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## Calendar of Events

### July

#### Tuesday, July 2

6:00 p.m.: Dairy potluck for bicyclists from Hazon, followed by presentation about Hazon. See article for more information.

#### Friday, July 5

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service; wedding blessing for Nancy Gollin & Carson Singer; oneg Shabbat hosted by the Gollin & Singer families

#### Saturday, July 6

10:00 a.m.: Torah study\*, par. Mattot-Masei

#### Monday, July 8

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

#### Saturday, July 13

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

#### Sunday, July 14

3:00 p.m.: Board meeting

#### Monday, July 15

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

#### Friday, July 19

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service

#### Saturday, July 20

10:00 a.m.: Torah study\*, par. Ve'etchanan

#### Friday, July 26

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service; oneg Shabbat hosted by the Tomboulian-Meadows family

#### Saturday, July 27

10:30 a.m.: Shabbat service & bat mitzvah of Sarah Meadows; par. Ekev

\*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

Does God go on vacation in the summer?

Of course, this question is facetious – but I remember the synagogue of my childhood, where we rarely had summer services or events and we joked that God went on vacation in the summer.

For congregations with student rabbis, it is customary to have only rare summer services and events. In a place with as beautiful a summer as we have here in Montana, summer is the time to be outside, where many feel God's presence on a hike through the mountains at least as much as they do in the temple.

Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav wrote, "May it be my custom to go outdoors each day, among the trees and grasses, among all growing things, there to be alone and enter into prayer. There may I express all that is in my heart, talking with the One to whom I belong."

And yet, as Rabbi Nachman knew well, solitary prayer carries us only so far. We sense God's presence in Creation, but we express God's presence in community. Jewish tradition recognizes the importance of individual prayer, but

we are to pray with a community whenever that is possible.

I am delighted to let you know that we will have a full schedule of services this summer. In fact, this July we will have services every weekend, including the bat mitzvah of Sarah Meadows on July 27. See the calendar for the full schedule.

We have so much going on this summer – services, classes, and events – that our *Tablet* editors, Rachel and Deb Schaffer – have graciously offered to edit and publish separate issues for July and August rather than doing the usual combined *Tablet*. Thanks, Rachel and Deb!

In Psalm 121 we read that God neither slumbers nor sleeps. And of course, God does not really go on vacation. And this year, neither will Beth Aaron.

This summer, come join us for life-cycle celebrations. Come learn about Deuteronomy, the fifth book of the Torah. Most of all, come together to enjoy our wonderful and sacred community.

L'shalom,  
*Rabbi Barbara L. Block*

## Annual Meeting News

The results of the annual congregational meeting election are as follows:

President:	Brian Schnitzer
Vice-President:	Tricia Williams
Secretary:	Rondel Smith
Treasurer:	Al Page
Past President:	Jeff Simkovic
Members at Large:	Donna Healy David Freedman

Congratulations and a hearty thank-you to everyone for their service!

Those present at the meeting also unanimously accepted the proposed 2013-14 budget, including a 5% requested membership contribution increase.

Mark Wright  
Jerry Ackman

## Bat Mitzvah Invitation

Shira Tomboulian and David Meadows invite CBA members to attend the bat mitzvah of their daughter Sarah on Saturday, July 27, at 10:30 a.m.

Everyone is also welcome at Shabbat

service the previous Friday evening, July 26, when the Tomboulian-Meadows family will host an oneg Shabbat in honor of Sarah's bat mitzvah.

Mazel tov to Sarah and her proud parents!

## Jews Who Ride Bikes

Hazon, "vision" in Hebrew, the country's largest Jewish environmental group, is again sponsoring a cross-country bike ride to raise Jewish awareness of environmental education, action and advocacy. Riders and support staff will visit Billings the evening of Tuesday, July 2, riding in from Big Timber, having spent time at synagogues in Missoula, Helena, and Bozeman, and heading on to Hardin the next day.

Please welcome them by helping us provide a dairy potluck dinner at **6:00 p.m.** at CBA for the riders and those of us attending. They will also give a short presentation following dinner for the riders and congregants.

For more information on Hazon, or if you are interested in riding with them for any part of their travels, visit <http://www.hazon.org/programs/cross-usa-ride/>



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*The deadline for submitting items for the August Temple Tablet is **Thursday, July 25.** Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.*

## Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, July 5	8:48 p.m.
Friday, July 12	8:45 p.m.
Friday, July 19	8:40 p.m.
Friday, July 26	8:33 p.m.
Friday, August 2	8:24 p.m.
Friday, August 9	8:15 p.m.
Friday, August 16	8:04 p.m.
Friday, August 23	7:52 p.m.
Friday, August 30	7:39 p.m.

## Torah Portions for July

**7/6: Matot/Masei** Pent. Num. 30:2-36:13; 28:9-15; Pr. Jer. 2:4-28; 3:4, 4:1-2  
**7/13: Devarim** Pent. Deut. 1:1-3:22; Pr. Isa. 1:1-27  
**7/20: Vaetchanan** Pent. Deut. 3:23-7:11; Pr. Isa. 40:1-26  
**7/27: Ekev** Pent. Deut. 7:12-11:25; Pr. Isa. 49:14-51:3

## Donations

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

\*Bob & Sandy Sukin in memory of Gussie Greenstein, mother of Sandy Sukin

\*Steve & Marilyn Kramer in honor of the marriage of Sheldon & Nikki Alweis

\*Fray Bustos in honor of CBA

\*Tamara Dayton in honor of the Torah study group

## Book Group Meets

The CBA Book Group will meet in August to discuss Shmuley Boteach's *Kosher Jesus*.



## Find a Grave—in the CBA Cemetery

How many times have we all driven by our cemetery on Broadwater Ave. and wondered what is beyond the black steel fence? Do you know who our ancestors were and the history behind many of them? Many of us have relatives buried in our cemetery, whether mothers, fathers, brothers or sisters, or even our children. Many of the founders of CBA are there, and the histories of many of them have been lost over the years. The stories of their trials were so rich, not only in history but also in the hardships they endured.

Thanks to a group of very dedicated genealogists here in Billings, some of that history has been recovered. The Yellowstone Genealogy Forum undertook a three-year project to find and preserve that history. Many hours were spent researching and walking and measuring the cemetery to compile a book that was recently presented to us. Included in this book is a complete index to all the graves, a picture of every headstone, where there is one, and a history of the person buried. Also, almost every one has the obituary included, and they even researched the old records from funeral homes and where the person died. Records all the way back to the early 1900s were accessed, from states as far away as

Florida. Some of the stories are very tragic, but the history was recorded as it happened.

This project is part of a national project called Find a Grave, a national registry to help genealogists find where their ancestors are buried. As a fellow genealogist and family history recorder, I am also involved in another project that is a part of a national grave registry, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and am the grave registrar for the State of Montana. I have walked many a cemetery in Montana, so I can really appreciate the work involved and the hours spent on this project for us.

Special thanks are due to two very special and hard-working members of the YGF. Judy Cohen and Jason Hermon were the chair and co-chair of this project.

The book is in our library and can be used by any member but cannot be checked out of the library.

If you want more information on either of these organizations, follow the links to their web pages.

Al Page

<http://www.findagrave.com/>  
<http://montanamsgrs.org/ygf>  
<http://suvchw.org/>

## 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).

### Tammuz

24 (July 2): Bette Prestridge, mother of Merry Prestridge

26 (July 4): Timothy Myers, son of David and Nancy Myers

28 (July 6): Isadore Greenstein, father of Sandy Sukin

Sally Noe, member and friend of CBA

### Av

4 (July 11): Rosella Alweis, mother of Don Alweis, grandmother of Sheldon Alweis

6 (July 13): Judith Rosenthal Kraushaar, wife of Alan Kraushaar

7 (July 14):

11 (July 18): Sol S. Lipman, grandfather of Cendri, Miri, and Jill Hutcherson Salsbury

July 22: Harold Kapelovitz, husband of Lee Kapelovitz

27 (Aug 3): Murray Kramer, father of Steve Kramer

29 (Aug 5): Gussie Greenstein, mother of Sandy Sukin

30 (Aug 6): Samuel Brown, father of Mel Brown

### Elul

8 (Aug 14): James Misner, father of Marilyn Kramer

18 (Aug 24): Benjamin Schaffer, grandfather of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

22 (Aug 28): Murray Sanders, uncle of Jeff Sanders

25 (Aug 31): Irvin Schnitzer, father of Brian Schnitzer

Rabbi Samuel Horowitz, beloved rabbi of CBA

26 (Sept 1): Sarah Greenstein, grandmother of Sandy Sukin

### Tishrei

5 (Sept 9): Morris Schnitzer, paternal grandfather of Brian Schnitzer

10 (Sept 14): Paul Alweis, uncle of Don Alweis

Mollie Miller, grandmother of Don Alweis

# July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:00 p.m.: Potluck for Hazon at CBA. 		Independence Day! 	7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service, wedding blessing, & oneg Shabbat ☆ Shabbat	10:00 a.m.: Torah study ☆ Matot/Masei
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	11:45 a.m.: Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Block 				☆ Shabbat	10:00 a.m.: Liturgy study 10:30 a.m.: Shabbat a.m. service ☆ Devarim
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Send in member news! 			Tablet Deadline 	7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service & oneg Shabbat ☆ Shabbat	10:30 a.m.: Shabbat service & bat mitzvah ☆ Ekev
28	29	30	31			

## Member News

\*Adela Awner has left the Interfaith Hospitality Network for new adventures. She is owed many, many thanks for her hard work on behalf of families in need of housing in Billings.

## New Policy on Bags in the Synagogue

Upon the advice of national Jewish organizations, all individuals will be discouraged from bringing large carry-bags into the synagogue. Such carry-bags must be left in the owner's vehicle. The infrequent attendees who arrive by means such as by motorcycle or bicycle or on foot will be required to have their carry-bags inspected by any greeter present.

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Weekly newsletter of the Reform movement

<http://urj.org/eneews/jta/>

Weekly "Ten Minutes of Torah"

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

## A Special Thank You!

Alan Kraushaar deserves a special shout-out for his efforts in making the Israel Booth at the Festival of Cultures a reality. He had a lot of good help, but he

provided the leadership that made it all come together. Thank you, Alan—and all the volunteers.



The CBA tent at the 2013 Festival of Cultures at RMC  
Photo courtesy Festival of Cultures



Preparing to dig for ancient coins at the CBA tent at the Festival of Cultures  
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Digging for ancient coins at the CBA tent at the Festival of Cultures  
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