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Calendar of Events

September

Wednesday, September 4

7:30 p.m.: Erev Rosh Hashanah; oneg sponsored by CBA Board

Thursday, September 5

10:00 a.m.: Rosh Hashanah morning service followed by Tashlich at Lillis Park

Friday, September 6

10:00 a.m.: Second day Rosh Hashanah morning service

Saturday, September 7

10:30 a.m.: Shabbat Shuvah experience at Boiling River in Yellowstone Park (see Rabbi's column)

Sunday, September 8

3:00 p.m.: Board meeting

Monday, September 9

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

Friday, September 13—Erev Yom Kippur

7:30 p.m.: Kol Nidrei

Saturday, September 14

10:00 a.m.: Morning service
3:00 p.m.: Afternoon service
4:30 p.m.: Yizkor service
5:15 p.m.: Concluding service & potluck break-fast

Sunday, September 15

10:00 a.m.: Sukkah raising (Sukkot begins p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18)
10:00 a.m.: Religious School & parents' meeting

Friday, September 20

6:00 p.m.: Shabbat & Sukkot service & potluck supper

Saturday, September 21

10:00 a.m.: Special Sukkot Torah study*: Ecclesiastes, followed by bring-your-own-lunch in the Sukkah

Monday, September 23

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn*: Sukkot

Sunday, September 29

10:00 a.m.: Sukkah tear-down

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

The Rabbi's Column

The ten High Holy Days, or Days of Awe, begin with Rosh Hashanah and end with Yom Kippur. There is always one Shabbat between the two holidays, and this Shabbat has a special name: Shabbat Shuvah, the Shabbat of Turning or of Return.

Turning is a basic theme of the High Holy Days. We turn from habits that are harmful. We return to our best selves and renew our commitment to our communities. The name "Shabbat Shuvah" is actually taken from one of the traditional Haftarah portions for this Shabbat: Hosea 14:2-10. The portion begins, "Shuvah, Yisrael, ad Adonai Elohecha," "Return, O Israel, to Adonai your God." The remainder of the portion exhorts Israel to give up wrongful ways and to seek God's forgiveness.

Traditionally on this Shabbat, rabbis deliver sermons to their congregation to awaken them to recall their malevolent conduct of the past year and to repent in anticipation of the coming of Yom Kippur.

Our congregation will have a gentler approach to awakening and turning. Congregation Beth Shalom of Bozeman

has invited us to join them at Boiling River in Yellowstone Park (near Gardiner) on Shabbat morning. We will join them for an outdoor experience, which I expect will be welcome by many after three days of indoor services.

It is traditional on the day before Yom Kippur for men to go to the mikvah; it is traditional for many women as well. The immersion symbolizes a person's rebirth in connection with doing teshuvah. When we visit Boiling River, we will have a mikvah ritual (in swimsuits) that will deepen our experience of this holy time of return and renewal.

Our day will commence at 10:30 and will include a chanting service and a Torah study in addition to the mikvah experience. There will be an opportunity to spend free time in Yellowstone in the afternoon. More details will be sent to members by e-mail; those without e-mail who are interested in receiving the information should contact the synagogue office at 406-248-6412.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Barbara L. Block

Chairs and Sukkah: A Success Story

You may notice how nice the social hall folding chairs now look. They have all been power-washed and made stain resistant. You may also be surprised by the wonderful new Sukkah frame at the back of the synagogue. It requires only constructing the s'chach/roof and decorating for the celebration of Sukkot.

We offer our intense thanks to Dave Wilt for designing the Sukkah, providing most of the tools, and leading us in purchasing the materials and putting it all together. We also thank those responsible for making the whole activity happen, including Al Page, Jerry Ackman, Steve Kramer, Donna Healy, and Tricia Williams. Our appreciation to

all those who helped, including those who spent most of their 90+ degree afternoon: Wendy Magid, Sherry Ackman, Marilyn Kramer, and Rondel Smith. In addition, a mazel tov to those who stuck around until the very end: Alan Kraushaar, Roberta and Jerry Perlman, Kathleen Wilt, and Roger Williams. And most of all, we offer our thanks to two who are not even members of Congregation Beth Aaron, John Anthony of Fromberg and Scott Hecht of Powell, without whom we might not have gotten the work done. John and Scott may not be members, but they will now always be a part of Temple Beth Aaron!

MAJCO Shabbaton October 4-6!

Don't forget to save the dates October 4-6 (Friday-Sunday) as Congregation Har Shalom hosts the 2013 MAJCO Shab-baton in Missoula! The theme for our meeting this year is based on Parashat Noach: The Good Ship

Montana, Sailing into Our Jewish Future! Housing accommodations include the Holiday Inn Downtown and home hospitality. A full schedule of activities is available via email from the editor, Rachel Schaffer.



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A Special Thank You to the Kramers

A huge thank-you goes to Marilyn and Steve Kramer for the wonderful opportunity to spend Erev Shabbat

together as a congregation at their home. We appreciate their hospitality!

Of Yahrzeit and Yizkor

Yahrzeit means "time of one year" in Yiddish. The word is also used by non-Yiddish-speaking Ashkenazi Jews, and refers to the anniversary of the day of death of a relative. It is widely observed, based on the Jewish tradition that mourners are required to commemorate the death of a relative. Jews are required to commemorate the death of parents, siblings, spouses, or children. The main *halakhic* obligation is to recite the mourner's version of the *Kaddish* prayer, if possible, at least three times, during *Maariv*, the evening service, during *Shacharit*, the morning service, and during *Mincha*, the afternoon service. The *Yahrzeit* usually falls annually on the Hebrew date of the deceased relative's death according to the Hebrew calendar.

Yizkor ("remembrance") prayers are recited by those who have lost either one or both of their parents; in some modern Jewish congregations, one might say *yizkor* for any relative or close friend whose death is mourned. There is a custom that those who do not recite the *Yizkor* prayers leave the synagogue until the completion of *Yizkor*; the symbolic reason for this is to respect the life of one's living parents although some rabbinic authorities regard this custom as originating in superstition.

The *Yizkor* prayers are traditionally recited four times a year, and are intended to be recited in a synagogue with a minyan of ten Jewish adults; if one is unable to be with a minyan, one can recite them without a minyan. These four *Yizkor* services are held on Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, on the last day of Passover, and on Shavuot (the second day of Shavuot, in communities that observe Shavuot for two days). In the *Yizkor* prayers, God is asked to remember and grant repose to the souls of the departed. *Yizkor* is customarily not said within the first year of mourning, until the first *yahrzeit* has passed. This practice is a custom and historically not regarded to be obligatory.

Congregation Beth Aaron's *Yizkor* list, which includes those on our *Yahrzeit* list, is read on Yom Kippur. Please check the list, which is available in the social hall at the synagogue, to make sure your deceased parents, siblings, spouses, and children are included. If not, please add their names. If you know the Hebrew date of death or the secular date of death and approximate time, from which we can calculate the Hebrew date, they will also be added to our *Yahrzeit* list, which is used throughout the year.

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).

Elul

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

13 (Sept 17): Shimon Burstein, father of Uri Barnea

16 (Sept 20): Louis Gold, grandfather of Brian Schnitzer

17 (Sept 21): Yetta Niss, founding member of CBA

22 (Sept 26): Milt Cohen, father of Ellen Alweis

John Forwalter, father of Denise Fink

25 (Sept 29): Rebecca Cohen, grandmother of Ellen Alweis

26 (Sept 30): Joe Alweis, grandfather of Don Alweis

Paddy Theodore Perlmann, brother of Thelma Lakier

Cheshvan

1 (Oct 5): Honey Kramer, mother of Steve Kramer

Sophie Parkans, grandmother of Bob Nemer

8 (Oct 12): David Greenstein, grandfather of Sandy Sukin

16 (Oct 20): Mildred Kraushaar, mother of Alan Kraushaar

17 (Oct 21): Les Alweis, father of Don Alweis, grandfather of Sheldon Alweis

The deadline for submitting items for the October Temple Tablet is **Thursday, September 19**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.

Candle-Lighting Times

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wed., Sept. 4 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 6 7:26 p.m.

Erev Yom Kippur

Friday, Sept. 13 7:12 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 20 6:59 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 27 6:45 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 4 6:32 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 11 6:19 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18 6:06 p.m.

Torah Portions for September

9/7: Haazinu Pent. Deut. 32:1-52; Pr. Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27

9/14: Yom Kippur, Yizkor

9/21: Shabbat Chol Hamoed

9/28: Bereshit Pent. Gen. 1:1-6:8; Pr. Isa. 42:5-43:10

Donations

Many thanks for these generous donations to CBA.

*David Meadows & Shira Tombouljian for the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund in honor of their daughter Sarah's bat mitzvah.

*Steve & Marilyn Kramer for the Art Project

*Jerry & Roberta Perlman for the Art Project

*Rondel Smith in honor of the marriage of Sheldon & Nikki Alweis, the bat mitzvah of Sarah Meadows, and the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Steve & Marilyn Kramer

*Fray Bustos in honor of CBA

New Year's Greetings

*Rabbi Block





















*Jerry & Roberta Perlman

*Andy & Heather Rio



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September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day 	3	4 7:30 p.m.: Erev Rosh Hashanah; oneg follows 	5 10:00 a.m.: Rosh Hashanah morning service followed by Tashlich 	6 10:00 a.m.: Rosh Hashanah 2nd-day morning service  Shabbat	7 10:30 a.m.: Shabbat Shuvah at Yellowstone  Ha'azinu
8 3:00 p.m.: Board meeting 	9 11:45 a.m.: Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Block 	10	11	12	13 7:30 p.m.: Kol Nidre  Shabbat	14 10:00 a.m.: Yom Kippur a.m. service 3:00 p.m.: Minchah 4:30 p.m.: Yizkor 5:15 p.m.: P.m. Service & break-fast 
15 10:00 a.m.: Sukkah raising 10:00 a.m.: Religious School & parents' meeting 	16 Send in member news! 	17	18 Erev Sukkot 	19 Tablet Deadline 	20 6:00 p.m.: Shabbat service & potluck  Shabbat	21 10:00 a.m.: Torah study  Ecclesiastes
22 First Day of Autumn 	23 11:45 a.m.: Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Block 	24	25	26 Shemini Atzeret	27 Simchat Torah  Shabbat	28  Bereshit
29 10:00 a.m.: Sukkah tear- down 	30					

Member News

*Mazel tov to **Roxanne Fahrenwald** for her recognition as the cover subject of the August *Yellowstone Valley Women*—and to **Jeff Simkovic**, who is also mentioned in the article.

The New Jewish Life 5774/2013-2014 Calendars Are Now Available!

Once again, Congregation Beth Aaron appreciates this generous gift by Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary and Crematory. They have served our religious community's greatest needs for more than 50 years.

News from IHN

CBA will once again be serving meals to homeless people for IHN at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Tuesday, October 1, and Thursday, October 3. If you are willing to help on either of these days, or if you have questions, please contact Roger Williams at 248-6412 or cbabillings@yahoo.com. Thank you!

The 6th Annual Cardboard Box City will be held on Saturday, October 12, at Rocky Mountain College. Watch for more information, or pick up a brochure at the synagogue.

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Schedule of Services
Congregation Beth Aaron
October-December 2013 / Tishrei-Tevet 5773-74

October

October 4-6: MAJCO—no services at CBA
Saturday, October 12: 10:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service
Friday, October 18: 7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

November

Friday, November 1: 7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service
Saturday, November 9: 10:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service
Friday, November 15: 7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service
Saturday, November 30: 6:00 p.m. Chanukkah celebration; details TBA

December

Friday, December 6: 7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service
Saturday, December 14: 10:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service
Friday, December 20: 7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service



Sukkah Crew
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