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Calendar of Events

AUGUST

Friday, August 28

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service.
Details will follow.

Sunday, September 13

7:30 p.m.: Erev Rosh Hashanah service

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 14

10:00 a.m.: Rosh Hashanah morning service

Tuesday, September 15

10:00 a.m.: Second day Rosh Hashanah morning service

Tuesday, September 22

7:30 p.m.: Kol Nidre

Wednesday, September 23

10:00 a.m.: Services begin



CBA Board Thank You

Thank you to all who have served on the board this past year, especially to Donna Healy and David Freedman, who are stepping down at the end of their terms. Donna and David, we will miss your wise counsel and pragmatism. For two years, David has mostly phoned in from either Miles

City or Livingston. Thank you both, and to Ellen, who is my right hand in the position of VP; Rondel, our secretary; Al, our treasurer; Brian, as IPP; and returning members at large, Steve and Nyd. And we welcome to the Board, Jill Salisbury and Uri Barnea.

Student Rabbi

If you have not already heard the news, Rabbi Elana will be returning to CBA in the coming year.

The proposed Student Rabbi visits for 2015-16 are as follows, subject to change.

Once again, I am grateful to HUC-Los Angeles for allowing us the flexibility of 12 visits and to Elana for coming for that many visits. Rabbi Elana will be here on average every three weeks, allowing for her exam and class schedules. We have scheduled visits so they will be evenly spread through the year and include Sukkot, Chanukkah, Purim and Pesach.

1. August 28-30
2. October 2-4
3. October 30 – Nov 1
4. November 20-23
5. December 11-13
6. January 15-17
7. February 12-14
8. February 26-28
9. March 11-12
10. March 25-27 or April 1-3
11. April 22-24
12. May 6-8

Rabbi Elana's first visit will be before the High Holidays, a time when parents and Elana can get together to discuss Religious School.

Activities and Services

No services are scheduled for August at this time. However, if you need to observe Shivah or say Kaddish, please contact Tricia or Ellen.

late August.

For any and all summer activities, there will be email or snail mail notice.

Our first visit from Rabbi Elana will be over the weekend of August 28-30. See the Calendar of Events; more details will follow.

The *Tablet* will be published again in

Also see the Calendar of Events for the preliminary High Holiday schedule.

High Holidays Security

The CBA board of directors has voted to have security at all services this year at High Holidays. This was prompted by events around the world and here in our country and also from concerns of several families within our congregation.

The additional expense for the security will come from our budget and also from donations. Several members have stepped forward and have committed to donate to this extra expense, and any member who wants to help with the expense can contact Al and make a donation to CBA.

MAJCO IN BUTTE, JUNE 26-28

The summer meeting of MAJCO and Montana Hadassah at Temple B'nai Israel IN Butte was well attended and gave us all the opportunity to renew friendships, worship together, and come away spiritually refreshed. Friday and Saturday services were led by Rabbis David Fine of URJ and Ed

Stafman of Bozeman, joined by reps from all the congregations. Educational programs and talks were by Rabbi Fine, Bruce Barrett of AIPAC and Hadassah. Our thanks to Nancy Oyer and members of the Butte congregation for gracious hospitality and a fab introduction to Butte.



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The deadline for submitting items for the September Temple Tablet is **Friday, August 21**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.

Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, July 10	8:46 p.m.
Friday, July 17	8:41 p.m.
Friday, July 24	8:34 p.m.
Friday, July 31	8:26 p.m.
Friday, August 7	8:17 p.m.
Friday, August 14	8:06 p.m.
Friday, August 21	7:54 p.m.
Friday, August 28	7:42 p.m.
Friday, Sept 4	7:29 p.m.
Friday, Sept 11	7:15 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, Sept 13	7:11 p.m.
Friday, Sept 18	7:02 p.m.

Erev Yom Kippur

Tuesday, Sept 22	6:54 p.m.
Friday, Sept 25	6:48 p.m.

Torah Portions for July and August

7/4: Balak Pent. Num. 22:2-25:9; Pr. Micah 5:6-6:8

7/11: Pinchas Pent. Num. 25:10-30:1; Pr. I Kings 18:46-19:21

7/18: Matot-Masei Pent. Num. 30:2-36:13; Pr. Jer. 2:4-28; 3:4

7/25: Devarim Pent Deut 1:1-3:22; Pr. Isa. 1:1-27

8/1: Vaetchanan Pent Deut 3:23-7:11; Pr. Isa. 40:1-26

8/8: Ekev Pent Deut 7:12-11:25; Pr. Isa. 49:14-51:3

8/15: Re'eh Pent Deut 11:26-16:17; Pr. Isa. 54:11-55:5

8/22: Shoftim Pent Deut 16:18-21:9; Pr. Isa. 51:12-52:12

8/29: Ki Tetze Pent. Deut. 21:10-25:19; Pr. Isa. 54:1-10

Mishkan T'filah Siddur

In 150 years, the Reform Movement has produced a number of prayer books, each one a reflection of its times. As with so much in our Jewish world, each has inspired a multitude of opinions, even controversy.

Second only to the Torah, the *siddur* (prayer book) expresses the ideology of our people. In contrast to the constancy of the Torah, the siddur changes over time and is regularly read and used; it complements the Torah in defining and unifying us.

The recently published (2007) siddur is named *Mishkan T'filah* (*Dwelling Place for Prayer*), with its symbolic reference to the tabernacle carried by the Israelites from Sinai to the Promised Land.

The prayer book has both faithful English translations (as opposed to interpretive translations) and full transliteration of the Hebrew prayers. Commentaries, background information and meditations are included but in such a way that they do not detract from the worship experience.

Each prayer is set as a two-page spread, all fully transliterated and with a faithful English translation on the right-hand page; thematically related prayers, readings, and meditations are on the left. The prayer book offers a straightforward, traditional service, with the option for saying or singing the alternative prayers on the left.

Our gray-covered *Gates of Prayer* is out of print. It was sometimes available for free as other congregations started to use *Mishkan*

T'filah. About eight years ago, we increased our copies, thanks to the generosity of another congregation. Now, we have many fewer copies once again.

Over the past year there have been about 15 copies of *Mishkan T'filah* at Beth Aaron, and we began to use them for Shabbat services. *Mishkan* has been enthusiastically received, though there have been a few minor challenges, such as becoming familiar with the way pages are numbered, and not having enough copies. At the Annual Meeting in June, we discussed finding a way to make more copies available for Shabbat Services.

A number of years ago, copies of the blue-covered siddur, *Gates of Prayer* (GOP), were purchased by members for donation to the synagogue, each donation commemorated with the names of donor and persons honored or remembered. In June, The Board decided to follow this example to make more copies of *Mishkan T'filah* available for Shabbat services. The goal is to add another 40 copies.

Copies of the *Mishkan T'filah for Shabbat*, (with transliteration) for donation to CBA, will be available for \$36; each will include a bookplate for inscribing the name of the donor, and the name of an honoree or a memorial. I hope that you will join us in this endeavor, and if you have not been coming to services, come and experience this new siddur.

Please contact Tricia or Al for details.

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).

Tammuz

23 (July 10): Nina Lakier, mother of Jeff Lakier

24 (July 11): Bette Prestridge, mother of Merry Prestridge

26 (July 13): Timothy Myers, son of David and Nancy Myers

28 (July 15): Isadore Greenstein, father of Sandy Sukin

Sally Noe, member and friend of CBA

Av

1 (July 17): father of Jeff Simkovic

4 (July 20): Rosella Alweis, mother of Don Alweis, grandmother of Sheldon Alweis

6 (July 22): Judith Rosenthal Kraushaar, wife of Alan Kraushaar

July 22: Harold Kapelovitz, husband of Lee Kapelovitz

7 (July 23): Edgar Hecht, grandfather of Lisa Sukin

11 (July 27): Sol S. Lipman, grandfather of Cendri, Miri, and Jill Hutcherson Salsbury

27 (Aug 12): Murray Kramer, father of Steve Kramer

29 (Aug 14): Gussie Greenstein, mother of Sandy Sukin

30 (Aug 15): Samuel Brown, father of Mel Brown

Elul

8 (Aug 23): James Misner, father of Marilyn Kramer

18 (Sept 2): Benjamin Schaffer, grandfather of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

22 (Sept 6): Murray Sanders, uncle of Jeff Sanders

25 (Sept 9): Irvin Schnitzer, father of Brian Schnitzer

Rabbi Samuel Horowitz, beloved rabbi of CBA

26 (Sept 10): Sarah Greenstein, grandmother of Sandy Sukin

August 2015

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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16	17 Send in member news	18	19	20	21 Tablet deadline	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service with Rabbi Elana	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Donations

Many thanks for these generous donations to CBA.

In honor of CBA

*Israel, Rose, Henry, & Robert Wiener Charitable Fund

In honor of CBA for Family Promise

*Carol Roberts

*Al Page

*Rachel Schaffer

*Deborah Schaffer

Blessings

Almost six years ago, we took our daughter to California to begin college. During orientation, I met a woman who was also there with her daughter. We compared notes, and she shared that the next day she was travelling to her mother's home in Chicago, and then both would go to Prague. In Prague, they were to join the Winton train, a private passenger train that left Prague 1 September 2009 and travelled to London in tribute to the wartime efforts of Sir Nicholas Winton. In 1939, Winton, then a young man, was instrumental in arranging eight trains that transported 669 children from Czechoslovakia to London. Most of the children did not see their families again. Over four days, the tribute train took the same route through Germany and Holland that the original trains took. A number of the surviving original children, now in their 70s and 80s, travelled with families. I remember that there was a slight sense of urgency because Nicholas Winton was already 100 years old, but there was also much excitement. Nicholas Winton died on 1 July 2015, aged 106. May his memory be for blessings.

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Exciting News about Family Promise

First of all, why do we hear about Family Promise in many of our newsletters? A number of years ago, the congregation decided that Family Promise, formerly known as Interfaith Hospitality Network, would be our ongoing service project in the Billings community. Family Promise, FP, is a non-profit that provides meals and shelter for homeless families and is celebrating its 10th anniversary in Billings!

Congregation Beth Aaron has been involved since the early days. Adela Awner was the first Executive Director; she helped many families make significant improvements in their lives and increased the number of congregations participating. She helped create Cardboard Box City to increase awareness about homelessness and Beach Blizzard, which raises money for operating expenses. FP helps families move forward with classes in education, parenting, nutrition, and financial management.

The day center serves as the "home base" for families during the day, where they can shower, do laundry, and prepare simple meals for breakfast. It is where the families spend their time during the day and weekends when not working or at other appointments. From the beginning, the day center has operated in 800 sq ft in the basement of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bethlehem has grown and wants to reclaim their basement, and FP has grown and needs more space for staff and our families.

Looking ahead, while Andy Rio was president of the board of FP, an abandoned, historic building just south of the railroad tracks was purchased with the goal of renovating it to become our new day center. (The building was completely paid for in late 2012.)

CBA members have helped provide meals for our families for a number of years now. At last year's Cardboard Box City, 20% of our congregation was there helping with registration, security, activities and judging boxes! That is more participation than any other congregation in town!

A capital campaign has been underway since the beginning of 2015. Well over \$350,000 of our \$600,000 budget has already been raised from the board of FP, grants, and gifts from generous members of our Billings community who recognize the effectiveness of our program and how significantly FP helps families change their lives.

The capital campaign is asking each of our 26 participating congregations to raise \$1,000 and be recognized on our donor wall inside the new day center. CBA has already received \$600 toward our goal! Would you add your support with a gift of \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100??

There are so many reasons to give to Family Promise. It is a successful program addressing a great need in our community. Our participation keeps us connected to other congregations who have supported CBA in years past. With over 1400 volunteers, FP is an economical way to help families in Billings.

Please mail your check today made out to CBA with a note in the memo area reading "Family Promise."

With much appreciation for your support,

Carol Roberts, Capital Campaign Chair

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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