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The Temple Tablet



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Calendar of Events

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Friday, August 1-Sunday, August 3

Montana Hadassah Annual Meeting in Billings

Friday, August 22

Planning session with Rabbi Elana

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service and welcome oneg Shabbat for Rabbi Elana

Saturday, August 23

10:00 a.m.: Torah study, par. Re'eh

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: Religious School planning meeting

Please note: CBA is not hosting for Family Promise in September.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 11

Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley's 7th annual Cardboard Box City will be held on the Rocky Mountain College campus (access event by using the 17th St. W entrance).

For more information, to donate, or to attend the event, please call 294-7432 or visit Family Promise at their Website: www.familypromiseyv.org, and visit them on Facebook.

The President's Column

Summer is winding down, and Rosh Hashanah and the Days of Awe approach. Your Board and its new member are already at work planning for the High Holy Days and the coming year. Our Student Rabbi, Elana Nemitoff, is making her pre-Rosh Hashanah visit over the weekend of August 22-23.

In the last (June) edition of the *Temple Tablet*, I was able to thank our congregants, who support Beth Aaron financially, and our Board members, who give of their time to make sure everything runs smoothly. But space was in short supply, and there are expressions of gratitude remaining to be said.

*Thank you, Merry Prestridge, for maintaining the website:

<http://cbamt.org/>

**The Temple Tablet*, published monthly in a print edition and by email delivery, comes to us through the dedication of the editors. Thank you, Rachel Schaffer and Deborah Schaffer.

*Our e-librarian helps keep us informed of Jewish news and events of interest to the community. No one could do it better. Thank you, Brian Schnitzer.

*I am thankful they are all on board to be the eyes and ears of our congregation.

*The House Committee looks after or arranges many of the details that keep Beth Aaron "humming along," such as cleaning, installation of the new kitchen

window, the sound system and the noise reduction panels, general maintenance inside and outside, the sprinkler system, snow removal and small items that we take for granted. Thank you, Al Page, Steve Kramer, and Ellen Alweis.

*The library is lovingly catalogued and maintained. Thank you, Thelma Lakier, and Rondel Smith.

*Planter boxes beautify the entrance. Thank you, Don Alweis.

*The cemetery is cared for. Thank you, Sheldon Alweis.

*Flowers and art decorate inside the building. Thank you, Carol Roberts, Marilyn Kramer, Amira Harper, and Ellen Alweis.

*The kitchen supplies are maintained. Thank you, Rondel Smith.

*Our chairs are cleaned. Thank you, Jerry and Sherry Ackman, Wendy Magid and Lily Shore, Kathleen Williams, Donna Healy, and Rondel Smith.

*We have a permanent pergola that transforms for Sukkot. Thank you, Brian Schnitzer, David Wilt, Scott Hecht, Jeff Simkovic, Jerry Ackman, and all who helped when I wasn't there to observe.

Thank you to *all* who volunteer and donate in many ways to Beth Aaron. Your dedication makes our community welcoming and our synagogue beautiful.

Tricia Williams

Rabbi Elana's First Visit and Religious School Meeting

Rabbi Elana will be at CBA on August 22-23. She wishes to meet with all Religious School parents and children on Saturday, August 23, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., to discuss the coming year. Beth Aaron will supply the fixings for a kid-friendly lunch.

Friday, August 22: planning session, Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. with a welcome oneg to follow.

Saturday, August 23: Torah Study at

10:00 a.m., Religious School meeting
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

During the coming year, congregants will have the opportunity to host Rabbi Elana on Friday for Erev Shabbat dinner and on Saturday for lunch or dinner. Nyd Kraushaar is organizing a schedule for hosts for the rabbi and for onegs to follow Shabbat services. When Nyd contacts you, please sign up for a time and date that suits you.

Rabbi Elana's Tentative Schedule

Rabbi Elana is tentatively scheduled to visit CBA over 12 weekends, with additional visits for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Weekend visits are planned for:

August 22-23, 2014

October 15-19

November 7-9

November 21-23

December 19-21

January 16-18, 2015

January 29-31

February 13-15

February 27-March 1

March 20-22

April 10-12 (Passover)

May 15-17



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*The deadline for submitting items for the September Temple Tablet is **Monday, August 25**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.*

Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, August 1	8:26 p.m.
Friday, August 8	8:16 p.m.
Friday, August 15	8:05 p.m.
Friday, August 22	7:53 p.m.
Friday, August 29	7:41 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5	7:28 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 12	7:14 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 19	7:01 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah	
Wed., Sept. 24	6:51
Friday, Sept. 26	6:47 p.m.
Yom Kippur	
Friday, Oct. 3	6:34 p.m.

Torah Portions for August

8/2: Devarim Pent Deut 1:1-3:22; Pr. Isa. 1:1-17
8/9: Vaetchanan Pent Deut 3:23-7:11; Pr. Isa. 40:1-26
8/16: Ekev Pent Deut 7:12-11:25; Pr. Isa. 49:14-51:3
8/23: Re'eh Pent Deut 11:26-16:17; Pr. Isa. 54:11-55:5
8/30: Shoftim Pent Deut 16:18-21:9; Pr. Isa. 51:12-52:12

Donations

Many thanks for these generous donations to CBA:

In honor of Rabbi Block

- *Craig Resnick
- *Lizbeth Pratt
- *Linda McCloud
- *Bernard Backer in honor of CBA
- *Bob & Sandy Sukin in memory of Wally Streeter and Maury Nemer
- *Don & Ellen Alweis in memory of Wally Streeter and Karen Berg
- *Jack Bonawitz in memory of Perry and Karen Berg



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Member News & Thank You's

***David Wilt** would like to “express my gratitude to all who attended my entry into Jewish life on Erev Shabbat, June 6. We had a wonderful oneg, and I received many gifts and good wishes. Many thanks to all, and especially Rabbi Barbara Block, whose constant guidance and patience enabled me to begin a new way of life.”

*CBA sends our heartfelt support to **Josh Gardiner**, son of **Adela Awner**, who is still on active deployment with the Israel Defense Forces. We pray

for his safety and protection, and for a speedy end to all conflict.

*We received the sad news that **Jeff Simkovic's** father died in Israel on July 28. The congregation extends condolences to Jeff and Roxanne's family, and to Emily and Alan Kitterman and children on the death of their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. May his memory always be for a blessing for all who knew him. We will hold a memorial service at Beth Aaron on a date to be announced.

Yizkor List

Our Yizkor list will be available for corrections anytime over the weekend of August 22-23 and Rosh Hashanah.

You can also contact Tricia Williams by CBA email cbabillings@yahoo.com or phone (leave a message) at 248-6412.

Congregation Directories

The CBA Directory is almost ready to go to congregants' homes. Thank you to all who made corrections to their listings at the Annual Meeting. If you have changed your address, phone number, or email within the

past year and have not had the opportunity to update this in the directory, please email Tricia Williams at home, or send corrections to the CBA email address before Labor Day, and look for a new directory soon.

Introduction to Judaism Course

Beginning the week of September 8, Rabbi Uri Barnea will be teaching a six-week course titled *Introduction to Judaism*, under the auspices of the Billings Community and Adult Education. Each class will last about two hours and will take place in Room 128 at Senior High School.

explaining its most important theological concepts, religious practices, and historical, geographical, and cultural aspects. It is designed for people who know very little about Judaism as well as for those who would like to refresh their memory or deepen their knowledge and understanding of this subject.

The course will cover the 3,800 years of Jewish history and will provide general knowledge of the development of Judaism and the Jewish people by

Brochures will be available after August 10 at the Lincoln Center, 415 North 30 St. Enroll by calling 406-281-5010 or on line at www.billingsadultcommunityed.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).

Av

- 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 Salsbury
- 27 (Aug 23): Murray Kramer, father of Steve Kramer
- 29 (Aug 25): Gussie Greenstein, mother of Sandy Sukin
- 30 (Aug 26): Samuel Brown, father of Mel Brown

Elul

- 8 (Sept 3): James Misner, father of Marilyn Kramer
- 18 (Sept 13): Benjamin Schaffer, grandfather of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer
- 22 (Sept 17): Murray Sanders, uncle of Jeff Sanders
- 25 (Sept 20): Irvin Schnitzer, father of Brian Schnitzer
 Rabbi Samuel Horowitz, beloved rabbi of CBA
- 26 (Sept 21): Sarah Greenstein, grandmother of Sandy Sukin

August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Hadassah</i> ☆ Shabbat	2 <i>meets in</i> ☆ Devarim
3 <i>Billings</i>	4	5 <i>Tisha B'Av</i>	6	7	8 ☆ Shabbat	9 ☆ Vaetchanan
10	11	12	13	14	15 ☆ Shabbat	16 ☆ Ekev
17	18	19	20 Send in member news! 📣	21	22 Planning session with Rabbi Elana 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service & welcome oneg Shabbat ☆ Shabbat	23 10:00 a.m.: Torah Study 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.: Religious School meeting ☆ Re'eh
24	25 👉 <i>Tablet Deadline</i>	26	27	28	29 ☆ Shabbat	30 ☆ Shoftim
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Montana Hadassah Annual Meeting

The Montana chapter of Hadassah met at Beth Aaron over the weekend of 1-3 August. Friends came from as far away as Whitefish, Missoula, Helena and Great Falls, Arizona and Nevada.

Hadassah is promoting Women's Heart Health in a program called "Every Beat Counts," and we were fortunate to have cardiologist Dr. Ronny Jiji from Billings Clinic talk about warning signs in women and ways to reduce risk factors.

We were brought up to date on the Hadassah

Medical Organization in Jerusalem and their "Bridge to Peace" policy of providing care regardless of race, religion or national origin; their sponsorship of medical research; Hadassah's partnership with the Jewish National Fund to help protect Israel's natural resources; work with disadvantaged children by providing housing and funding education; and Hadassah's response to international crises.

The next meeting of the Montana Chapter will be in Butte, 26-28 June 2015.



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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/>

Volunteers Needed to Fill Shabbat with Delight

The *Oneg Shabbat* (Sabbath delight) evolved over many centuries following the words in Isaiah 58:13: "You shall call the Sabbath a delight." On Friday evenings, we often sing the refrain of the *Yism'chu*: "*shom'rei Shabbat v'kor'ei oneg*" ("keep the Sabbath and call it a delight.")

Between August 2014 and May 2015, Congregation Beth Aaron has scheduled 12 Erev Shabbat services. We're looking for congregants willing to prepare at least one Oneg Shabbat in the upcoming year.

Some of us were raised in communities where our loved ones were honored and remembered on their Yahrzeit by the sponsoring of an Oneg Shabbat. The oneg can be an opportunity to publically honor a person or event, such as an anniversary, birthday, or other special

PJ Library

PJ Library is a program whose aim is to place Jewish children's books and music into the hands of all Jewish children between one and eight years of age. Children who are enrolled in PJ Library will receive books on a monthly basis.

The Harold Grinspoon Foundation together with other philanthropies, and in conjunction with the URJ and Women of Reform Judaism, is sponsoring this initiative.

Rabbi Block and I worked on this over several months and submitted an application. I am pleased to report that our application was approved, and Beth Aaron has been accepted into this program, which runs for a minimum of three years. I have heard only good things about it, and I am very enthusiastic.

The URJ will be sending an explanatory one-time mailing to each home in our congregation. The mailer will come

family event. Sponsoring an oneg was traditionally seen as a privilege and chance to share with our Jewish community while adding delight to the Shabbat. Unlike the past, when our ancestors might have lived together in a shtetl or neighborhood, the Friday evening service is often one of the few times for us to see each other and catch up on events.

Please look over the list of Shabbat evening service dates and call Nyd Kraushaar or email her at cbabillings@yahoo.com to sign up. To make things easy and affordable, the synagogue provides paper products and wine. We emphasize that the provisions need not be lavish or costly. Only the challah is required. Some fruit, cheese and something sweet are appreciated. If you have questions about how to do the oneg, contact anyone on the Congregation Beth Aaron board.

with the identifying logos of PJ Library and a Magen David. To send this out, the URJ is using the information base which we supply as a part of our MUM (Maintenance of Union Membership) Dues, the same one that brings *Reform Judaism* to your homes each quarter. I've been informed that the mailer will arrive between Labor Day and Rosh Hashanah.

Parents at Beth Aaron will be directed to a website where they can sign up for the program. I hope that all our parents will be part of this generous and exciting opportunity. If you have grandchildren or relatives in another community, please contact me and we can pass on information. If you know of other Jewish children in this area who would benefit from this program, they are also able to take part.

PJ Library also sends instructional material for group activities, and I expect to know more details about this soon. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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