

**MARCH 2014**  
**Adar I-ADAR II 5774**

# The Temple Tablet



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## Calendar of Events

### March

#### Monday, March 3

2:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew\*

#### Friday, March 7

6:00 p.m.: Potluck supper (dairy); see separate announcement.

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service

#### Saturday, March 8

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

#### Sunday, March 9

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

1:00 p.m.: Board meeting

#### Monday, March 10

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

2:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew\*

#### Saturday, March 15

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

10:30 a.m.: Shabbat service, par. Tzav

#### Sunday, March 16 (Purim)

2:00 p.m.: Hamantashen baking party

#### Monday, March 17

11:45 a.m.: Lunch and Learn\*: Jewish humor

2:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew\*

#### Tuesday, March 18

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

#### Thursday, March 20

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

#### Friday, March 21

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat & Purim service

#### Saturday, March 22

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

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

## The Rabbi's Column

“Be Happy! It’s Adar!” This year is a leap year in the Jewish calendar – we add an extra month in 7 years of every 19-year cycle in order to keep our lunar calendar in line with the solar calendar. So we get to be happy for two whole months – Adar I and Adar II.

First Adar is almost over; Adar II begins at sundown on Sunday, March 2. So in the midst of two Adars, what do we have to be happy about?

One obvious reason to be happy is that the days are getting longer. Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 9 (take note, Religious Schoolers and Board members!). We may not be eager to lose an hour that night, but having the sun stay up until 7:00 p.m. or so just has to make us happy.

A second reason to be happy is that the Jewish calendar will be more in sync with the solar calendar. In other words, we will not have a collision of Thanksgiving and Chanukah; Chanukah will be back in December where most of us think it “belongs.” Passover will

## Let's Have a Potluck

It's almost spring! Come celebrate the happy month of Adar by joining us for a potluck supper on Friday, March 7, at 6:00 p.m., with Shabbat services to follow.

Please bring a dish to share, according to the first letter of your last name:

## Hamantashen Baking Party!

Join us on Sunday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m. as we roll up our sleeves and warm the kitchen with joy and the baking of hamantashen. Both gluten and gluten-free hamantashen will be created.

## Israeli Leadership Seminar

The MOFET Institute announces this year's Israeli Leadership Seminar for Teachers and Community Executives of the Jewish World, to be held July 1-10, 2014, in Israel.

The seminar will deal with models of Jewish/Israeli leadership by examining the participants' management styles and consolidating ways of promoting community leadership in the framework of the role they are currently performing or will perform in the future.

come in mid-April, by which time we hope that the snow will be gone (of course, in Billings that is not a sure thing).

Finally, we have a wonderful menu of events at Beth Aaron that promise good cheer and good fun. We will share a potluck meal before services on Friday, March 7 (see announcement). We'll gather in our CBA kitchen on Sunday, March 16, to bake hamantashen. On Tuesday, March 18, and Thursday, March 20, we will share our happiness and good fortune with the guests of Family Promise (formerly IHN). And on Friday, March 21, our Friday evening service will include Purim merriment – please contact me if you'd like to be involved.

I wish everyone double happiness during this double Adar, and I look forward to seeing you at CBA!

L'shalom,  
*Rabbi Barbara L. Block*

A-K Salad OR dessert  
K-Z Main dish (dairy or dairy compatible)

Please contact Diane Kersten at [mtdiane@bresnan.net](mailto:mtdiane@bresnan.net) if you have any questions.

Some will go into the freezer for our Purim celebration the following Friday, and some will go home with you! Children and adults are all welcome.

The seminar will focus on a variety of aspects of leadership and will use a variety of teaching methods, including lectures, study tours, and workshops.

Participants will pay for flights, health insurance, and tuition of \$1,000 for the entire seminar. The MOFET Institute covers the rest for community leaders and teachers participating in a seminar of this type for the first time.

For more information, email [tova@macam.ac.il](mailto:tova@macam.ac.il).



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

### Candle-Lighting Times

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.
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 March

- 3/1: Pekudei** Pent. Ex. 38:21-40:38; Ex. 30:11-16; Pr. II Kings 11:17-12:17
- 3/8: Vayikra** Pent. Lev. 1:1-5:26; Pr. Is. 43:21-44:23
- 3/15: Tzav** Pent. Lev. 6:1-8:36; Deut. 25:17-19; Pr. I Sam. 15:2-34
- 3/22: Shemini** Pent. Lev. 9:1-11:47; Num. 19:1-22; Pr. Ez. 36:16-38
- 3/29: Tazria** Pent. Lev. 12:1-13:59; Ex. 12:1-20; Pr. Ez. 45:16-46:18

### Donations

Many thanks for these generous donations to CBA.

#### In honor of CBA

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

### Member News & Thank You's

\*A proud mazel tov to **Pam Doerr** on the publication of her book *Captain Jack Johnson's Long Voyage Home; Smooth Sailing: From Square-Riggers to Cruise Ships*.

\*Mazel tov to Gail Grossman on her new home in Billings.

\*A huge thank you to Gail Grossman for a donation of books to both the adult library and the Religious School library.

\*Refuah shleimah—a complete recovery—to Ellen Alweis, Carol Roberts, and Marcia Selwyn. We hope you continue on the path to perfect health.

### 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](http://unitedwayyellowstone.org).

### 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

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

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

#### 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

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

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, son of Brian Schnitzer

20 (April 20): Frank Pat Coleman, husband of Julie Coleman Ford George Sukin, father of Bob and Ja grandfather of Dean Sukin, and founding CBA

Anna Bugenstein, grandmother of Michael Bugenstein

Marcia Orman, longtime CBA member

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

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

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

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

#### Nisan

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

27 (April 27): Minna Horowitz, beloved Rebbitzin of CBA

Tzvi Hirshfeld, brother of Theo and Dawn Hirshfeld



# March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>  ☆ Pekudei
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  2:00 p.m.: Adult Hebrew 📖	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  6:00 p.m.: Potluck supper 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service ☆ Shabbat	<b>8</b>  10:00 a.m.: Torah study ☆ Vayikra
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<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  ☆ Shabbat	<b>29</b>  ☆ Tazria
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

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

**Schedule of Services  
Congregation Beth Aaron  
March-June 2014 / Kislev- Tammuz 5774**

**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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