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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 24

7:30 p.m.: Erev Rosh Hashanah service; oneg sponsored by CBA Board

Thursday, September 25

9:00 a.m.: Children's service
10:00 a.m.: Rosh Hashanah morning service followed by **Tashlich** at Lillis Park

Friday, September 26

10:00 a.m.: Second day Rosh Hashanah morning service IF THERE IS A MINYAN

Friday, October 3

7:30 p.m.: Kol Nidre

Saturday, October 4

9:00 a.m.: Children's service
10:00 a.m.: Morning service
2:00 p.m.: Mincha
4:00 p.m.: Yizkor
5:00 p.m.: Neilah
Potluck break-fast follows services.

Sunday, October 5

Time TBA: Sukkah transformation

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

The month of Elul brings Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Preparing my heart for the High Holy Days means that I try to face my shortcomings, try to make amends for all the ills I have visited upon others in the past year, and abstractly think about my own mortality. I know that I could do better year to year.

A seminal prayer of Yom Kippur, Unataneh Tokef, reaches across the centuries to us from a time when life was tenuous and subject to great risk and peril. People fell sick, and often prayer was the only intervention. They were literally stoned and burned and drowned.

I am greatly moved by the words and stark imagery of this prayer within the context of the Yom Kippur service. It frightens me, calls me to attention and to take notice. And it invigorates my soul. But much of the prayer speaks to me only of the destination.

And I find it hard to engage with Unataneh Tokef outside of Yom Kippur. The imagery is too stark, the choices too brutal and yet, even today, it points out realities in life. Some of us will die in the coming year; some deaths will not be easy or at the end of a long life. As we are wont to say, "Life is not fair."

It's easy to forget that every day there are fears to acknowledge and dangers to face.

A Jewish tradition is to recite the traveler's prayer when we set off on a journey. While safer than in times past, we are aware travel is a time of change that may bring danger. I recite the traveler's prayer whenever I'm on a plane, just as it starts taxiing down the runway.

The poem entitled "The Traveler's Prayer," by Rabbi Sheila Weinberg, is a modern interpretation of the traditional prayer, and it richly captures that fine balance between security and risk that we strive for in our lives.

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:

October 15-19, 2014	February 13-15
November 7-9	February 27-March 1
November 21-23	March 20-22
December 19-21	April 10-12 (Passover)
January 16-18, 2015	May 15-17
January 29-31	

A Traveler's Prayer ... A prayer for the journey.

We could say it every day

When we first leave the soft warmth of our beds

And don't know for sure if we'll return at night...

When we get in the trains, planes & automobiles

And put our lives in the hands of many strangers.

Or when we leave our homes for a day, a week, a month or more,

Will we return untouched by flood or fire ... to a home at peace?

How will our travels change us?

What gives us the courage to go through that door?

A prayer for the journey.

For the journey we take in this fragile vessel of flesh.

A finite number of years and we'll reach The unknown, where it all began.

Every life, every day, every hour is a journey.

In the travel is the discovery, the uncertainty, the wisdom, the joy ... even the despair.

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And setting forth is the reward, the blessing, and peace.

And this year, in addition to my usual preparations, I journey because mortality is a little closer to home; I've looked it in the eye. And the journey is a little more uncertain, the rewards and blessings seem a little further away.

The psalmist wrote, "So number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom," which I have always understood to mean, "Help us make our days count." It's always good to contemplate what we would like to get done in the time that remains to us.

May we all be inscribed (in the Book of Life) for a good year. L'Shanah Tovah.

Tricia Williams



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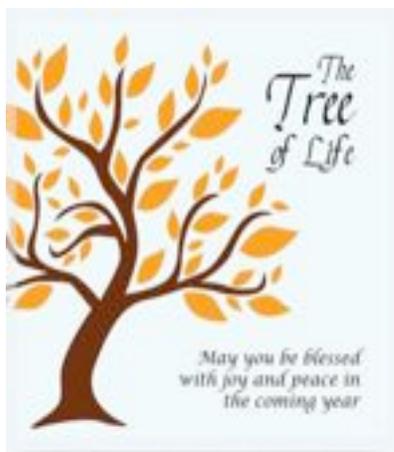
The deadline for submitting items for the October Temple Tablet is **Thursday, September 18**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.

Candle-Lighting Times

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.
Friday, Oct. 10	6:20 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 17	6:08 p.m.
Fridav. Oct. 24	5:56 p.m.

Torah Portions for September

- 9/6: Ki Tetze** Pent. Deut. 21:10-25:19; Pr. Isa. 54:1-10
- 9/13: Ki Tavo** Pent. Deut. 26:1-29:8; Pr. Isa. 60:1-22
- 9/20: Nitzavim - Vayelech** Pent. Deut. 29:9-31:30; Pr. Isa. 61:10-63:9
- 9/27: Haazinu** Pent. Deut. 32:1-52; Pr. Hosea 14:2-10; Joel 2:11-27; Micah 7:18-20



Member News & Thank You's

*Mazel tov to **Pam Doerr!** The Friends of the Roundup Library hosted a presentation and book signing in August, where Pam talked about her book *The Adventures of Captain Jack Johnston*. Captain Jack was a Jewish resident of Alaska. Among his many

adventures, he was part of the Exodus crew that helped launch the nation of Israel, the topic of Pam's talk. Pam recently returned to Alaska to live. We will miss her and her contributions to CBA but are anticipating a talk about Captain Jack when Pam is next in Billings.

Calendars Available

We express gratitude to Michelotti Sawyers for their continuing

generosity. Once again they have donated beautiful calendars that are now available at Beth Aaron.

Yizkor and Yahrzeit Lists

Our Yizkor list will be available in the library for corrections until September 26, the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

known) so that family members can be remembered in the month of their yahrzeit at Shabbat services.

We are also making corrections to our Yahrzeit list. Please include the date and year of death (the Hebrew date, if

You can also contact Tricia Williams at cbabilings@yahoo.com or at 248-6412 (leave a message).

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. Yahrzeit candles can be found by the memorial boards. Look for them when you come to services or arrange a pick-up time.

Holiday Greetings

At the August meeting, the CBA Board voted that this year, Holiday Greeting donations would be contributed to a book fund. Your contributions will be

acknowledged over the High Holy Days and in *The Temple Tablet*. Thank you for your continuing support of Beth Aaron.

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).

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

Tishrei

5 (Sept 29): Morris Schnitzer, paternal grandfather of Brian Schnitzer

10 (Oct 4): Paul Alweis, uncle of Don Alweis

Mollie Miller, grandmother of Don Alweis

13 (Oct 7): Shimon Burstein, father of Uri Barnea

16 (Oct 10): Louis Gold, grandfather of Brian Schnitzer

17 (Oct 11): Yetta Niss, founding member of CBA

22 (Oct 16): Milt Cohen, father of Ellen Alweis

John Forwalter, father of Denise Fink

25 (Oct 19): Rebecca Cohen, grandmother of Ellen Alweis

26 (Oct 20): Joe Alweis, grandfather of Don Alweis

Paddy Theodore Perlmann, brother of Thelma Lakier

Cheshvan

1 (Oct 25): Honey Kramer, mother of Steve Kramer

Sophie Parkans, grandmother of Bob Nemer

September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day 	2	3	4	5 ☆ Shabbat	6 ☆ Ki Tetze
7	8	9	10	11 ☆ Shabbat	12 ☆ Ki Tavo	13
14	15 Send in member news! 	16	17	18 Tablet Deadline 	19 ☆ Shabbat	20 ☆ Nitzavim-Vayelech
21	22 First Day of Autumn 	23	24 7:30 p.m.: Erev Rosh Hashanah; oneg follows ☆	25 9:00 a.m.: Children's service 10:00 a.m.: Rosh Hashanah morning service followed by Tashlich ☆	26 10:00 a.m.: Rosh Hashanah 2nd-day morning service IF MINYAN ☆ Shabbat	27 ☆ Haazinu
28	29	30			Oct 3 7:30 p.m.: Kol Nidre	Oct 4 9:00 a.m.: Children's service 10:00 a.m.: Morning service 2:00 p.m.: Mincha 4:00 p.m.: Yizkor 5:00 p.m.: Neilah

Tashlich Service

Tashlich (תשל"ך) is a ritual that many Jews observe during Rosh Hashanah. Tashlich means "casting off" in Hebrew and involves symbolically casting off the sins of the previous year by tossing pieces of bread into a body of flowing water (preferably a body of water that has fish). Just as the water carries away the bits of bread, so too are our sins symbolically carried away. We leave our old shortcomings behind us and start the New Year with a clean slate.

Tashlich is believed to have originated during the Middle Ages and was inspired by a verse in the book of Micah:

God will take us back in love;
God will cover up our iniquities;
You [God] will hurl all our sins
Into the depths of the sea. (Micah 7:19)

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, September 25, at the conclusion of services, we will go to Lillis Park, Parkview Dr. (the same location as in past years), to recite the Tashlich prayers. Bring bread.

Directions: Drive west on Broadwater, cross 24th St West, proceed to Parkview Dr. (immediately before the park and the bridge on Broadwater) and turn right.

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Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service

We are planning a Second Day service again this year, dependent upon having a minyan. Last year our second day service was very well attended, and like last year, I ask that

you respond and let us know that you plan to attend. Please respond by phone call (248-6412) or email (cbabillings@yahoo.com) before September 17. The Torah portion is Bereishit.

Sukkah Building

On Sunday, October 5, we will transform the pergola on the deck to a

Sukkah. More details will follow in announcements at High Holy Day services.

Torah Study

Torah study resumed last Shabbat with Rabbi Elana and will once again become a regular event. However, the time we meet may change. We'll discuss this over High Holidays. Stay tuned.

Torah study is restricted to active

members of the Congregation in good standing. Those who are considering joining are welcome for a single session. Those whose membership in the Congregation would be inappropriate were allowed on a case-by-case basis after prior discussion with the Rabbi/President.

Yom Kippur Canned Food Drive

Please bring cans and other non-perishable food items to Beth Aaron

from Rosh Hashanah to Sukkot for donation to agencies which help alleviate hunger in our area.

MAJCO Shabbaton in Butte: Save the Date!

Montana Hadassah has decided to forgo a separate annual gathering in 2015 and instead is encouraging its members to attend MAJCO at historic Congregation B'nai Israel in Butte June 26-28, 2015. Hadassah will sponsor/host lunch on Sunday, the final MAJCO event. (*Note: Hadassah will hold its annual business meeting on Sunday, after the MAJCO event is*

officially closed.)

The Shabbaton offers a chance to meet new and old friends in our extended Montana Jewish Community, experience quality Jewish educational programming, worship together, eat together, and have fun together, all the while strengthening our personal and communal Jewish experience. More details next year.

Useful links on the Web:

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/>



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