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Calendar of Events

October

Tuesday, October 1

5:30 p.m.: Family Promise (IHN) at Good Shepherd Lutheran

Thursday, October 3

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Friday, Oct. 4-Sunday, Oct. 6

MAJCO Shabbaton in Missoula—no services or events at CBA

Saturday, October 12

10:00 a.m.: Liturgy Study*:

blessings over food

10:30 a.m.: Shabbat morning

service

Sunday, October 13

10:30 a.m.: Religious School**

1:00 p.m.: Board meeting

Monday, October 14

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

Kashrut

Friday, October 18

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat evening service. Oneg Shabbat hosted by the Board.

Saturday, October 19

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

Vayera

Sunday, October 20

3:00 p.m.: Jewish Cooking with Amira Harper* (see Rabbi's column)

Monday, October 21

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

Mussar

6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew*

(cont.)

***These events/activities are open to members and those who have received prior approval from Rabbi Block.**

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



The Rabbi's Column

When you hear the expression “Jewish food,” what comes to mind?

This month we will be reading from the early chapters of Genesis, and food figures prominently in many stories. In the story of creation, God gives Adam and Eve all the plants of the earth for food. After the flood in the next portion, Noah and his descendants are allowed to eat meat. The food that Abraham and Sarah prepare for the three mysterious visitors is described in detail (if you want to know what they prepared, see Genesis 18:6-8).

For many Jews in the United States today, “Jewish food” brings images of bagels and lox. Perhaps you think of a nice oneg Shabbat after services, or of challah. Then there are holidays – matzah and charoset and horseradish and more at Passover, and latkes at Chanukkah.

Most of these foods are Ashkenazi in origin – that is, they come from Eastern Europe. But Jews live around the globe, and what counts for Jewish food is as varied as the places we live. We've become familiar with sufganiyot, the filled donuts for Chanukkah, and pita and hummus and falafel from the Middle East.

This month we will begin an exploration of Jewish food through a series of Jewish cooking classes. I am delighted that Amira Harper will be sharing her wonderful hummus recipe with us as she demonstrates how to make it on Sunday, October 20. We will explore a range of Jewish food in classes

News from Family Promise

Congregation Beth Aaron is a proud member of Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network). We are one of 24 Billings congregations that provide temporary housing, meals, transportation and essential case management services to help select homeless families regain and sustain independence. CBA partners with Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd to provide meals and guest supervision one week in ten.

Nyd Kraushaar recently retired as the

throughout the year. If you would like to teach us how to make your Jewish specialty, please contact me.

Of course, Jewish food is varied, but it shares in common that it must be kosher. Our Lunch and Learn on October 14 will be dedicated to this topic. Join us to learn not just what is and is not kosher, but how it becomes that way and some modern variations on what is considered kosher.

Whatever food we choose, we thank God by offering blessings before and after we eat. We are most familiar with Kiddush and motzi, which we say at the beginning of our oneg Shabbat and potluck meals. Learn more about these blessings at our October liturgy study on October 12.

Jewish tradition also commands us to share our food. Our congregation does this in two ways. First, we collect food for the Food Bank each fall during the holidays. Thanks for all who helped to make this year's collection a success! Secondly, we participate in Family Promise (formerly known as Interfaith Hospitality Network or IHN). Once every ten weeks, we help homeless families by providing meals and hospitality at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. CBA is looking for a coordinator for our efforts – please see the notice in this Tablet and consider volunteering!

B'tayavon! – Enjoy your food!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Barbara L. Block

CBA congregation coordinator. Roger Williams, also a FPYV board member, is filling in temporarily. CBA needs a volunteer to serve as our new congregation coordinator. In addition to recruiting people to help prepare and host meals for two days once every 10 weeks, the coordinator spends about 1-3 hours per month networking with the FPYV staff, board, and other congregation coordinators.

Please call Rabbi Block or Roger Williams if you are willing to help.



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*The deadline for submitting items for the November Temple Tablet is **Thursday, October 24**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.*

Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, Oct. 4	6:32 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 11	6:19 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 18	6:06 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 25	5:54 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 1	5:43 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 8	4:34 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 15	4:26 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 22	4:19 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 29	4:14 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 6	4:12 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 13	4:12 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20	4:13 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 27	4:17 p.m.

Torah Portions for October

10/5: Noach Pent. Gen. 6:9-11:32; Num. 28:9-15; Pr. Isa. 66:1-24
10/12: Lech Lecha Pent. Gen. 12:1-17:27; Pr. Isa. 40:27-41:16
10/19: Vayera Pent. Gen. 18:1-22:24; Pr. II Kings 4:1-37
10/26: Chayei Sarah Pent. Gen. 23:1-25:18; Pr. I Kings 1:1-31

A Sukkot Thank You

Warm thanks go to Wanda Walker and Wendy Magid for preparing the Shabbat in Sukkot potluck dinner and then cleaning up afterwards!



SERVING REFORM CONGREGATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA

MAJCO Shabbaton October 4-6!

Congregation Har Shalom hosts the 2013 MAJCO Shabbaton in Missoula October 4-6 (Friday-Sunday). 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.

Hospital Visits from the Rabbi

Rabbi Block wants CBA members to know that she would very much like to visit you if you are in the hospital. Since privacy laws prohibit hospitals from

notifying her without your permission, she would appreciate it if you would let her know if you are hospitalized so that she can visit.

Come Live in a Cardboard Box City!

Cardboard Box City is the annual fundraiser of Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network of Yellowstone County) and supports its mission to help homeless families achieve and sustain independence.

This year's CBC event is scheduled for Saturday night, October 12, 2013, on the Rocky Mountain College campus, with set-up from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and takedown Sunday morning from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Registration is \$25 per person before October 9 and \$35 thereafter. Donations FPYV are also welcome!

CBA members and their families are encouraged to bring their decorated boxes and spend the night under the stars with Roger Williams and Andy Rio,

stalwart supporters of the event. Activities include an educational program to highlight the challenges of homelessness and the ways in which FPYV can help, live music early in the evening, and organized youth activities later on. This year, registration can be done painlessly online at www.familypromiseyv.org.

Organizers are also seeking volunteers for two-hour blocks to help coordinate Cardboard Box City for Saturday afternoon and evening and early Sunday morning. If you are interested in helping, please call Roger Williams at 861-2220 to arrange a time. The success of this important event depends heavily on the enthusiasm of our congregations and their volunteers.

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).

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
- 19 (Oct 23): Joe Sax, grandfather of Marc Blum
- 20 (Oct 24): Berthe Perlmann, mother of Thelma Lakier
Ted Fahrenwald, father of Roxanne Fahrenwald
- 21 (Oct 25): Irving Sanders, father of Jeff Sanders

24 (Oct 28): Bess Misner, mother of Marilyn Kramer

25 (Oct 29): Hugh Ford, husband of Julie Coleman Ford
Richard Wexler, father of Diane Kersten

27 (Oct 31): Richard Civin, brother of Donna Healy



















29 (Nov 2): Mollie Sanders, mother of Jeff Sanders

Kislev

9 (Nov 11): Evelyn Jaffe Miller, mother of Heather Rio, grandmother of Jonathan Edward Rio
Bernice Samuels Schaffer, mother of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

11 (Nov 13): Norman Alweis, uncle of Don Alweis

October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:30 p.m.: Family Promise (IHN) at Good Shepherd Lutheran 	2	3 5:30 p.m.: Family Promise (IHN) at Good Shepherd Lutheran 	4 MAJCO Shab  Shabbat	5 baton in  Noach
6 Missoula	7	8	9	10	11  Shabbat	12 10:00 a.m.: Liturgy study 10:30 a.m.: Shabbat service  Lech Lecha
13 10:30 a.m.: Religious School  1:00 p.m.: Board meeting 	14 Columbus Day  11:45 a.m.: Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Block: kashrut 	15	16	17 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service & oneg  Shabbat	18	19 10:00 a.m.: Torah study  Vayera
20 3:00 p.m.: Jewish Cooking with Amira Harper 	21 11:45 a.m.: Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Block: Mussar  6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew 	22 Send in member news! 	23	24  Tablet Deadline	25  Shabbat	26  Chayei Sarah
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween 		

Donations

Many thanks for these generous donations to CBA.

New Year's Greetings

*Rabbi Block
*Jerry & Roberta Perlman
*Andy & Heather Rio
*Al Page
*Rondel Smith
*Sally George Wright
*Roger & Tricia Williams
*Amira Harper
*Joel & Elaine Ziskind
*Jeff Sanders, Melinda Payne, & daughter Sarah

*Diane Kersten
*Dean & Lisa Sukin & family
*Don & Carol Roberts
*Marc & Rose Emily Blum
*Bob & Sandy Sukin
*Robert & Maxine Greenberg
*Don & Ellen Alweis
*Sheldon Alweis & Nikki Wohler & family

In memory of

*Charles Barer by Shoshanna Barer

In Honor of CBA

Caryle Streeter
Fray Bustos

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October-December 2013 / Tishrei-Tevet 5773-74

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Saturday, October 12: 10:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service
Friday, October 18: 7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

November

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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



Service in the Sukkah
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More Service in the Sukkah
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