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Calendar of Events

February

Saturday, February 1

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

Monday, February 3

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn*: Mussar
2:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew*

Friday, February 7

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service

Saturday, February 8

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

Sunday, February 9

1:00 p.m.: Board meeting

Monday, February 10

2:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew*

Tuesday, February 11

6:30 p.m.: Book signing at MSUB (see related article)

Saturday, February 15

10:00 a.m.: Liturgy Study*
10:30 a.m.: Shabbat service, par. Ki Tissa

Monday, February 17

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn*
2:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew*

Friday, February 21

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service & baby naming for Jameson Salsbury; oneg Shabbat hosted by the Salsburys

Saturday, February 22

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

Monday, February 24

2:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew* (cont.)

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

The Rabbi's Column

When I was in public school in the '60s and '70s, our history textbooks rarely mentioned anyone Jewish. In fact, the only Jew I remember learning about was Samuel Gompers, who was instrumental in establishing labor unions. It was so unusual to learn about anyone Jewish in public school that I have remembered his name to this day.

How gratifying it has been to learn more recently of all the contributions made by Jews to this country. This year, we observe the holiday we now call "Presidents' Day" on February 17. Those of us of my generation who grew up in the U.S. will recall that we used to mark two dates: February 12, the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, and February 22, the birthday of George Washington (and neither date was considered a special time for shopping malls).

I have written earlier about George Washington's letter to the Jews of Rhode Island. At a conference this past January, I learned about the rich relationship that Abraham Lincoln had with Jews during his lifetime.

That relationship resulted in an outpouring of sentiment when Lincoln was assassinated. Synagogues recited the Kaddish for the fallen president. In New York, Shearith Israel broke with

custom by chanting a Sephardic mourning prayer it had never before said for a gentile. In Cincinnati, in a synagogue draped in black, Isaac Mayer Wise ended his sermon with words that may have stunned his hushed audience (we have no record of the response). "Abraham Lincoln," he proclaimed, "believed [himself] to be bone from our bone and flesh from our flesh. He supposed [himself] to be a descendant of Hebrew parentage. He said so in my presence. And, indeed, he preserved numerous features of the Hebrew race, both in countenance and character."

[\[http://forward.com/articles/166698/abraham-lincoln-the-jew/?p=all#ixzz2riwlfoc3\]](http://forward.com/articles/166698/abraham-lincoln-the-jew/?p=all#ixzz2riwlfoc3)

Was Wise correct? Was Abraham Lincoln really Jewish? Evidence is negative. But even though Lincoln was not Jewish, he was an ally. This month, we celebrate his birth not only as Americans, but as Jews.

At this month's Lunch and Learn, we will delve further into the history of Lincoln and the Jews. I invite you to join us for lively discussion on Monday, February 17.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Barbara L. Block

Book Signing at MSU Billings

Author Waitman Beom will speak about and sign copies of his new book, *Marching into Darkness: The Wehrmacht and the Holocaust in Belarus*, on Tuesday evening, February 11, at 6:30 p.m. in Library 148 on the MSUB campus. The book examines the

role played by the Wehrmacht in the execution on October 10, 1941, of the Jews of Krucha, Belarus. Dr. Beom is the executive director of the Sam and Frances Fried Holocaust and Genocide Education Fund Board at the University of Nebraska Omaha.





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*The deadline for submitting items for the March Temple Tablet is **Thursday, February 20**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.*

Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, Feb. 7	5:10 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 14	5:20 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 21	5:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 28	5:40 p.m.
Friday, March 7	5:50 p.m.
Friday, March 14	7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 21	7:09 p.m.
Friday, March 28	7:18 p.m.

Torah Portions for February

- 2/1: Terumah** Pent. Ex. 25:1-27:19; Num. 28:9-15; Pr. Is. 66:1-24
- 2/8: Tetzaveh** Pent. Ex. 27:20-30:10; Pr. Ezek. 43:10-27
- 2/15: Ki Tissa** Pent. Ex. 30:11-34:35; Pr. I Kings 18:1-39
- 2/22: Vayakhel** Pent. Ex. 35:1-38:20; Pr. I Kings 7:40-50

Donations

Many thanks for these generous donations to CBA.

In honor of CBA

- *Andrew Laszlo
- *David & Sara Weston Fund
- *Andrew Shipp



VITA Volunteers Needed

Last year, more than 2,000 local families and individuals were able to access free tax assistance through VITA, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. United Way is signing up volunteers to staff the 2014 tax season. The IRS provides free training, and anyone can volunteer. If you are (or were) an accountant or

other experienced business professional, studying business in college, have no tax experience, or have prepared tax returns for yourself or others, join the VITA team—become a volunteer income tax preparer or greeter. To volunteer, visit the United Way website: unitedwayyellowstone.org.

Member News & Thank You's

*A hearty mazel tov to **Jill and Jack Salsbury** on the birth of their son, **Jameson Whitmer Salsbury**, on Thursday, January 9, 2014. Everyone is doing well.

*A hearty thank you to Al Page for arranging for the new kitchen window.

We look forward to enjoying fresh air!

*Monday, January 20, 2014, was a historical day for three CBA members when a Jewish surgeon performed two knee replacements on two Jewish women . . . in a Catholic hospital . . . on Martin Luther King Day.

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).

Adar I

1 (Feb 1): Sheila Sanders, friend of Rose Emily Blum
Abe Yoelin, grandfather of Sandy Sukin

Feb 4: Bernard Schein, husband of Sally Schein, father of Lee Schein Kapelovitz

5 (Feb 5): Jacob Isaac Perlmann, brother of Thelma

8 (Feb 8): David Lakier, father of Jeff Lakier

10 (Feb 10): Avram Perlmann, father of Thelma Lakier

12 (Feb 12): Chester J. Civin, father of Donna Healy

21 (Feb 21): Elliott J. Schaffer, father of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer
Yaacov Hirshfeld, father of Theo Hirshfeld

27 (Feb 27): Hannah Hecht Lipstadt, grandmother of Lisa Sukin

29 (March 1): Sonny Kopelove, stepfather of Brian Schnitzer

Adar II

3 (March 5): Phyllis B. Myers, mother of David Myers

March 6: Sally Schein, wife of Bernard Schein, mother of Lee Schein Kapelovitz

8 (March 10): Ruth Blum, mother of Marc Blum

10 (March 12): William B. Levy, father of Julie Coleman Ford

11 (March 13): Elliot Reiter Schnitzer, sc of Brian Schnitzer

16 (March 18): Freeda Lipman, grandmother of Cendri, Miri, and Jill Hutcherson Salsbury

19 (March 21): Rita Hirshfeld, mother of Theo Hirshfeld

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 Micha Bugenstein



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						1 10:00 a.m.: Torah study ☆ Terumah
2	3 11:45 a.m.: Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Block: Mussar  2:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew 	4	5	6	7 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service ☆ Shabbat	8 10:00 a.m.: Torah study ☆ Tetzaveh
9 1:00 p.m.: Board meeting 	10 2:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew 	11 6:30 p.m.: Book signing at MSUB 	12	13	14 Valentine's Day!  ☆ Shabbat	15 10:00 a.m.: Liturgy study 10:30 a.m.: Shabbat service ☆ Ki Tissa
16	17 Presidents' Day!  11:45 a.m.: Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Block  2:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew 	18 Send in member news! 	19	20 👉 Tablet Deadline	21 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service & baby naming; oneg follows ☆ Shabbat	22 10:00 a.m.: Torah study ☆ Vayakhel
23	24 2:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew 	25	26	27	28 ☆ Shabbat	

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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**Schedule of Services
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February

Friday, February 7:	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service
Saturday, February 15:	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat morning service
Friday, February 21:	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service

March

Friday, March 7:	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service
Saturday, March 15:	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat morning service
Friday, March 21:	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service & Purim (observed)

April

Friday, April 4:	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat evening service
Saturday, April 12:	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat morning service
Tuesday, April 15:	6:00 p.m.	CBA Congregational Seder
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



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