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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

October 30-November 1

Rabbi Elana is at CBA.

November 20-22

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DECEMBER

Friday, December 11

6:00 p.m.: Chanukkah celebration; latkes and potluck to follow

December 18-20

Rabbi Elana is at CBA.

Member News

*A hearty CBA welcome goes to new member Margo Haak!



From the Student Rabbi : Halloween and Judaism

October 31 heralds Halloween, a day of princesses, pirates, pumpkins and popcorn! The air is crisp, and the leaves crunch underfoot. Excitement is almost tangible, and people of all ages look forward to it for weeks. Yet, what is behind this not-so-innocuous holiday, and is it a holiday that holds Jewish value?

A little background: Halloween began with the Celtic celebration of the end of summer (Celtic Samhain) and eventually was merged with the Catholic All Saint's Day to become one day. Costumes and door-to-door exchange of verse for food marked the day. The Irish then brought Halloween to America with them in the mid-19th century, claiming it as a secular holiday. Once retail commercialized Halloween, there was little connection to the pagan or Christian roots.

And today: Americans spend \$7.4 billion on Halloween, \$2 billion of that on candy alone. For one day. Costumes of ghosts and ghouls may leave children with bad dreams or permanent fears, due to their inability to differentiate between reality and fantasy. However, children love the experience of dressing up and wearing masks for a day!

There are elements of Halloween that are beautiful, community-building opportunities and should be celebrated. Trick-or-treating is a communal occurrence, something that we as Jews can participate in by giving to others rather than taking, as we might normally do. Carving pumpkins is a fun group activity!

Here are a few suggestions for how to focus on the Jewish aspects of Halloween:

1. Give out candy instead of getting it. This way, we participate but focus on giving to others.
2. For each trick-or-treater, put a coin aside for *Tzedakah*. Afterwards, decide where to donate and do it in costume!
3. Purim is in a few months! We get our own holiday to dress up and celebrate!

This October 31, may all of us discover a way to celebrate fun and enjoy the sweetness of life, in whatever way we may decide. I for one, look forward to spending it with you!

Resources:

<http://rabbijeremyfine.com/speaking/halloween/>

<http://www.reformjudaism.org/halloween-jewish-perspective-parents>

CBA Chanukkah Celebration

Join us for the annual lighting of our Chanukkiot on Friday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Shabbat candle lighting and Kabbalat Shabbat. Then stay for the potluck (dairy compatible) and dreidel games. Chanukkah candles will be available at the synagogue in the social hall during November and December.

Latke Bochers, we miss you and your cooking extravaganzas of past years! But we are continuing to address the

cooking smell that lingers after cooking latkes in the CBA kitchen when the synagogue is not aired out frequently. In the absence of the Latke Bochers, please bring a plate of latkes and a dish to share. (It is OK to cook latkes in advance, and then freeze and reheat them before serving.)

A-J: main dish or salad

K-Z: dessert

CBA will provide sour cream and applesauce.

Candles and Calendars

Yahrzeit candles are available at CBA, free for members, or for nominal donation by non-members. Ask about them when you come for services, or let us know, and we can arrange a pick-up time.

In addition, Michelotti Sawyers has once again donated our beautiful calendars, available now in the social hall at Beth Aaron. We express our gratitude to Michelotti Sawyers for their continuing generosity.





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Rabbi Elana's Schedule of Visits

The remaining Student Rabbi visits for 2015-16 will be included in each Tablet. Any changes in Rabbi Elana's visits due to events at HUC will be indicated. Any other additions to our schedule will be noted here.

February 5-7 OR 12-14 Saturday service
 February 26-28
 March 11-12
 March 25-27 or April 1-3 Purim
 April 22-24 Passover
 May 6-8

October 30 – Nov 1
 November 20-22
 December 11 Chanukkah
 December 18-20
 January 15-17 MLK Weekend

Unless otherwise announced, Religious School will be held on the weekends when Rabbi Elana is in town, 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

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

Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, Oct 30	5:46 p.m.
Friday, Nov 6	4:36 p.m.
Friday, Nov 13	4:27 p.m.
Friday, Nov 20	4:20 p.m.
Friday, Nov 27	4:15 p.m.
Friday, Dec 4	4:12 p.m.
Friday, Dec 11	4:11 p.m.
Friday, Dec 18	4:13 p.m.
Friday, Dec 25	4:16 p.m.
Friday, Jan 1	4:22 p.m.
Friday, Jan 8	4:29 p.m.
Friday, Jan 15	4:38 p.m.
Friday, Jan 22	4:47 p.m.
Friday, Jan 29	4:57 p.m.
Friday, Feb 5	5:07 p.m.
Friday, Feb 12	5:18 p.m.
Friday, Feb 19	5:28 p.m.
Friday, Feb 26	5:38 p.m.
Friday, March 4	5:48 p.m.
Friday, March 11	5:57 p.m.
Friday, March 18	7:07 p.m.
Friday, March 25	7:16 p.m.

The Sukkah

Thank you to Brian Schnitzer and David Wilt for repairing and restoring the pergola that transforms into a sukkah, and to all who decorated and

finally dismantled our sukkah. Our Friday night spent eating in the sukkah was fun, and we were joined by guests from Great Falls. Until next year . . .

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).

Tishrei

22 (Oct 5): Milt Cohen, father of Ellen Alweis

John Forwalter, father of Denise Fink

25 (Oct 8): Rebecca Cohen, grandmother of Ellen Alweis

26 (Oct 9): Joe Alweis, grandfather of Don Alweis

Paddy Theodore Perlmann, brother of Thelma Lakier

Cheshvan

1 (Oct 14): Honey Kramer, mother of Steve Kramer

Sophie Parkans, grandmother of Bob Nemer

8 (Oct 21): David Greenstein, grandfather of Sandy Sukin

16 (Oct 29): Mildred Kraushaar, mother of Alan Kraushaar

17 (Oct 30): Les Alweis, father of Don Alweis, grandfather of Sheldon Alweis

19 (Nov 1): Joe Sax, grandfather of Marc Blum

20 (Nov 2): Berthe Perlmann, mother of Thelma Lakier

Ted Fahrenwald, father of Roxanne Fahrenwald

21 (Nov 3): Irving Sanders, father of Jeff Sanders

24 (Nov 6): Bess Misner, mother of Marilyn Kramer

25 (Nov 7): Hugh Ford, husband of Julie Coleman Ford

Richard Wexler, father of Diane Kersten

27 (Nov 9): Richard Civin, brother of Donna Healy

29 (Nov 11): Mollie Sanders, mother of Jeff Sanders

Kislev

9 (Nov 21): Evelyn Jaffe Miller, mother of Heather Rio, grandmother of Jonathan Edward Rio

Bernice Samuels Schaffer, mother of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

11 (Nov 23): Norman Alweis, uncle of Don Alweis

12 (Nov 24): Juanita L. Rio, mother of Andy Rio, grandmother of Jonathan Edward Rio

Vivian Civin, mother of Donna Healy

14 (Nov 26): Sherwood Schnitzer Kopelove, mother of Brian Schnitzer

15 (Nov 27): Morris Niss, founding member of CBA

17 (Nov 29): Rose Yoelin, grandmother of Sandy Sukin

18 (Nov 30): Bessie Schnitzer, grandmother of Brian Schnitzer

22 (Dec 4): Sol Cohen, grandfather of Ellen Alweis

Jenny Nemer Sibinger, daughter of Linda and Bob Nemer; sister of David Nemer; granddaughter of Zella and Maury Nemer

Adam Sibinger, son-in-law of Linda and Bob Nemer

24 (Dec 6): Aaron Small, longtime member of CBA

Torah Portions for October and November

10/3: Shabbat Chol Hamoed

10/10: Bereshit Pent. Gen.

1:1-6:8; Pr. Isa. 42:5-43:10

10/17: Noach Pent. Gen. 6:9-

11:32; Pr. Isa. 54:1-55:5

10/24: Lech Lecha Pent. Gen.

12:1-17:27; Pr. Isa. 40:27-

41:16

10/31: Vayera Pent. Gen.

18:1-22:24; Pr. II Kings 4:1-37

11/7: Chayei Sarah Pent.

Gen. 23:1-25:18; Pr. I Kings

1:1-31

11/14: Toledot Pent. Gen.

25:19-28:9; Pr. Malachi 1:1-2:7

11/21: Vayetze Pent. Gen.

28:10-32:3; Pr. Hos. 12:13-

14:10

11/28: Vayishlach Pent. Gen.

32:4-36:43; Pr. Obadiah 1:1-21



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November 2015

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rabbi Elana at CBA Daylight...Time Ends 	2	3 Election Day 	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Rabbi Elana at CBA	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

Donations

Many thanks for these generous donations to CBA.

- *David Myers for the Travel Fund and for Mitzvah to Go
- *Jose Bustos in honor of CBA
- *Julian Wright for the *Tablet* and Mitzvah to Go
- *Saralee Melnick for the Building Fund
- *Alan & Nyd Kraushaar for the Building Fund

For High Holy Day Security

- *Rondel Smith
- *Bob & Sandy Sukin
- *Al Page
- *Julian Wright

In memory of

- *Julie Coleman by Bob & Sandy Sukin
- *Julie Coleman by Roger & Tricia Williams
- *Rabbi Samuel & Minna Horowitz by Jonathan Horowitz

For the High Holy Days

- *Terri Sporkin & Tim Morrison
- *Joel & Elaine Ziskind
- *Tammy Dayton
- *Jeff & Melinda Sanders
- *Dean & Lisa Sukin & family
- *Don & Carol Roberts
- *Don & Ellen Alweis
- *Diane Kersten
- *Gail Grossman
- *Andy & Heather Rio
- *Jonathan & Melissa Rio
- *Al Page
- *Bob & Sandy Sukin
- *Rondel Smith
- *Sherri Turner
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<http://urj.org/torah/ten/>

In Appreciation: To All Who Contributed to the High Holy Days

Thank you to Rabbi Elana, Jill Salsbury, Theo Hirshfeld, Andy Rio, and all who led and participated in our services.

Thank you to Al Page and Steve Kramer, who worked tirelessly in the foreground and also behind the scenes to ensure that everything went smoothly, was clean and polished, and in its place.

A heartfelt thank you to Sandy and Bob Sukin, who took on the task of organizing and coordinating our break-

the-fast, and who were generous with their time and great cooking. And thank you to everyone who worked with Sandy and Bob to set up and clean up. The food was delicious and plentiful. It was a fitting and family-like conclusion to the Holidays.

May the Kavanot, the "intentions" or "directions of the heart," that guided us over the Holidays continue to guide us through the year and cause us to be mindful of how we live our lives as Jews, and in our worship, prayer and mitzvot.

Persistent Memories, Narrative Sculptures

An exhibit by Bozeman artist Willem Volkersz is on display at the Yellowstone Art Museum until January 3, 2016. Volkersz, whose life has been markedly shaped by the events of World War II, was a child during the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam in the 1940s. He came to America with his family in the early 1950s, and went to art school in Washington State. He has been an artist and a teacher and eventually became director of the School of Art at Montana State University in 1986, retiring in 2001.

As a member of the vanishing generation that grew up during WWII, Volkersz draws upon and iterates his

memories in a visual manner that illuminates the more positive aspects of humanity while recalling the tragedies of the past.

The YAM exhibit deals with memories of the war and lost childhoods. Volkersz's inspiration comes from the children of Amsterdam. In one part of the exhibit, Volkersz built 166 suitcases, each one stamped with the name of a different student and the concentration camp where he or she died. The artist further describes his motivation in creating each item in the exhibit.

Is there is interest in a group visit to YAM on a Sunday afternoon to view the exhibit?



The Nesiya summer program is operated by [Keshet, The Center for Educational Tourism](#), a company that runs a wide variety of educational programs in Israel. This program is described as "An Inspiring Journey for North Americans and Israelis (currently in grades 10-12) "

If you are interested or know of other members of your extended family who may be interested, email info@nesiya.org to learn more.

Four of us from CBA took a tour of Israel a few years ago that was under the auspices of Keshet, and it was fabulous.

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