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## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY

**February 13-15**  
Rabbi Elana visits.

**Friday, February 27**  
7:00 p.m.: Purim Spiel & Shabbat service

**Saturday, February 28**  
12:00-1:00 p.m.: Lunch & Learn: the Four Mitzvot of Purim & making Mishloach Manot

**February 27-March 1**  
Rabbi Elana visits.

### MARCH

**Thursday, March 5**  
Purim

**March 20-22**  
Rabbi Elana visits.

**Sunday, March 22**  
1:30-2:30 p.m.: Book Club meets: Ari Shavit's *My Promised Land*

**Friday, April 3 (sunset)-  
Saturday, April 11 (sunset):  
Passover**

**April 10-12**  
Rabbi Elana visits.

**Thursday, April 16**  
Yom Hazikaron Lashoah—  
Holocaust Remembrance Day

**Thursday, April 23**  
Israel Independence Day

**May 15-17**  
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

Dear friends,

For the first time in ten years, the World Zionist Organization (WZO) is holding voting for appointment to the World Zionist Congress (WZC). The American Zionist Movement is holding elections for the American delegates to the WZC. This Congress, imagined by Theodore Herzl, is the place wherein Jews from around the world vote together on how best to allocate funds and aid to different streams in Israel, by way of the Jewish Agency. This organization is imperative to the functioning of many movements in Israel, in particular the Israeli Movement for Progressive Judaism (IMPJ), known as the Israeli Reform movement.

The Israeli Reform movement continues due to in large part to the support of the American, Reform, Progressive Jewish community. As committed Jews, it is our obligation to vote in this election and help impact the future of Progressive

Judaism in Israel. In particular, ARZA-Representing Reform Judaism is the Reform party running for the WZC.

Why should you vote?

ARZA represents values that we as Americans take for granted, but which not all Israelis enjoy:

- Women's Rights and Gender Equality
- Religious Equality
- Peace in the Middle East

As values go, these are imperative for the wellbeing of any state, with Israel as no exception. I strongly urge you to take the next four minutes and vote for ARZA as representative to the WZO.

Go to:

<https://www.reformjews4israel.org/vote/> and follow the steps delineated on the page (copy the address into your web browser).

B'Shalom,

Student Rabbi Elana Nemitoff

## Book Club Meets

The CBA Book Club is planning to meet on Sunday, March 22, at 1:30 p.m.

They will be discussing Ari Shavit's *My Promised Land*.

## Rabbi Elana's Schedule

Rabbi Elana will be with us over the following dates:

January 29-February 1  
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).





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The deadline for submitting items for the April Temple Tablet is **Thursday, March 19**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.

## Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, Feb. 6	5:09 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 13	5:19 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 20	5:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 27	5:40 p.m.
Friday, March 6	5:49 p.m.
Friday, March 13	6:59 p.m.
Friday, March 20	7:08 p.m.
Friday, March 27	7:18 p.m.
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.

## Torah Portions for March

**2/15: Ki Tissa** Pent. Ex. 30:11-34:35; Pr. I Kings 18:1-39  
**2/22: Vayakhel-Pekudei** Pent. Ex. 35:1-40:38; Pr. Ez. 36:16-38  
**3/8: Vayikra** Pent. Lev. 1:1-5:26; Pr. Ez. 45:16-46:18  
**3/15: Tzav** Pent. Lev. 6:1-8:36; Deut. 25:17-19; Pr. Mal. 3:4-24

## Donations

Many thanks for these generous donations to CBA.

\*Paul Small in memory of Beverly and Aaron Small

### For the Building Fund

\*Saralee Melnick  
 \*Theo Hirshfeld in honor of Dawn Hirshfeld's continuing good health

### In honor of CBA

\*Jose Bustos  
 \*The Andy and Paulette Laszlo Foundation



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## Member News

\*The warmest of welcomes to new CBA members **Jeff and Dani Hammet** and their family!

\*A big mazel tov and warm congratulations to long-time CBA member **Melinda Payne Sanders**, who recently made her conversion to Judaism official with her T'Vilah and mikvah at Congregation Shomre Israel in Poughkeepsie, NY, under the year-

long guidance of Rabbis Jonathan Kligler and Aura Ahuvia (of The Woodstock Jewish Congregation). Rabbi Miriam Hyman also officiated at the Beit Din to make it an official conversion. Melinda hopes to someday return to CBA to play her cello and have her very own Aliyah at our bima. (Sent by her very proud hubby, Jeff Sanders)

## 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).

### Shevat

14 (Feb 3): Harry Miller, grandfather of Don Alweis

15 (Feb 4): Edith Gold, grandmother of Brian Schnitzer

Feb 4: Bernard Schein, husband of Sally Schein, father of Lee Schein Kapelovitz

19 (Feb 8): Herbert Goodman, father of Stuart Goodman

21 (Feb 10): Nathan Samuels, grandfather of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

26 (Feb 15): Ann Sax, grandmother of Marc Blum

### Adar

1 (Feb 20): Sheila Sanders, friend of Rose Emily Blum  
 Abe Yoelin, grandfather of Sandy Sukin

3 (Feb 22): Phyllis B. Myers, mother of David Myers

5 (Feb 24): Jacob Isaac Perlmann, brother of Thelma

8 (Feb 27): David Lakier, father of Jeff Lakier  
 Ruth Blum, mother of Marc Blum

10 (March 1): Avram Perlmann, father of Thelma Lakier  
 William B. Levy, father of Julie Coleman Ford

11 (March 2): Elliot Reiter Schnitzer, son of Brian Schnitzer

12 (March 3): Chester J. Civin, father of Donna Healy

March 6: Sally Schein, wife of Bernard Schein, mother of Lee Schein Kapelovitz

16 (March 7): Freeda Lipman, grandmother of Cendri, Miri, and Jill Hutcherson Salsbury

19 (March 10): Rita Hirshfeld, mother of Theo Hirshfeld

21 (March 12): Elliott J. Schaffer, father of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer  
 Yaacov Hirshfeld, father of Theo Hirshfeld

27 (March 18): Hannah Hecht Lipstadt, grandmother of Lisa Sukin

29 (March 20): Sonny Kopelove, stepfather of Brian Schnitzer

### Nisan

5 (March 25): Ellsworth A. Rio, father of Andy Rio and grandfather of Jon Rio  
 Arthur Beiser, grandfather of Karen Beiser

9 (March 29): Jerry Kohn, long-time member of CBA

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

# March 2015

February 2015	March 2015	April 2015
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Purim	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Send in member news	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19 Tablet deadline	20 Rabbi Elana visits. First Day of Spring	21
22 1:30 p.m. Book Club meets.	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 April Fools Day	2	3 Erev Passover	4

## Free Online Hebrew Bible/Tanakh Course

A 25-session video lecture series about the Tanakh is now available online. The instructor's information is presented below.

**Shaye J. D. Cohen** is the Littauer Professor of Hebrew Literature and Philosophy in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations of Harvard University. He received his Ph.D. in Ancient History, with distinction, from Columbia University in 1975. He is also an ordained rabbi, and for many years was the Dean of the Graduate School and Shenkman Professor of Jewish History at the Conservative Movement's Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. Before arriving at Harvard in July 2001, he was for ten years the Samuel Ungerleider Professor of Judaic Studies and Professor of Religious Studies at Brown University. The focus of Cohen's research is the boundary between Jews and gentiles and between Judaism and its surrounding culture. He is also a published authority on Jewish

reactions to Hellenism and to Christianity.

Cohen has received several honors for his work, including an honorary doctorate from the Jewish Theological Seminary and various fellowships. He has been honored by appointment as Croghan Distinguished Visiting Professor of Religion (Williams College), the Louis Jacobs Lecturer (Oxford University), the David M. Lewis Lecturer (Oxford University), and several more. He appeared on a *Nova* episode as an expert on Jewish history. He also appears in PBS's *Jesus to Christ* Documentary.

For more information, see the links below:

[http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-topics/hebrew-bible/free-hebrew-bible-course-with-shaye-cohen/?mqsc=E3790054&utm\\_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm\\_medium=BHD+Week%20in%20Review%20Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=E5W228](http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-topics/hebrew-bible/free-hebrew-bible-course-with-shaye-cohen/?mqsc=E3790054&utm_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm_medium=BHD+Week%20in%20Review%20Newsletter&utm_campaign=E5W228)

<http://courses.biblicalarchaeology.org/hebrewbible/#>

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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).



### 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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