Friday, June 7	8:43 p.m.
Friday, June 14	8:47 p.m.
Friday, June 21	8:49 p.m.
Friday, June 28	8:50 p.m.

## Torah Portions for May

**5/4: Behar/Bechukotai** Pent. Lev. 25:1-27:34; Pr. Jer. 16:19-17:14  
**5/11: Bamidbar** Pent. Num. 1:1-4:20; Pr. Hos. 2:1-22  
**5/18: Naso** Pent. Num. 4:21-7:89; Pr. Judges 13:2-25  
**5/25: Behalotecha** Pent. Num. 8:1-12:16; Pr. Zach. 2:14-4:7

## Donations

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

\*Dave & Kathleen Wilt in honor of Ed & Kate Warner-Combs

\*Mort & Amy Friedkin in honor of the 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Joel & Elaine Ziskind

### In honor of CBA

\*Fray Bustos

\*Sally George Wright

## Member News

\*A huge mazel tov to **Roxanne Fahrenwald**, who was one of five amazing women honored at this year's YWCA Salute to Women on April 18!



## New Book in CBA Library

"Displacement and death, whether in war or in civilian life, became everyday experiences, for young and old alike. Families were torn apart by enforced emigration or deportation. Parents were separated from their children, husbands from wives, brothers from sisters; and letters, which may or may not have ever reached their intended recipients, were usually the only remaining link between them."

During his recent visit, Daniel Spungen provided Congregation Beth Aaron with a copy of *Fleeing from the Fuhrer: A Postal History of Refugees from the Nazis*, written by Charmian Brinson and

William Kaczynski and published in 2011. This is a clearly written and nicely illustrated book which can be read in just two or three weeks of bedtime effort. Although it is divided into 11 short chapters that are sure to increase your understanding of the subject a thousand fold, the Introduction alone is worth reading. In just a few pages, you begin to feel what it might have been like to have been caught up in that horrible nightmare.

*Fleeing from the Fuhrer: A Postal History of Refugees from the Nazis* will be available in Congregation Beth Aaron's library.

## 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).

### Iyar

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

29 (June 7): Esther Greenberger, grandmother of Ellen Alweis

### Tammuz

6 (June 14): Valera Wright, mother of Sally George Wright

7 (June 15): Charles Silver, grandfather of Bob and Jack Sukin


13 (June 21): Max Greenberger, grandfather of Ellen Alweis  
 Zolla Miller, father of Heather Rio, grandfather of Jonathan Edward Rio

16 (June 24): Lois White, mother of Denise Fink

20 (June 28): Bud Rosenbaum, brother of Bob Rosenbaum



# May 2013

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19	20 Send in member news! 📣	21	22	23 👉 Tablet Deadline	24 ✧ Shabbat	25 ✧ Behalotecha
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