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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 7

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service

Saturday, November 8

10:00 a.m.: Torah study, par. Vayera

1:00-2:30 p.m.: Religious School

5:30 p.m.: Havdalah at CBA

Sunday, November 9

Time TBA: Morning prayers and laying of Tefillin

Tuesday, November 25

CBA hosts Family Promise families.

Thursday, November 27

3:30 p.m.: CBA helps host Thanksgiving dinner at Lutheran Church of Good Shepherd (see article).

Friday, November 21-Sunday, November 23

Rabbi Elana visits.

SAVE THE DATE

MAJCO Shabbaton June 26-28, 2015, in Butte, followed by the Hadassah annual business meeting on Sunday, June 28.

From the Student Rabbi

The end of this month marks the coming of a holiday, albeit a non-Jewish one: Thanksgiving. It is a time when we, as Americans, give thanks for the blessings in our lives and actively take time to acknowledge those blessings. Yet, as Jews, we know that this holiday is not a Jewish one.

Or is it?

Thanksgiving, the holiday that celebrates the Pilgrims and the Indians working together to plow the earth and bring about the first harvest (for the Pilgrims) in the New World—or, Thanksgiving, the American holiday that was actually taken in part from the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. With Sukkot just a month or so before Thanksgiving, celebrating the end of the harvest season, we can see a very tangible connection. The initial idea of Thanksgiving was to give thanks for the conclusion of the harvest, as well as for the rains. Our Jewish holiday in that same vein is Sukkot, where we have a ritual to honor these very same things.

Of course, the holidays are not exactly alike. The harvest is obviously finished much before the end of November, and

the origins of Thanksgiving were contingent on the resources the Pilgrims had at the time. During Sukkot, we sit/live in booths as detailed by the Talmud, by our early Rabbinic sages. The two are not identical. Rather, they are close variations on the same theme.

Therefore, I encourage us to enter November and the Thanksgiving season from a slightly different perspective. Seeing as Sukkot is a holiday that spends a lot of time discussing and welcoming the stranger, the *Ushpizin*, I encourage each of you to welcome a stranger into your lives at this time. Be kind to a stranger, show compassion, maybe even invite someone to share a meal with you. Demonstrate the Jewish principles we hold so dear, and actively open up your hearts. This is a time for family and friends, but it may also be a time when we can make one or two more people a part of our family.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Elana Nemitoff

Rabbinical Student—HUC-JIR, 2018

Changes in the CBA Building

Next time you are at CBA, you will notice the improved “quietness” in the Social Hall. Sound absorbing panels have been attached to the ceiling recess and installed in the memorial alcove. They look good, blend well with the existing color, and do a great job of cutting down on reflected sound

Many thanks to our House Committee for the many hours of work put into this project: to Al Page, Ellen Alweis and Steve Kramer for selecting the panels, and to Al for supervision of their installation. We do appreciate the care and the time you devote to upkeep of the synagogue.

Rabbi Elana's Visit, November 7-9

Friday, 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Service

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.: Torah Study, Parasha is Vayera.

1:00-2:30 p.m.: Religious School

5:30 p.m.: Havdalah at CBA

Sunday morning, CBA, Time to be announced: Morning Prayers and laying of Tefillin

All CBA members are welcome at Torah study. If you are interested but not a member, please contact Tricia. The Parasha for this week has lots of

drama: Abraham and the three messengers, Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot and his daughters, Sarah as sister-wife, the birth of Isaac, Hagar and Ishmael are cast out, and the Akedah.

Rabbi Elana has extended an invitation to lay Tefillin with her at morning prayers, if you have Tefillin of your own and would like to participate, or don't have any but are interested. Time will be announced at Shabbat services, or phone Tricia.



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Membership Reminder

Recently, I sent out the renewal notices for membership contributions. We requested that I have all pledges returned by Yom Kipper. I thank everybody that sent in their pledge forms.

There are a number of members who have not yet sent in their pledge forms, so I am asking that if you are in that select number, please do

send in the form. Even if you do not send in any payment with your pledge, I need to know the final numbers as I am readying my final report to URJ and need to know the membership count. If I have not received your pledge form by then, I have no choice but to lower our membership numbers reported. If there are any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Al Page, Treasurer

Rabbi Elana's Schedule

Rabbi Elana will be with us over the following dates:

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

If you would like to host Rabbi Elana for Shabbat dinner or Saturday dinner, don't hesitate to contact Nyd (252-3101), who has a schedule. It's a great opportunity to get to know our student rabbi better, and an important way for her to have contact with more congregants.

Saturday lunch times are also available, and these are best arranged directly with Rabbi Elana on Erev Shabbat or by leaving a message at CBA (248-6412).

Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, Nov. 7 4:35 p.m.
 Friday, Nov. 14 4:27 p.m.
 Friday, Nov. 21 4:20 p.m.
 Friday, Nov. 28 4:15 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 5 4:12 p.m.

Torah Portions for November

11/1: Lech Lecha Pent. Gen. 12:1-17:27; Pr. Isa. 40:27-41:16
11/8: Vayera Pent. Gen. 18:1-22:24; Pr. II Kings 4:1-37
11/15: Chayei Sarah Pent. Gen. 23:1-25:18; Pr. I Kings 1:1-31
11/22: Toledot Pent. Gen. 25:19-28:9; Pr. I Sam. 20:18-42
11/29: Vayetze Pent. Gen. 28:10-32:3; Pr. Hos. 12:13-14:10

Donations

Many thanks for these generous donations to CBA.

New Year's Greetings

*Bob & Sandy Sukin
 *Andy & Heather Rio
 *Jonathan & Melissa Rio
 *Joel & Elaine Ziskind
 *Jeff, Melinda, & Sarah Sanders
 *Tammy Dayton
 *Al Page
 *Rondel Smith
 *Gail Grossman
 *Lorelyn Pelatt
 *Mary Lou Wall
 *Roger & Tricia Williams
 *Diane Kersten
 *Rabbi Barbara Block
 *Don & Ellen Alweis
 *Sheldon & Nikki Alweis
 *Don & Carol Roberts
 *Kara Levine
 *Joel & Elaine Ziskind in honor of Ellen Alweis's Vice Presidency

In Honor of CBA

*Susan Rose
 *Elizabeth Fullon

Member News

*A hearty welcome back to returning members **Gail Grossman, Karen Beiser, and Margaret Cloutier!**

*And the warmest of welcomes to new member **B. C. Goodman**, mother of Dr. **Stuart Goodman!**

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).

Cheshvan

8 (Nov 1): David Greenstein, grandfather of Sandy Sukin

16 (Nov 9): Mildred Kraushaar, mother of Alan Kraushaar

17 (Nov 10): Les Alweis, father of Don Alweis, grandfather of Sheldon Alweis

19 (Nov 12): Joe Sax, grandfather of Marc Blum

20 (Nov 13): Berthe Perlmann, mother of Thelma Lakier
 Ted Fahrenwald, father of Roxanne Fahrenwald

21 (Nov 14): Irving Sanders, father of Jeff Sanders

24 (Nov 17): Bess Misner, mother of Marilyn Kramer

25 (Nov 18): Hugh Ford, husband of Julie Coleman Ford
 Richard Wexler, father of Diane Kersten

27 (Nov 20): Richard Civin, brother of Donna Healy

29 (Nov 22): Mollie Sanders, mother of Jeff Sanders

Kislev

9 (Dec 1): Evelyn Jaffe Miller, mother of Heather Rio, grandmother of Jonathan Edward Rio
 Bernice Samuels Schaffer, mother of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

11 (Dec 3): Norman Alweis, uncle of Don Alweis

12 (Dec 4): Juanita L. Rio, mother of Andy Rio, grandmother of Jonathan Edward Rio
 Vivian Civin, mother of Donna Healy

14 (Dec 6): Sherwood Schnitzer Kopelove, mother of Brian Schnitzer

15 (Dec 7): Morris Niss, founding member of CBA

17 (Dec 9): Rose Yoelin, grandmother of Sandy Sukin

18 (Dec 10): Bessie Schnitzer, grandmother of Brian Schnitzer

November 2014

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Halloween 	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
 Daylight...Time Ends		 Election Day			 Shabbat service 7:30 p.m.	10 a.m.: Torah study 1-2:30 pm Rel. School 5:30 p.m.: Havdalah
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Laying of Tefillin Time TBA Morning prayers 		 Veterans Day				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					Rabbi Elana visits	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Family Promise		3:30 p.m.: Dinner at Thanksgiving Good Shepherd		
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

Courses at Adult Ed

Uri Barnea will offer three different classes during Winter Semester through Billings Community Adult Education:

1. Basic musicianship (5 two-hour classes)
2. The Biblical Prophets (6 two-hour classes), and
3. Introduction to Judaism (6 two-hour classes.)

No prior background is necessary for any of the classes.

Basic musicianship will be offered on Mondays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., beginning on January 12. The Biblical Prophets will be offered on Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., beginning on January 13. Introduction to

Judaism will be offered on Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., starting January 15. All classes take place at Senior High School, room TBD.

Information and/or registration can be found at

Adult Community Education:
www.billingsadultcommunityed.org

or

<http://facebook.com/BillingsAdultEducation>

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URJ weekly Torah series
<http://urj.org/torah/#cprFor%20Webmasters>

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

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

Cardboard Box City

On Saturday, October 11, Cardboard Box City, an important fun-raiser for Family Promise, was held at the football practice field at RMC. The late afternoon and early evening were warm and calm. About 9:00 p.m., the wind and rain arrived, with strength to demolish the temporary shelters. All those planning to stay the night experienced a taste of living without

adequate shelter.

Thank you to all who donated toiletry supplies.

Thank you also to all who came and donated their time and talents: Andy, Karen, Donna, Carol, Amira, Wendy and Lily, Steve, Roger, and Tricia. We were the most represented congregation in Billings.

Family Promise

This month, Beth Aaron is scheduled to host the Family Promise families on Tuesday (25th), and Thanksgiving Day (27th).

Beth Aaron, together with Lutheran Church of Good Shepherd, will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner at Good Shepherd on Thursday, November 27,

at 3:30 .pm. Please feel free to join us if you have no family in town or just are tired of cooking. The roast turkeys will be provided by Temple Beth Aaron and LCGS. Guests joining in are asked to bring a side dish. The sign-up sheet is attached to the big white board in the Social Hall at Beth Aaron, or contact Tricia. We would love to welcome you to the feast.



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