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## Calendar of Events

### MARCH-APRIL

#### Rabbi Joanne in Billings

March 31-April 2

April 21-23

Friday, April 21: service to welcome new congregation members

A visit in May or early June, TBD

July 21 (a make-up date for December 16-18—stay tuned)

#### Regular times:

##### Friday

7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service

**Saturday** (except for July 21 weekend)

10:00 a.m.: Torah study

11:30 a.m.: Lunch and Learn

**Sunday** (except for July 21 weekend)

10:00 a.m.: Religious School, third grade and younger

10:30 a.m.: Religious School, fourth grade and older



## The Jewish Religious Service, by Uri Barnea

In this column, I wish to discuss an important aspect of prayer.

When we think of classic prayers in the Bible that are uttered by individuals such as Hannah (I Samuel 1:12-14 and 2:1-10) or Jonah (Jonah 2:2-10), we are moved by the spontaneity of that individual: After all, neither of them has used a prayer book!

Skipping 3,000 years ahead, however, most of the time when we congregate for a service and prayers, we tend to use a prayer book (Siddur). We would probably agree that it would be best for each individual to use his/her own prayer so that its message could be more personal and meaningful.

Yet, when a Jew prays three times a day (BTW, Muslims pray five times daily) for an hour or so, finding appropriate words for each prayer may become a daunting task for most people. By no means is this a recent phenomenon: Even the earliest rabbis recognized the difficulty connected to this issue and, in order to aid the congregants, they composed a variety of fixed prayers that are still included in our modern prayer book (e.g., the Bar'khu, the Sh'ma, the Amidah, the Aleinu, etc.). These "fixed" prayers are known as "Keva," meaning regular, usual and familiar prayers.

## New Haggadot at CBA

Congregation Beth Aaron has received a large number of Maxwell House 2010 edition Passover haggadot. These traditional versions have Hebrew and English text printed in parallel columns. For convenience, transliterations of prayers are included. The haggadot will be available in the memorial section of the Temple's social hall. Congregants are encouraged to take as many as they may need for home use.

"Maxwell House Coffee was first introduced to Jewish consumers in New York City in 1923. At that time, there were no coffee products that

On the other hand, in order to discourage praying by rote that may be both boring and uninspiring, the rabbis urge us to make sure to imbue our prayers (even if they are fixed) with personal meaning and intent. This aspect of prayer is known as "Kavanah," meaning intent, purpose and devotion. True, as humans, it may be hard for us to pray "with complete intent" for an hour: Just as at a concert we cannot concentrate on every note or musical phrase, so it is quite impossible to pray and say every word with 100% intent.

Still, let's not be discouraged by such a barrier. For example, one way to enjoy the service even if most of it is practiced by rote is to remember two important points: First, when our prayers are conveyed simultaneously by the whole congregation, they gain extra power, and second, we can take both pride and comfort that when we pray together, we continue the long tradition of Jewish services that have been practiced in similar fashion by our ancestors.

Every service will have some "Keva" and some "Kavanah." The amount of each of these aspects will vary with each praying individual.

were certified as Kosher for Passover. In the weeks prior to Passover, the Jewish grocery store owners would put coffee into storage and feature tea for their observant customers. Maxwell House secured the first Kosher for Passover certification and quickly became the favorite coffee in New York Jewish homes.

In 1932 Maxwell House Coffee produced their first haggadah. Now a part of Kraft Foods. Inc., they print over 1 million copies each year. It is thought to be the most widely used haggadah in the world."

## Welcome Service for New Members

The Shabbat service on Friday, April 21, has a special purpose: to welcome and introduce new members of

CBA. Everyone is invited to come and greet them, and add to the warmth of our congregation.



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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, March 24	7:14 p.m.
Friday, March 31	7:23 p.m.
Friday, April 7	7:33 p.m.
<b>Monday, April 10</b>	<b>7:37 p.m.</b>
<b>Passover begins.</b>	
Friday, April 14	7:42 p.m.
Friday, April 21	7:51 p.m.
Friday, April 28	8:00 p.m.
Friday, May 5	8:09 p.m.
Friday, May 12	8:18 p.m.
Friday, May 19	8:26 p.m.
Friday, May 26	8:33 p.m.

### Torah Portions for March and April

- 3/4: Terumah** Pent. Ex. 25:1-27:19; Pr. I Kings 5:26-6:13
- 3/11: Tetzaveh** Pent. Ex. 27:20-30:10; Deut. 25:17-19; Pr. I Samuel 15:2-34
- 3/18: Ki Tissa** Pent. Ex. 30:11-34:35; Num. 19:1-22; Pr. Ezek. 36:16-38
- 3/25: Vayakhel-Pekudei** Pent. Ex. 35:1-40:38; Ex. 12:1-20; Pr. Ezek. 45:16-46:18  
Pr. II Kings 12:1-17
- 4/1 Vayikrah** Pent. Lev. 1:1-5:26; Pr. Is. 43:21-44:23
- 4/8 Tzav** Pent. Lev. 6:1-8:36; Pr. Mal. 3:4-24
- 4/15: Chol Hamoed Pesach**
- 4/22: Shemini** Pent. Lev. 9:1-11:47; Pr. II Sam. 6:1-7:17
- 4/29: Tazria-Metzora** Pent. Lev. 12:1-15:33; Pr. II Kings 7:3-20

### Member News

\*Sincere condolences to **Julian Wright** and family on the death of his wife **Rosemary** on February 1, 2017. May her memory be for a blessing.

\*Sincere condolences as well to the friends and family of **Marsha Selwyn**,

who passed away on March 7. She will be sorely missed.

\*A hearty welcome to new members **Steven McConnell** and family!

### Donations

\*Uri & Liz Barnea in memory of Rosemary Wright

\*Diane Kersten in honor of Alan Kraushaar's birthday

### In honor of CBA

- \*Seth Schwabe
- \*Jose Bustos

### 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).

#### Adar

3 (March 1): Phyllis B. Myers, mother of David Myers

5 (March 3): Jacob Isaac Perlmann, brother of Thelma

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

8 (March 6): David Lakier, father of Jeff Lakier  
Ruth Blum, mother of Marc Blum

10 (March 8): Avram Perlmann, father of Thelma Lakier  
William B. Levy, father of Julie Coleman Ford

11 (March 9): Elliot Reiter Schnitzer, son of Brian Schnitzer

12 (March 10): Chester J. Civin, father of Donna Healy

16 (March 14): Freeda Lipman, grandmother of Cendri, Miri, and Jill Hutcherson Salsbury

19 (March 17): Rita Hirshfeld, mother of Theo Hirshfeld

21 (March 19): Elliott J. Schaffer, father of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer  
Yaacov Hirshfeld, father of Theo Hirshfeld

27 (March 25): Hannah Hecht Lipstadt, grandmother of Lisa Sukin

29 (March 27): Sonny Kopelove, stepfather of Brian Schnitzer

#### Nisan

5 (April 1): Ellsworth A. Rio, father of Andy Rio and grandfather of Jon Rio  
Arthur Beiser, grandfather of Karen Beiser

9 (April 5): Jerry Kohn, long-time member of CBA

12 (April 8): Louis Melnick, founding member of CBA, grandfather of Sandra Melnick Seitz

Meyer Colnic, grandfather of Michael Bugenstein

20 (April 16): 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 18): Rosalie D'Esopo, mother of Margaret Cloutier

25 (April 21): Sarah Duberstein, mother of Lenny Duberstein

27 (April 23): Minna Horowitz, beloved Rebbitzin of CBA

Tzvi Hirshfeld, brother of Theo and Dawn Hirshfeld

#### Iyar

2 (April 28): Esther Colnic, grandmother of Michael Bugenstein

5 (May 1): Jennie Schaffer, grandmother of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

11 (May 7): Sam Melnick, father of Sandra, Sharon, and Saralee Melnick

25 (May 21): Jessie Alweis, grandmother of Don Alweis

27 (May 23): Fred Harold Grossman, father of Gail Grossman, grandfather of Evan and Maddy Quarles

Lois Ewers, mother of Nyd Kraushaar



# April 2017

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Rabbi Joanne in Billings	April Fools' Day
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Erev Passover	CBA seder 6:30 pm				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Easter		Tax Day Passover ends			Newmemberservice? 30pm Rabbi Joanne in Billings	Earth Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6



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URJ weekly Torah series

[http://urj.org/torah/#cprFor%](http://urj.org/torah/#cprFor%20Webmasters)

[20Webmasters](http://urj.org/torah/#cprFor%20Webmasters)

Weekly newsletter of the

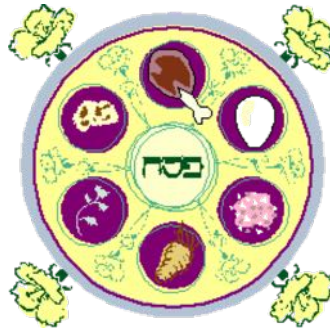
Reform movement

<http://urj.org/enews/jta/>

Weekly "Ten Minutes of

Torah"

<http://urj.org/torah/ten/>



**Congregation Beth Aaron Passover Seder  
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2017  
Yellowstone Country Club  
3200 Paul Allen Way, 59106**

6:15-6:30 p.m.: Arrive with time to gather and visit.

6:30 p.m.: The Seder Service begins. We retell the story of our ancestors' Exodus from Egypt.

Simplified Menu includes Individual Seder Plate, Charoset, Hard Boiled Egg; Matzah, Chicken Soup with Matzah Balls and Chicken, Dessert, Wine and Grape Juice, Coffee and Tea.

Reserve your seat (limited to 60 places) at the Seder by mailing your reservation and payment to CBA. Reservations must be received by Tuesday, April. No reservations by email or phone. Questions? Call CBA (406)-248-6412, phone will be checked daily.

**SEE YOU AT THE SEDER!**

PLEASE MAIL RESERVATION TO:

CONGREGATION BETH AARON - SEDER  
PO BOX 187  
BILLINGS, MT 59103

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

BETH AARON SEDER, 6:30 PM, Tuesday 11th April, 2017.

ADULT MEMBERS (\$ 25.00) Number \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children under B'nai Mitzvah age (\$10.00) Number \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT NON-MEMBERS (\$25.00) Number \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FT College Students (\$18.00) Number \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/we wish to make a donation to support another person attending. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Seating is not assigned, limited to 60 places.

Please request (1) booster seat or (2) high chair. ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

Gluten-free option, both matzah and chicken soup: Number in your reservation ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

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