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## Calendar of Events

### APRIL

#### Saturday, April 4

6:00 p.m.: Congregation Seder at CBA

#### April 9-12

Rabbi Elana visits.

#### Friday, April 10

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

#### Saturday, April 11

10:00 a.m.: Torah study  
12:00 p.m.: Lunch & Learn: Israeli Holidays (bring your own lunch)  
6:00+ p.m.: Havdalah

#### Sunday, April 12

10:00 a.m.: Religious School

#### Thursday, April 16

7:00 p.m.: Yom HaShoah presentation by Lacy Watson

#### Thursday, April 23

Israel Independence Day

### MAY

#### May 8-10

Rabbi Elana visits.

#### Friday, May 8

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

Saturday activities TBD. This is Rabbi Elana's last scheduled visit.

### JUNE

#### Wednesday, June 17

7:00 p.m.: CBA Annual Meeting

#### June 26-28: MAJCO

Shabbaton in Butte, followed by the Hadassah annual business meeting on **Sunday, June 28**.

## From the Student Rabbi

"*Chag Sameach*," the hostess says as she hands us menus and begins to walk away. "*Chag Sameach*," we chorus.

When the waitress comes to take our orders, I order the pizza with spinach and my friend orders an Israeli salad with bulgarit cheese.

This was our typical order at the Israeli cafe, aptly named CafeCafe. Yet, this week was special. It was Passover and so our usual orders took on a new character. The entire kitchen of CafeCafe was Kosher for Passover (KP) and my pizza was KP, as well as the bread they brought out with my friend's salad.

The meal was delicious and we left with the extra bread in a bag reserved for sandwiches over the next few days.

Truth be told, the past two years have been the easiest Passovers I've ever experienced. They didn't involve eating lots of matzah and my kitchen was already fully cleaned (although, full disclosure, I ended up at the Mikvah four or five times helping a friend kasher her dishes). Passover was not Passover.

I realized that I needed the experience of eating matzah and having to look at ingredients to ascertain whether or not something was KP. I liked cooking with my mom all week leading up to seder and then eating matzah ball soup every day for lunch. More than anything, I

loved the real difference that occurred in my life during the seven days of Passover. I craved it.

So why does it matter? Passover is a holiday celebrating the Exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt, but more importantly, the fact that God protected the Israelites from the final plague of the death of the first-born. It was a difficult time in the history of the Jewish people, where we were put to the test. Passover today is also a time when we put ourselves to a test: we don't eat bread for seven days. Yet my experience in Israel was counter to everything Passover meant to me. It meant I had to make a choice. I had to decide what the true purpose of Passover was.

I now know that Passover is about family, the experience, and not "cheating." I want to eat matzah pizza. I want to feel just a fraction of that affliction my ancestors felt as they were leaving Egypt. I want to understand. If matzah is called *lechem oni*, the bread of affliction, I want to at least recognize that there is affliction. Therefore, I vow to make this Passover one of separation and awareness.

What will your Passover look like? How will you experience the affliction our ancestors felt?

B'Shalom,  
Student Rabbi Elana Nemitoff

## Rabbi Elana's Schedule

Rabbi Elana will be with us over the following dates:

April 9-12 (during Passover)  
May 8-10

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).





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The deadline for submitting items for the May Temple Tablet is **Thursday, April 23**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.

## Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, April 3	7:27 p.m.
Friday, April 10	7:36 p.m.
Friday, April 17	7:45 p.m.
Friday, April 24	7:54 p.m.
Friday, May 1	8:03 p.m.
Friday, May 8	8:12 p.m.
Friday, May 15	8:21 p.m.
Friday, May 22	8:29 p.m.
Friday, May 29	8:36 p.m.
Friday, June 5	8:42 p.m.
Friday, June 12	8:46 p.m.
Friday, June 19	8:49 p.m.
Friday, June 26	8:50 p.m.

## Torah Portions for April and May

- 4/4: First Day of Passover**
- 4/11: Eighth Day of Passover**
- 4/18: Shemini Pent.** Lev. 9:1-11:47; Pr. Sam. 6:1-7:17
- 4/25: Tazria-Metzora Pent.** Lev. 12:1-15:33; Pr. II Kings 7:3-20
- 5/2: Acharei Mot-Kedoshim Pent.** Lev. 16:1-20:27; Pr. Amos 9:7-9:15
- 5/9: Emor Pent.** Lev. 21:1-24:23; Pr. Ez. 44:15-31
- 5/16: Behar- Bechukotai Pent.** Lev. 25:1-27:34; Pr. Jer. 16:19-17:14
- 5/23: Bamidbar Pent.** Num. 1:1-4:20; Pr. Hosea 2:1-22
- 5/30: Naso Pent.** Num. 4:21-7:89; Pr. Judges 13:2-25

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\*A big thank you to **Dean and Lisa Sukin** and to **Bob and Sandy Sukin** for coordinating and generously

providing security over the High Holidays. We regret the earlier omission.

## Yom HaShoah Observance at Beth Aaron: A Time for Learning and Remembrance

Lacy Watson grew up in northern Montana, is Jewish, and lost members of her family in the Holocaust. She is an English teacher at Billings West High School.

In the summer of 2014, Lacy attended a three week-long educational seminar facilitated by the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance Teacher's Program. Beginning at the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC, Lacy then traveled to Germany, the Czech Republic and Poland, visiting nine former concentration camps and three former ghettos, along with synagogues, Jewish cemeteries, and multiple museums.

Lacy has said that this experience changed her as an educator and as a Jew. She feels a responsibility to share what she has learned and to remember and honor those whose lives were taken, and those whose lives were altered so vastly.

Lacy is interested in sharing her experiences with our congregation and offered to talk on Yom HaShoah. She is also talking at the Billings Parmlly Library on April 14. At CBA, Lacy will talk for about one hour starting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 16. Plan to arrive between 7:00 and 7:30. There will be time to meet Lacy before her talk and time for questions afterwards.

## 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).

### Nisan

- 12 (April 1): Louis Melnick, founding member of CBA, grandfather of Sandra Melnick Seitz Meyer Colnic, grandfather of Michael Bugenstein
- 20 (April 9): Frank Pat Coleman, husband of Julie Coleman Ford George Sukin, father of Bob and Jack Sukin, grandfather of Dean Sukin, and founding member of CBA Anna Bugenstein, grandmother of Michael Bugenstein Marcia Orman, longtime CBA member
- 22 (April 11): Rosalie D'Esopo, mother of Margaret Cloutier
- 25 (April 14): Sarah Duberstein, mother of Lenny Duberstein
- 27 (April 16): Minna Horowitz, beloved Rebbitzin of CBA Tzvi Hirshfeld, brother of Theo and Dawn Hirshfeld

### Iyar

- 2 (April 21): Esther Colnic, grandmother of Michael Bugenstein
- 5 (April 24): Jennie Schaffer, grandmother of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

- 11 (April 30): Sam Melnick, father of Sandra, Sharon, and Saralee Melnick
- 25 (May 14): Jessie Alweis, grandmother of Don Alweis
- 27 (May 16): Fred Harold Grossman, father of Gail Grossman, grandfather of Evan and Maddy Quarles Lois Ewers, mother of Nyd Kraushaar

### Sivan

- 2 (May 20): Miranda Carr, daughter of Pam Doerr
- 4 (May 22): Ettie Guthals Schmidt, mother of Joel Guthals and beloved member of CBA
- 5 (May 23): Louis Bugenstein, grandfather of Michael Bugenstein
- 11 (May 29): Louis Harron, founder of CBA
- 15 (June 2): Helen Firestone, grandmother of Lisa Sukin
- 22 (June 9): Ruth Cohen, mother of Elle Alweis, grandmother of Sheldon Alweis
- 24 (June 11): Rhoda Samuels, grandmother of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer Rose Nodler, mother of Marsha Selwyn



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## Israeli Artist in Montana

Israeli artist Zemer Peled will be debuting her sculpture and installation collection, Sky Island, at the Northcutt Steele Gallery on the MSU Billings campus from February 26 through April 2, 2015. Peled's work is formed from thousands of ceramic shards. Her sculptural language is a response to her surrounding landscapes and an exploration of the beauty and brutality of the natural world that engages with themes of memory, identity, and place. The term sky island refers to isolated mountainous regions surrounded by radically different lowland environments offering unique implications for natural habitats. This ecological phenomenon becomes an apt metaphor for Peled's poetic three-dimensional meditations on contrast and isolation, sameness and belonging.

Peled was born and raised in a kibbutz in Northern Israel. After completing a BFA (Hons) at the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design in Jerusalem, she graduated with an MA (Hons) from the Royal College of Art, London. Recently her work has been featured nationally and internationally in museums and galleries including Sotheby's and Saatchi Gallery-London, Eretz Israel Museum-Tel Aviv, and the Orangerie du Senate, Paris. She is a second year-long term resident at the Archie Bray foundation in Helena, MT, and is a member of Helena's Jewish community.

She is also featured in this month's issue of Oprah Winfrey's O magazine. For more information about the artist visit:

[www.zemerpeled.com](http://www.zemerpeled.com).

The exhibition is free and open to the public. The Northcutt Steele Gallery is located on the first floor of the Liberal Arts Building on the Montana State University Billings campus. The gallery is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and by appointment. For more information visit [www.msubillings.edu/gallery](http://www.msubillings.edu/gallery) or [www.facebook.com/NorthcuttSteeleGallery](https://www.facebook.com/NorthcuttSteeleGallery).



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

Weekly newsletter of the  
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