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Calendar of Events

MAY

May 8-10

Rabbi Elana visits Beth Aaron for the last time this temple year.

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

10:00 a.m.: Torah study
12:00 p.m.: Lunch & Learn

Sunday, May 10

10:00 a.m.: Religious School

JUNE

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, June 17

7:00 p.m.: CBA Annual Meeting in the social hall.

June 26-28: MAJCO

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

Special Oneg for the Ackmans

Our Shabbat oneg on Friday, May 8, will be in honor of Jerry and Sherry Ackman, who are moving back to the Midwest. We will miss them and wish them every happiness and success, along with increased family time.

CBA Board Nominations

Elle, Theo and Amira, the members of the Nominating Committee, are putting together the slate of officers for 2015-16, which will be voted at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 17.

Please give consideration to serving on

the Board when someone from the Committee contacts you. The Board is always a representation of our membership, and your voice and participation are an important part of our Congregational family.

Seder Thank You's

Many warm thanks go to the following people for helping to make this year's seder such a success:

★ Alan Kraushaar for leading the Seder with assistance from Jill Salsbury and Brian Schnitzer

★ The Seder Committee: Ellen Alweis, Nyd Kraushaar, and Rondel Smith, who organized and cooked

★ Marilyn Kramer for flowers donated in honor of Steve Kramer's retirement

★ Diane Kersten for the macaroons and Jerry Silver for the charoset.

★ Board members who set-up before the Seder, and Board and Congregation members who cleaned-up after the Seder

Today rabah to everyone!

Yom HaShoah Presentation at CBA

On Thursday, April 16, members of Congregation Beth Aaron were fortunate to be in attendance when Lacy Watson, a Billings West High School English teacher, gave a moving presentation in honor of Yom HaShoah, Israel Remembrance Day, which commemorates the Holocaust and all those who died in the camps.

During the summer of 2014, Lacy was chosen to participate in a three-week educational seminar sponsored by the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance

Teacher's Program. Starting at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, the group traveled to a variety of museums, memorials, and concentration camps in Germany, the Czech Republic and Poland, meeting a variety of survivors along the way.

Lacy highlighted her unforgettable experiences with slides of the sites and her original poetry, answering questions afterward. Many thanks to Lacy for offering this beautiful program to CBA.

Family Promise

CBA's continued participation in Family Promise's very worthy social action for homeless families in Yellowstone County is dependent on

having a coordinator. If you are interested in finding out about this position, please call Tricia.

Torah Restoration Oneg

At a special oneg following Shabbat Services on March 19, Beth Aaron recognized all the donors whose generosity of resources and time was important in bringing about the cleaning and repair of our Torahs. We also acknowledge the contributions and express our gratitude to those donors who were unable to attend.

Jerry and Sherry Ackman
Rabbi Uri and Liz Barnea

Rabbi Barbara Block
Michael Bugenstein
Tamara Dayton
Arthur and Denise Fink
Stuart Goodman
Gail Grossman
Harron Fund
Theo and Dawn Hirshfeld
Diane Kersten
Steven and Marilyn Kramer
Alan and Nyd Kraushaar
Jeffrey and Thelma Lakier
Edward and Deborah Malters
Al Page
Steven and Laura Paley
Jerry and Roberta Perlman
Tony and Jennifer Podlecki

Donald and Carol Roberts
Deborah and Rachel Schaffer
Elliott Schaffer Charitable Endowment Fund
Jeffrey Simkovic and Roxanne Fahrenwald
Eric Singer
Gregg Singer
Martin Singer
Rondel Smith
Israel Weiner Charitable Foundation
Roger and Tricia Williams
David Wilt and Kathleen Williams



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The deadline for submitting items for the May Temple Tablet is **Friday, May 22**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.

Candle-Lighting Times

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

Donations

Many thanks for these generous donations to CBA.

*Charles Melnick in memory of Louis Melnick and Sam Melnick, to the Building Fund

*Theo & Dawn Hirshfeld in memory of his parents, Yaakov and Rita Hirshfeld and of his brother, Zvi Hirshfeld

In honor of CBA

*Jose Bustos



Need Doors?

Is anyone in need of five sliding doors, for a closet or other location? The design of the storage room has not worked out well, so CBA is changing the look of the room and giving

members the first chance at the five oak sliding doors currently in residence. For a donation to the building fund, the doors could be yours—one or all five; it's up to you. Contact AI for details.

Interested in a Jewish Tour of Poland, Budapest, and Prague?

I am exploring Jewish Heritage Tours to Eastern Europe no sooner than spring/summer of 2016 and wondering if anyone in the congregation is interested. The trip would cover about 12 days in Europe and include travel/education on Jewish history pre-Holocaust, the Holocaust and present Jewish rebirth. If there is enough

interest, I am willing to explore a congregational trip. If you are interested or have completed such a trip and would like to share details, please contact me. I am totally in a preliminary stage, with no commitments at this time. Diane Kersten: mtdiane@bresnan.net or 697-7992.

MAJCO Shabbaton 2015 in Butte

As Holocaust Remembrance Day, so recently commemorated, reminds us to never forget the past, let us now also look forward, with hope in our hearts! Here is an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of our Jewish community and enjoy our bright and fulfilling future.

This year's MAJCO Shabbaton will be held in Butte: Honoring Our History and Celebrating Our Community June 26-28, 2015
 Congregation B'nai Israel
 327 West Galena Street, Butte, MT 59701

The agenda and registration form for the Shabbaton are provided below or are available from the *Tablet* editor via

email attachment, as is more information about accommodations and meals. Please contact Rachel at rschaffer@msubillings.edu, and she will forward them to you.

We look forward to seeing you in Butte.



Congregation B'nai Israel watercolor by Sonia Ehrlich, 1976

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).

Iyar

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 Ellen Alweis, grandmother of Sheldon Alweis

24 (June 11): Rhoda Samuels, grandmother of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

Rose Nodler, mother of Marsha Selwyn

29 (June 16): Esther Greenberger, grandmother of Ellen Alweis

Tammuz

6 (June 23): Valera Wright, mother of Sally George Wright

7 (June 24): Charles Silver, grandfather of Bob and Jack Sukin

May 2015

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7 Lag Ba-Omer 🕯️	8 7:30 p.m. ✨ Rabbi Elana visits. Shabbat service & oneg	9 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn 10:00 a.m. Torah Study
10 Mother's Day 10:00 a.m. 📖 Religious School	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 📧 Send in member news	19	20	21	22 📧 Tablet deadline	23
24 Shavuot ✨	25 Memorial Day 🇺🇸	26	27	28	29 John F. Kennedy's Birthday 🇺🇸	30
31	1 June 17 📅 7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting	2	3	4	5	6

MAJCO Agenda, June 26-28, 2015, Butte

All Events at the Synagogue

Friday, June 26

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration
 6:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m. Dinner
 7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Evening Service led by Rabbi David Fine

Saturday, June 27

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Torah Study led by Rabbi Ed Staffman
 10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service led by Rabbi David Fine
 12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. Lunch
 1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. Programming led by Rabbi David Fine
 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Free Time
 6:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m. Dinner
 7:30 p.m. – 8:20 p.m. Programming – Ellen Burke, Area VP, Desert Mountain Region of Hadassah

8:30 p.m. – 9:20 p.m. Programming – Jewish Music or To Be Determined
 9:30 p.m. – Havdalah (Sunset is 9:26 p.m.)
 9:45 p.m. – Hadassah Silent Auction Opens
 10:15 p.m. – Hadassah Silent Auction Closes

Sunday June 28

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. MAJCO Business Meeting (with breakfast for attendees)
 9:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Butte History/Jewish History Custom Trolley Tour – Group A
 10:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Butte History/Jewish History Custom Trolley Tour – Group B
 12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. Lunch with Programming – Bruce Barrett, American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Regional Director for the Mountain West Region. Lunch sponsored and executed by Montana Hadassah
 1:00 p.m. MAJCO Adjourns
 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Hadassah Business Meeting

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MAJCO Shabbaton Registration Form



MAJCO Shabbaton 2015 in Butte

Honoring Our History and Celebrating Our Community

June 26-28, 2015

Congregation B'nai Israel

327 West Galena Street, Butte, MT 59701

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I am enclosing the following registration fee (please check appropriate box):

- \$54
- I am a presenter and my fee is waived.
- \$_____ Amount other than \$54 because EITHER I cannot afford the full price so I will pay what I can (and MAJCO will cover the rest) OR I am able and willing to donate extra to defray costs, which also helps those who can't afford the full price to attend, OR I am a presenter and my fee is waived but I wish to donate.

The registration fee covers attendance to all services and programming; Friday dinner; Saturday lunch, dinner and entertainment; Sunday trolley tour and lunch.

I would like to reserve a seat on the trolley. My first choice is:

- Group A: 9:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.
- Group B: 10:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Please make your check payable to Congregation B'nai Israel and send it with this form to:

Nancy Oyer, 527 Edison Street, Butte, MT 59701

Any questions, call Nancy at 406.490.8989, or email her at neogeo@montana.com

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