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The Temple Tablet



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Calendar of Events

April

Friday, April 4

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service

Saturday, April 5

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

Sunday, April 6

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

Monday, April 7

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn*:
Counting the Omer
3:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew*

Saturday, April 12

10:00 a.m.: Liturgy Study*:
Passover
10:30 a.m.: Shabbat service,
par. Acharei

Monday, April 14

Erev Passover—no classes

Tuesday, April 15

6:00 p.m.: CBA Congregational
seder, Crowne Plaza Hotel

Friday, April 18

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service

Saturday, April 19

10:00 a.m.: Torah study*

Monday, April 21

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn*:
Mussar
3:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew*

Monday, April 28

3:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew*

SAVE THE DATE

June 20-22: NIOT Leadership
Gathering meets in our town!

Saturday, June 21: Montana
Council 2014 Scout Shabbat at the
Montana Council Camporee in
Townsend, MT

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

The Rabbi's Column

"We have all experienced having to wait. Sometimes, waiting is joyous, as when we wait for the birth of a child. Sometimes, waiting is anxious, if a loved one is in surgery and we must live through uncertain hours before learning the outcome. These are individual events, but we also have communal waiting. The Jewish tradition instructs us to mark the waiting that occurs before Shavuot by counting omer.

The count begins on the eve of the second day of Passover. Every evening, we count one more day. The days add up to weeks, until after seven weeks and one day, we arrive at Shavuot.

Passover commemorates our exodus from the slavery of Egypt. But freedom from slavery is not enough. Freedom allows us to make commitments. After wandering for seven weeks in the desert, the Israelites committed themselves to the covenant with God at Mount Sinai. We commemorate those seven weeks of wandering and of

waiting by counting the omer. The wait culminates in Shavuot, when we remember the commitment of the Israelites when God gave the Ten Commandments.

The period of waiting between Passover and Shavuot is a time of deep significance. It is a time for reflection and for readying our souls to receive the commandments. We will study the customs, ancient and modern, at our Lunch and Learn on April 7, and consider how the practice of counting the omer can bring meaning to our lives as Jews today.

Before we get to the omer, it is time to clean our homes of leaven in preparation for Passover. May your preparations go smoothly, and the reward for the wait be sweet.

A zissen Pesach – a sweet Passover!

L'shalom,
Rabbi Barbara L. Block

Member News & Thank You's

*Sincere condolences to Bob and Linda Nemer and Raule Nemer on the death of Bob and Raule's father, Maury Nemer, on March 15. Maury was a long-time member and supporter of CBA.

*A warm thank you to Alan Miller for the generous donation of books for the CBA library.

*Thanks to all who helped bake hamantaschen for our Purim celebration: Tricia Williams, Amira Harper, Wendy Magid, Rosemary Wright, and Rabbi Block. Thanks also to Shira Wright for her beautiful decoration of the mishloach manot bags used to send hamantaschen to those who are homebound, in the hospital, or in need of cheer.

Scout Shabbat 2014

The Montana Council 2014 Scout Shabbat will be held at 9:00 a.m. on June 21, 2014, at the Montana Council Camporee in Townsend, MT, in the 4-H

building. Service will be led by Aaron Weissman and Stephen Boyd, and is open to all attendees at the Camporee.





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

Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, April 4	7:27 p.m.
Friday, April 11	7:36 p.m.
Friday, April 18	7:46 p.m.
Friday, April 25	7:55 p.m.
Friday, May 2	8:04 p.m.
Friday, May 9	8:13 p.m.
Friday, May 16	8:21 p.m.
Friday, May 23	8:29 p.m.
Friday, May 30	8:36 p.m.

Torah Portions for April

- 4/5: Metzora** Pent. Lev. 14:1-15:33; Pr. II Kings 7:3-20
- 4/12: Acharei** Pent. Lev. 16:1-18:30; Pr. Mal. 3:4-24
- 4/19: Third Day Chol Chamoed**
- 4/26: Kedoshim** Pent. Lev. 19:1-20:27; Pr. Ez. 22:1-16

Donations

Many thanks for these generous donations to CBA.

*Sarah Sanders, in honor of Hebrew School

*Theo & Dawn Hirshfeld in memory of Theo's parents

In honor of CBA

- *Andrew Shipp
- *Fray Bustos
- *Ilan Kaufman

Not in Our Town

On June 20-22, 2014, the Not in Our Town (NIOT) Leadership Gathering will be coming to Billings. This event will be the second gathering of the national organization. This three-day event will bring together hundreds of civic and community leaders, law enforcement officials, faith leaders, youth, and educators from across the NIOT network and build on the considerable successes of NIOT'S efforts to date. The birthplace of the NIOT movement was here in Billings and was the subject of the PBS film *Not in Our Town*.

In 2006, NIOT held its first national gathering in Bloomington, IL. At that gathering, community leaders from around the country were brought together to exchange anti-hate strategies. The meeting underscored the need for ongoing communication and knowledge sharing, and contributed to the formation and development of what have become NIOT's core programs. NIOT.org, the online platform, includes videos, toolkits for local activism, an interactive map, and Not in Our School, their anti-bullying initiative for middle and high school communities.

The goal of this year's event will be for attendees to learn the following:

- *foster diverse community wide participation
 - *generate a commitment to long term, sustainable action
 - *create a Crisis Response and Victim's Support Plan.
- For more information on NOIT activities, visit their website: www.niot.org/gathering/2014.

The Board of Directors of CBA has passed a motion to provide a financial commitment to this year's gathering. If any members would like to help participate in this endeavor, your contributions are more than welcome. There are several ways you can donate. One way is to visit our web page, www.cbamt.org, click on Support, and follow the instruction that follow. Using Pay Pal is the easiest way to contribute; please note on the page that the contribution is for NIOT, in honor of Congregation Beth Aaron. You may also send a check made out to NIOT, and in the memo section of your check, state in honor of CBA. Donations can be mailed to Congregation Beth Aaron, PO Box 187, Billings, MT 59103, and I will forward them on to NIOT on your behalf. Any amount that is contributed will be on behalf of CBA and will help.

Thank you for your support.

AI Page, CBA Treasurer

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).

Nisan

5 (April 5): Ellsworth A. Rio, father of Andy Rio and grandfather of Jon Rio
Arthur Beiser, grandfather of Karen Beiser

9 (April 9): Jerry Kohn, long-time member of CBA

12 (April 12): Louis Melnick, founding member of CBA, grandfather of Sandra Melnick Seitz
Meyer Colnic, grandfather of Michael Bugenstein

20 (April 20): Frank Pat Coleman, husband of Julie Coleman Ford
George Sukin, father of Bob and Jack Sukin, grandfather of Dean Sukin, and founding member of CBA
Anna Bugenstein, grandmother of Michael Bugenstein
Marcia Orman, longtime CBA member

22 (April 22): Rosalie D'Esopo, mother of Margaret Cloutier

25 (April 25): Sarah Duberstein, mother of Lenny Duberstein

27 (April 27): Minna Horowitz, beloved Rebbitzin of CBA
Tzvi Hirshfeld, brother of Theo and Dawn Hirshfeld

Iyar

2 (May 2): Esther Colnic, grandmother of Michael Bugenstein

5 (May 5): Jennie Schaffer, grandmother of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

11 (May 11): Sam Melnick, father of Sandra, Sharon, and Saralee Melnick

25 (May 25): Jessie Alweis, grandmother of Don Alweis

27 (May 27): Fred Harold Grossman, father of Gail Grossman, grandfather of Evan and Maddy Quarles
Lois Ewers, mother of Nyd Kraushaar



April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
					7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service ✡ Shabbat	10:00 a.m.: Torah study 📖 Metzora
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Erev Passover No classes	6:00 p.m.: Congregational seder 🕒	Send in member news! 📣		7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service ✡ Shabbat	10:00 a.m.: Torah study 📖 Chol Chamoad
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	11:45 a.m.: Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Block 🕒 3:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew 📖	Passover ends at sundown.		👉 Tablet Deadline	✡ Shabbat	📖 Kedoshim
27	28	29	30			
Yom Hazikaron, Holocaust Remem- brance Day ✡	🕒 3:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew 📖					

Hospital Visits from Rabbi Block

Rabbi Block is always willing and eager to visit CBA members in the hospital. Since privacy laws prohibit hospitals from notifying her without the patient's permission, she would appreciate it if anyone who is in the hospital and would welcome a visit would let her know.

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Friday, April 18:	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service

May

Friday, May 2:	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service & Yom Ha'atzma'ut
Saturday, May 10:	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat morning service
Friday, May 16:	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service
Friday, May 30:	7:00 p.m.	Shabbat dessert social (location TBA)

June

Friday, June 6:	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service, Shavuot (observed)
Saturday, June 14:	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat morning service
Friday, June 20:	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service



Useful links on the Web:

URJ weekly Torah series
<http://urj.org/torah/#cprFor%20Webmasters>

Weekly newsletter of the
Reform movement
<http://urj.org/eneews/jta/>

Weekly "Ten Minutes of
Torah"
<http://urj.org/torah/ten/>

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