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Calendar of Events

JUNE

Friday, June 6

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service and conversion of David Wilt; oneg Shabbat to follow

Saturday, June 7

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

Sunday, June 8

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Israel Booth at Festival of Cultures, Rocky Mountain College

Monday, June 9

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

Saturday, June 14

10:30 a.m.: Shabbat service, par. Shelach, followed by farewell Kiddush for CBA members honoring Rabbi Block

Wednesday, June 18

7:00 p.m.: CBA Annual Meeting

Friday, June 20

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service

Saturday, June 21

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

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

Friday, August 1-Sunday, August 3: Montana Hadassah Annual Meeting in Billings

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

The Rabbi's Column

We are nearing the end of a 50-day journey that we are taking with Jews around the world and across the ages. For 50 days, we have been on a journey from Egypt to Sinai, from freedom to commitment.

The end of the Israelites' journey was Mount Sinai, where they received the 10 commandments. Jews commemorate the revelation with the celebration of Shavuot, the third of our pilgrimage festivals. This year Shavuot falls on Wednesday, June 4. Although we will not have a community observance on Shavuot, you might mark the day by reading the 10 commandments or the Book of Ruth, or by eating dairy foods (cheesecake and blintzes are favorites).

The end of the journey at Shavuot was, of course, not really the end of the journey for the Israelites. They still had more than 39 years of wandering in the desert before arriving at the Promised Land. And even once in the land of Israel, the journey continued - and continues to this day.

Special Service on June 6

For several years, David Wilt has attended services, studied Hebrew, and been a participant in our Torah study and many other activities at CBA. On Friday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m., he will formally join our community

A Farewell Kiddush for Rabbi Block

Following Shabbat service at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, we will have a special Kiddush to thank Rabbi Block for her religious leadership of this congregation over the past four years, and to wish her a smooth transition to her new community in Springfield, Missouri. Leaders of other

CBA Annual Meeting June 18

Our Annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Beth Aaron. On the agenda: our budget, a summary of what has happened at CBA since last June, information about Shabbat services and our student rabbi's visits, and a discussion of peer-led activities for the new year, of committees, etc.

If you are a member and have not received your ballot (two ballots for a family membership) for the Board of Directors election, please contact the

So it is with us. You and I are nearing the end of a four-year journey together. We have created many good memories over these years - of holidays celebrated together, of b'nei mitzvah of children and adults, of worship and study and social events.

As with the Israelites, our journeys do not end with a particular milestone. After I leave Billings at the end of June, you will welcome Student Rabbi Elana Nemitoff, and I will become the rabbi of Temple Israel in Springfield, Missouri. It is comforting to know that the circle of Jewish life will continue for us all. Shabbat will come each week, High Holidays in the fall, and on through the Jewish calendar.

I will miss you. But the *Temple Tablet* will keep me informed about your lives. You will be in my heart always.

May you go from strength to strength!

Rabbi Barbara Block

following his conversion. Come and celebrate with him and his family at a special oneg Shabbat following the service, and welcome him into Klal Israel.

faith communities in Billings, with whom Rabbi Block has worked closely, have been invited to this service.

See you at CBA on Saturday, June 14. (Contact Rondel Smith if you have questions.)

synagogue at 248-6412. You should bring your ballot to the meeting. If unable to attend, mail in your ballot so it is received by June 18, or give to another member to hand deliver at the meeting. If you are interested in becoming a member of our community, you are most welcome to attend.

At this time of transition, we count on your presence at this meeting and planning session. We look forward to seeing you.

Tricia Williams



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

Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, June 6	8:42 p.m.
Friday, June 13	8:46 p.m.
Friday, June 20	8:49 p.m.
Friday, June 27	8:50 p.m.
Friday, July 4	8:49 p.m.
Friday, July 11	8:46 p.m.
Friday, July 18	8:41 p.m.
Friday, July 25	8:34 p.m.
Friday, August 1	8:26 p.m.

Torah Portions for June & July

- 6/7: Behalotecha** Pent. Num. 8:1-12:16; Pr. Zach. 2:14-4:7
- 6/14: Shelach** Pent. Num. 13:1-15:41; Pr. Josh. 2:1-24
- 6/21: Korach** Pent. Num. 16:1-18:32; Pr. I Sam. 11:14-12:22
- 6/28: Chukkat** Pent. Num. 19:1-22:1, Num. 28:9-15; Pr. Is. 66:1-24
- 7/5: Balak** Pent. Num. 22:2-25:9; Pr. Micah 5:6-6:8
- 7/12: Pinchas** Pent. Num. 25:10-30:1; Pr. I Kings 18:46-19:21
- 7/19: Matot** Pent. Num. 30:2-32:42; Pr. Jer. 1:1-2:3
- 7/26: Masei** Pent. Num. 33:1-36:13; Pr. Jer. 2:4-28; 3:4, 4:1-2

Donations

Many thanks for these generous donations to CBA:

- *Jack & Candy Bonawitz in Memory of Zella & Maury Nemer
- *Sally George Wright for the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- *Sally George Wright for the Temple Tablet
- *Israel, Rose, Henry, Robert Wiener Charitable Foundation for Torah restoration



CBA Summer Schedule

Over the summer, the Temple Tablet will be published in June-July (one issue to cover both months), August, and September. For notification of

activities during the summer, check your email; for members without email, there will be announcements by USPS mail.

Member News & Thank You's

*A hearty welcome back to **Sally George Wright**, who is once again part of the CBA family.

*A special thank you goes to Jody

Alweis for the redesign of our acknowledgement and memorial cards, as well as helping with our NIOT logo for the upcoming Leadership Gathering in Billings June 20-22.

Email Lists

There are a few email lists used within the congregation maintained by different people, so it is quite possible that communication is not as comprehensive as we would wish. If you think that you are on some but

not all of the email lists, please send an email to Tricia Williams or let us know at the annual meeting. We will try to correct this. There will be email lists and current directories at the annual meeting for you to look over.

Shabbat and Yahrzeit Candles

Both Shabbat and Yahrzeit candles are available at CBA at no cost to

members or for a nominal donation by nonmembers.

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).

Sivan

4 (June 2): Ettie Guthals Schmidt, mother of Joel Guthals and beloved member of CBA

5 (June 3): Louis Bugenstein, grandfather of Michael Bugenstein

11 (June 9): Louis Harron, founder of CBA

15 (June 13): Helen Firestone, grandmother of Lisa Sukin

22 (June 20): Ruth Cohen, mother of Ellen Alweis, grandmother of Sheldon Alweis

24 (June 22): Rhoda Samuels, grandmother of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer
Rose Nodler, mother of Marsha Selwyn

29 (June 27): Esther Greenberger, grandmother of Ellen Alweis

Tammuz

6 (July 4): Valera Wright, mother of Sally George Wright

7 (July 5): Charles Silver, grandfather of Bob and Jack Sukin

13 (July 11): Max Greenberger, grandfather of Ellen Alweis
Zolla Miller, father of Heather Rio, grandfather of Jonathan Edward Rio

16 (July 14): Lois White, mother of Denise Fink

20 (July 18): Bud Rosenbaum, brother of Bob Rosenbaum

23 (July 21): Nina Lakier, mother of Jeff Lakier

24 (July 22): Bette Prestridge, mother of Merry Prestridge

July 22: Harold Kapelovitz, husband of Lee Kapelovitz

26 (July 24): Timothy Myers, son of David and Nancy Myers

28 (July 26): Isadore Greenstein, father of Sandy Sukin
Sally Noe, member and friend of CBA

Av

4 (July 31): Rosella Alweis, mother of Don Alweis, grandmother of Sheldon Alweis

6 (Aug 2): Judith Rosenthal Kraushaar, wife of Alan Kraushaar

7 (Aug 3): Edgar Hecht, grandfather of Lisa Sukin

11 (Aug 7): Sol S. Lipman, grandfather of Cendri, Miri, and Jill Hutcherson Salisbury

27 (Aug 23): Murray Kramer, father of Steve Kramer

June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4  Shavuot	5	6 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service & conversion ☆ Shabbat	7 10:00 a.m.: Torah study  Behalotecha
8 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Israel Booth at RMC ☆	9 11:45 a.m.: Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Block 	10	11	12	13 ☆ Shabbat	14 10:30 a.m.: Shabbat a.m. service & farewell Kiddush ☆ Shelach
15 Father's Day 	16	17	18 7:00 p.m.: CBA Annual Meeting 	19	20 NIOT meets in Billings 6/20-22. 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service ☆ Shabbat	21 First Day of Summer  10:00 a.m.: Torah study  Korach
22	23	24	25	26	27 ☆ Shabbat	28 ☆ Chukkat
29	30 Send in member news for August Tablet! 				 Tablet Deadline Thursday, July 24!	

Schedule of Services Congregation Beth Aaron June 2014 / Sivan-Tammuz 5774

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

Montana Hadassah Annual Meeting

The Montana chapter of Hadassah will meet at Beth Aaron over the weekend of 1-3 August. Registration packages and a program will be sent to Hadassah members.

If you are interested in learning more about

Hadassah, please visit their website at <http://www.hadassah.org>.

The Beth Aaron community will be warmly welcomed at Friday Shabbat service and Torah study on Shabbat morning. More information will follow.

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

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

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,
It is June, and I ask myself how spring seemingly happened so quickly. It feels like it was just yesterday that we were covered in snow and had our last snowfall. The storms of two weeks ago have left their mark in many neighborhoods. I hope that you did not suffer damage, but if you did, that it was minor and easily repaired.

This has been a busy year for the leadership of the Congregation. I did not expect to be in this position until this election, and I have had the opportunity to meet with many of you and am pleased to report that you care about Beth Aaron and the future of Judaism in our city. I have seen evidence of your caring in your words, your deeds and your financial support. We are always aware of our own shortcomings, but nonetheless, this community is special.

This is a time of transition for Beth Aaron. I thank Rabbi Block for all her work with our congregation and the Billings community, and extend our best wishes as she moves to a larger synagogue. With Rabbi Block's departure, we will again resume our relationship with Hebrew Union College. We have a student rabbi for next year (see the accompanying article), and will discuss this at the annual meeting.

Financial support: Congregation Beth Aaron is sustained by your generosity in the form of membership contributions, High Holiday greetings, memorials and honors, and donations directed towards specific needs. Thank you.

We recognize the importance of Religious School in the development and growth of our youth, and the importance of our community's participation. Our children are young and not large in number, but they are an integral part of the fabric of

Our New Student Rabbi

I am pleased to introduce our Student Rabbi for the 2014-15 year: Elana Nemitoff, from the Kansas City area.

Elana grew up in Overland Park, Kansas. After completing her undergraduate work in 2012 at Washington University in St. Louis, with a B.A. in psychology, she began her rabbinic studies at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Following her Year-in-Israel program, she took this past year to continue to live in Israel, honing her Hebrew language skills

our community, and like children in other congregations, they are the future of Judaism.

Congregation Beth Aaron believes in social action: our Caring Committee, "Mitzvah to Go," reaches out to Congregation members when they are in need and provides meals and rides to the shul. We make it happen with the Yom Kippur canned food drive, support for Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley, where we partner with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and St Patrick's; and NIOT (Not In Our Town), whose aim is the elimination of bigotry and full inclusion for all members of our society.

<http://cbamt.org/> is the Beth Aaron website, where you can learn about upcoming events.

The Board of Directors and Executive Committee: Your Board has the responsibilities of leading the synagogue, planning, budgeting, and looking to the future. They have fulfilled their responsibilities well. We have a budget that recognizes the realities of a stable Jewish population. We will continue to budget with care, keeping faith with those who came before us and keeping our vision on the future and on programs to meet the needs of the congregation.

Congregation Beth Aaron's Directors and Officers: Those who served over the past year were Presidents Brian Schnitzer and Tricia Williams, Vice President: Tricia Williams, Treasurer: Al Page, Secretary: Rondel Smith, Immediate Past Presidents: Jeff Simkovic and Brian Schnitzer, Directors: Jerry Ackman, David Freedman, Donna Healy, Steve Kramer and Mark Wright. Thank you all for your dedication to the community.

On behalf of the Board, I thank you all for your continuing support, and I look forward to seeing you at Shabbat services and to your continuing participation and friendship, which contribute to the community that is Congregation Beth Aaron.

Tricia Williams

while working as a teacher at Beit Issie Shapiro, a school for special needs children, and serving as a rabbinic intern for T'ruah, a social justice organization. After her summer work as Rabbinic Intern at Congregation B'nai Jehudah in Kansas City, she will be in school at HUC-JIR's Los Angeles campus.

Rabbi Elana will be with us for the High Holidays and approximately tri-weekly throughout the year. I am working with her to set up an initial visit that will occur before Rosh Hashanah, and a schedule for the remainder of the year.

Tricia

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