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## Calendar of Events

### November

#### Friday, November 1

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat evening service.

#### Saturday, November 2

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

#### Sunday, November 3

10:30 a.m.: Religious School\*\*  
1:00 p.m.: Board meeting

#### Monday, November 4

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

#### Saturday, November 9

10:00 a.m.: Liturgy Study\*: Chanukkah  
10:30 a.m.: Shabbat morning service

#### Monday, November 11

6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew\* (cont.)

#### Friday, November 15

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat evening service.

#### Saturday, November 16

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

1:00 p.m.: Not in Our Town Summit on Hate, Rocky Mountain College (see announcement)

#### Sunday, November 17

10:30 a.m.: Religious School\*\*  
3:00 p.m.: Jewish cooking: Thanksgivukkah

#### Monday, November 18

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

#### Saturday, November 30

5:30 p.m.: Chanukkah service and potluck

\*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 I speak to church groups and college classes, I will often ask how many of my listeners have ever met someone Jewish. Often, few people raise their hands. I am the first Jew they have ever met – or perhaps I am the first Jew they have met who has “come out” as Jewish. In either case, I believe that their getting to know someone Jewish in person is at least as valuable as their learning whatever information I teach them about Judaism. When we get to know the “others,” they cease to be strangers.

Twenty years ago, friends and neighbors of Jews living in Billings came together to defend the Jewish community against hate attacks. The story of “Not in Our Town” is well known. Perhaps not all of the 10,000 or so households in Billings who put pictures of Chanukkah menorahs in their windows personally knew someone Jewish. But my hunch is that many did – and that those who knew someone Jewish were more likely to support us than those who did not.

The organization “Not in Our Town,” which began by defending the Jewish community in Billings, has continued to support us and has broadened its focus to support other groups who experience discrimination and marginalization. One of their annual activities is a Summit on Hate, which focuses each year on a different group that experiences hate.

This year, the Summit on Hate will focus on issues facing the transgender community. Perhaps you will wonder if there are any transgender people in Billings. I assure you that there are. You might even know someone who is

## Not in Our Town

Not in Our Town Billings is proud to invite you to a day of learning, celebrating, and remembrance as we join with the Transgender Day of Remembrance for our 4th Annual Summit on Hate.

Our community is home to a growing population of transgender individuals and families. This is our opportunity as Billings residents to come together and learn about the personal and institutional challenges transgender individuals face. Come and help us build a safer and more inclusive community.

transgender, but not know this. As you might imagine, it is often unsafe for transgender people to be open about their identities. They are targets of verbal and physical violence, and too many have been murdered.

I realize that some in our community may be uncomfortable with this topic. A few years ago, I myself would have just avoided it – I understand this well. But having met and spoken with several transgender folks, including a rabbi, children of friends, members of another congregation, and someone in my extended family, I have come to appreciate transgender people and the challenges they face. I have come to appreciate as well their unique perspective on gender differences. And, I still have more to learn.

This year's Summit on Hate will be on Saturday, November 16, from 1:00 to 5:00 at Rocky Mountain College. Please know that the event was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. to accommodate those of us who will be at Torah study on that Shabbat morning. You can sign up through the link in the announcement below.

The Torah commands us over and over to love the stranger. The first step in loving the strangers is meeting them in person and listening to them. After a time, we find that they are no longer strangers. I hope that you will fulfill this mitzvah by joining me for what promises to be a rich and rewarding learning experience.

L'shalom,  
*Rabbi Barbara L. Block*

This event is free and open to the public. Donations are appreciated.

### Agenda:

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.: Summit on Hate: TransBillings  
6:30 p.m.: Transgender Day of Remembrance  
7:30 p.m.: Community Potluck

Please let us know you are coming by RSVPing online at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dGNnbk1TV1VITU NDZVE4STdYdGE3d2c6MA>



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*The deadline for submitting items for the December Temple Tablet is **Thursday, November 21**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.*

## Candle-Lighting Times

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.

## Torah Portions for November

- 11/2: Toledot** Pent. Gen. 25:19-28:9; Pr. I Sam. 20:18-42
- 11/9: Vayetze** Pent. Gen. 28:10-32:3; Pr. Hos. 12:13-14:10
- 11/16: Vayishlach** Pent. Gen. 32:4-36:43; Pr. Obadiah 1:1-21
- 11/23: Vayeshev** Pent. Gen. 37:1-40:23; Pr. Amos 2:6-3:8
- 11/30: Miketz** Pent. Gen. 41:1-44:17; Num. 7:24-29; Pr. Zech. 2:14-4:7

## Donations

Many thanks for these generous donations to CBA.

\*Bob & Sandy Sukin in memory of David Greenstein, grandfather of Sandy Sukin; Rose Yoelin, grandmother of Sandy Sukin; and Goldie Sukin, mother of Bob and Jack Sukin, grandmother of Dean Sukin

\*Robert & Christine Rosenbaum to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

### In Honor of CBA

- \*Jose Bustos
- \*Charles & Anna Greenberg

## A Change of Presidents

Brian Schnitzer has resigned as President of Congregation Beth Aaron effective as of the start of the last Board of Directors meeting on November 3. Tricia Williams, as Vice President, automatically succeeds to the office of the President per our current Bylaws, and also per those Bylaws, she

shall soon appoint a replacement to the vacant Vice President's position. (Their completion of any unfulfilled terms will not count against their eligibility in future elections.) Brian shall now serve as immediate Past President until the president after Tricia Williams is elected.

## Special Thank You's

Warmest thanks to Amira Harper for teaching us how to make her fabulous hummus! If anyone else would like to share a Jewish recipe in the coming months, please contact Rabbi Block.

Many thanks also to Al Page for

traveling to New York to bring our Torah scroll back home! The restoration of our Torah scrolls is now complete, and all three are once again in our ark. We look forward to hearing their words for many years to come.

## MAJCO Is for Us!

The Montana Association of Jewish Communities is an umbrella organization that represents Jewish communities across the length and breadth of the great state of Montana. Membership in MAJCO is open to any Jewish community, whatever the stream of Judaism, within Montana.

do not exist in a vacuum. Over 25 years ago, the Jewish communities throughout the state created MAJCO, and through MAJCO, we keep in touch and have created one Big Sky Country community.

Small Jewish communities in rural areas

Anyone not already on the MAJCO email list may join by contacting our current Vice President, Brian Schnitzer ([bschnitzer3@msn.com](mailto:bschnitzer3@msn.com)).

## 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

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

18 (Nov 21): Bessie Schnitzer, grandmother of Brian Schnitzer

### Kislev

9 (Nov 12): Evelyn Jaffe Miller, mother of Heather Rio, grandmother of Jonathan Edward Rio  
Bernice Samuels Schaffer, mother of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

22 (Nov 25): Sol Cohen, grandfather of Ellen Alweis

Jenny Nemer Sibinger, daughter of Linda and Bob Nemer; sister of David Nemer; granddaughter of Zella and Maury Nemer  
Adam Sibinger, son-in-law of Linda and Bob Nemer

11 (Nov 14): Norman Alweis, uncle of Don Alweis

24 (Nov 27): Aaron Small, longtime member of CBA

12 (Nov 15): Juanita L. Rio, mother of Rio, grandmother of Jonathan Edward  
Vivian Civin, mother of Donna Healy

25 (Nov 28): Goldie Sukin, mother of Jack and Bob Sukin, grandmother of Dean Sukin

### Tevet

14 (Nov 17): Sherwood Schnitzer Kopelove, mother of Brian Schnitzer

1 (Dec 4): Charles Elton Lund, father of Liz Barnea

15 (Nov 18): Morris Niss, founding member of CBA

11 (Dec 14): Ida Page, mother of Al Page

17 (Nov 20): Rose Yoelin, grandmother of Sandy Sukin

14 (Dec 17): Harvey Jaffe, uncle of Heather Rio



# November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service ☆ Shabbat	2 10:00 a.m.: Torah study ☆ Toledot
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends 10:30 a.m.: Religious School 📖 1:00 p.m.: Board meeting 📅	4 11:45 a.m.: Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Block: Mussar 🍴 6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew 📖	5 <i>Election Day</i> 🗳️	6	7	8	9 10:00 a.m.: Liturgy study 10:30 a.m.: Shabbat service ☆ Vayetze
10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> 🗳️ 6:30 p.m.: Adult Hebrew 📖	12	13	14	15 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service ☆ Shabbat	16 10:00 a.m.: Torah study 1:00 p.m.: NIOT Summit on Hate, RMC ☆ Vayishlach
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24	25	26	27 <i>Chanukkah begins at sundown!</i> 🕯️	28 <i>Thanks- giving Day</i> 🍴 🕯️	29 🕯️	30 5:30 p.m.: Chanukkah service & potluck ☆ Miketz

## Member News

\*A big mazel tov to new CBA member **Marie Greenspan** on the birth of her granddaughter, Lilah Millie Greenspan, who was born on September 1, 2013, in Royal Oak, Michigan. The proud parents are Marie's son Ian Greenspan and daughter-in-law Amy Malowitz Greenspan. Lilah has four loving grandparents: Marie Greenspan, Elliot Greenspan, and Michael and Sandi Malowitz, plus one great-grandmother, Doreen Bricker. She is named for two deceased great-grandparents: Marie's mother, Mildred Carter and Michael Malowitz's father, Morris Malowitz.

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URJ weekly Torah series

<http://urj.org/torah/#cprFor%20Webmasters>

Weekly newsletter of the  
Reform movement

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

Weekly "Ten Minutes of  
Torah"

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

**Schedule of Services**

**Congregation Beth Aaron**

**November-December 2013 / Cheshvan-Tevet 5774**

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Saturday, November 30:	5:30 p.m.	Chanukkah celebration

**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



**LET US GATHER** together at Congregation Beth Aaron to enjoy a **latke potluck supper** on **Saturday evening, November 30, at 5:30 p.m.**

**WE WILL BEGIN** our celebration in the sanctuary with a candle lighting service led by Rabbi Block. Bring a family chanukkiyah to display and light.

**THEN STAY** as we move into the social hall to enjoy **GOOD** food, **GOOD** company, and Chanukkah **FUN** of all kinds!



Please bring potluck food to share, **dairy compatible**, including latkes if you would like.

*(Please do not bring meat or shellfish.)*

**Last name:**

**A-R:** side dish or salad

**S-Z:** dessert

**A NOTE TO FOLKS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY MEMBERS OF CBA:**

*We hope you will join us in our celebration! We request that you support our congregation both with your presence and a donation so we may continue to have a Jewish presence in Billings for many years to come. Checks should be made out to "CBA" and brought to the event.*



**May the lights of Chanukkah usher in a better world for all humankind...**

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