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Calendar of Events

JULY

Tuesday, July 18

1:00-4:30 p.m.: "Worlds Apart But Not Strangers: Holocaust Education and Indian Education for All" workshop at CBA (see article on p. 2)

Friday, July 21

7:30 p.m.: Rabbi Joanne's last service at CBA

Sunday, July 23

10:00 a.m.: No-host brunch at the Elk's Club (RSVP requested; see article on p. 1.)

Friday, July 28

6:00 p.m.: A Celebration of Life for Rochelle "Rocky" Feld at The Highlands golf club

Sunday, July 30

12:00 p.m.: A Celebration of Life brunch for Rosemary Wright in the CBA social hall

Monday, July 31

6:30 p.m.: Screening of *There Are Jews Here* at the Art House Cinema and Pub, 109 N 30th

8:00 p.m.: Discussion follows (See article on p. 4.)

AUGUST

August 25-27

Rabbi Erik in Billings

Sunday, August 27

10:00 a.m.: Meet-and-greet brunch with Rabbi Erik



The Jewish Religious Service, by Uri Barnea

Following the summation of the history of the prayer book in the last issue of the *Tablet*, we now turn to rituals performed during the service. We will discuss some historical aspects as well as the practice of these rituals. Since a Shabbat or festival (Yom Tov) service begins with the lighting of the candles, it's logical to address this topic first.

Lighting of the candles, Part I:

Before we go into more detail regarding this ritual, let us be reminded that there are 365 Commandments (Mitzvot) in the Torah, 248 positive commandments (Mitzvot "Ahseh"/You shall do) and 365 negative commandments (Mitzvot "Lo ta'aseh"/You shall not do.)

Beyond these 365 biblical commandments, there are many commandments that are rabbinical in origin, and the lighting of the Shabbat and Yom Tov candles (as well as the Chanukkah candles) belongs to the category of rabbinical law.

For the performance of the commandments, the rabbis found it necessary to evaluate the roles of men and women, both in the home and in the community. Because, traditionally, the women were in charge of taking care of the home and the rearing of the young children, the rabbis exempted the women from the duty of

performing the 248 positive commandments (e.g., they are not required to attend services, to wrap with a tallit, to fix a mezuzah, to shake the lulav set, etc.) except for three: 1) keeping the laws of purity during menstruation; 2) separating the challah (Hafrashat challah), i.e., setting aside a very small part of the unbaked challah, which used to be given to the priests as a symbol of charity, but which, since the destruction of the Temple in 70 C.E., is burned in the oven during the baking of the challah, and 3) the lighting of the Shabbat and Yom Tov candles. Still, it is incumbent on women to observe the 365 negative commandments, many of which are concerned with ethics, social justice, and the principles of the Jewish faith.

Because the Reform movement has allowed the lighting of the Shabbat candles even after sunset, people may forget that originally this ritual was performed at home, not at the synagogue (and this is the way this ritual is still being performed by Orthodox and many Conservative Jews.) This is why having a woman do it makes sense. In other words, only on occasions when a woman is not present or available is a man allowed to light the candles.

In Part II in the next issue of the *Tablet*, we will discuss other issues connected to this ritual.

Meet the New CBA Board Members

The results of the recent CBA election were announced at the annual meeting on June 21. The Board members for 2017-18 are:

President: Jill Salsbury
Vice-President: Uri Barnea
Treasurer: Al Page
Secretary: Margaret Cloutier
Past President: Don Alweis

Members at large:

Roxanne Fahrenwald
Diane Kersten
Elyse Monat
Brian Schnitzer

Many thanks to these dedicated temple members for their service!

No-Host Brunch

On Sunday, July 23, there will be no Religious School. Instead, congregants are invited to a no-host farewell brunch for Rabbi Joanne at the Elks Lodge (934 Lewis Ave.) at

10:00 a.m. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Nyd Kraushaar at nydkraus@gmail.com or call Rondel Smith at 259-5010 by Thursday, July 20. Hope to see you there.

Member News

*Sincere condolences to **Jeff Lakier** and family on the passing of Jeff's wife **Thelma Lakier** on June 3, 2017 (9 Sivan 5777). She will be sorely missed.

*Sincere condolences to the family of **Rochelle (Rocky) Feld**, who died unexpectedly in Houston in late June.



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The deadline for submitting items for the August-September Temple Tablet is **Friday, August 18**. Send items to the editor, Rachel Schaffer.

Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, July 7	8:47 p.m.
Friday, July 14	8:43 p.m.
Friday, July 21	8:37 p.m.
Friday, July 28	8:29 p.m.
Friday, August 4	8:20 p.m.
Friday, August 11	8:10 p.m.
Friday, August 18	7:58 p.m.
Friday, August 25	7:46 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 1	7:33 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 8	7:20 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15	7:06 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wed., Sept. 20	6:57 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22	6:53 p.m.

Erev Yom Kippur

Friday, Sept. 29	6:39 p.m.
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Torah Portions for July and August

7/1: Chukat Pent. Num. 19:1-22:1; Pr. Judges 11:1-33
7/8: Balak Pent. Num. 22:2-25:9; Pr. Micah 5:6-6:8
7/15: Pinchas Pent. Num. 25:10-30:1; Pr. Jer. 1:1-2:3
7/22: Matot-Masei Pent. Num. 30:2-36:13; Pr. Jer. 2:4-28; 3:4
7/29: Devarim Pent. Deut. 1:1-3:22; Pr. Isaiah 1:1-27
8/5: Vaetchanan Pent Deut 3:23-7:11; Pr. Isa. 40:1-26
8/12: Ekev Pent Deut 7:12-11:25; Pr. Isa. 49:14-51:3
8/19: Re'eh Pent Deut 11:26-16:17; Pr. Isa. 54:11-55:5
8/26: Shoftim Pent Deut 16:18-21:9; Pr. Isa. 51:12-52:12

CBA Hosts Special Seminar

On **Tuesday, July 18, 1:00-4:30 p.m.**, at the synagogue, CBA hosts a special seminar titled "Worlds Apart But Not Strangers: Holocaust Education and Indian Education for All."

The weeklong seminar is especially designed for individuals and teams currently teaching or interested in teaching the Holocaust and/or the Montana-mandated Indian Education for All, but is free and open to anyone. Participating educators will have the opportunity to discover ways to make connections between these two topics. Sponsored by The Olga Lengyel Institute (TOLI), the seminar will explore the past, including the history of the Holocaust and the impact of U.S. policies on Native peoples in this country. A part of the seminar will include presentations by CBA members Carol Roberts, Scott Hecht,

and Uri Barnea on their families' experience during the Holocaust.

The focus includes the present, as participants consider the roles—perpetrator, ally, bystander—individuals choose for themselves in their daily interactions with one another, as well as the stereotypes and prejudices that continue to affect local schools and communities today. Educators will be asked to imagine the world they would like to live in and design an action plan to help their classroom, school and/or community move toward that ideal.

Friday, July 21, 7:30 p.m., will be Student Rabbi Joanne's last service at CBA. Those who enrolled in the "Worlds Apart" seminar will be our guests at the service.

We hope to see you on July 18 and 21.

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

7 (July 1): Charles Silver, grandfather of Bob and Jack Sukin

13 (July 7): Max Greenberger, grandfather of Ellen Alweis
Zolla Miller, father of Heather Rio, grandfather of Jonathan Edward Rio

16 (July 10): Lois White, mother of Denise Fink

20 (July 14): Bud Rosenbaum, brother of Bob Rosenbaum

23 (July 17): Nina Lakier, mother of Jeff Lakier

24 (July 18): Bette Prestridge, mother of Merry Prestridge

26 (July 20): Timothy Myers, son of David and Nancy Myers

28 (July 22): Isadore Greenstein, father of Sandy Sukin
Sally Noe, member and friend of CBA

July 22: Harold Kapelovitz, husband of Lee Kapelovitz

Av

1 (July 24): Jeff Simkovic's father

4 (July 27): Rosella Alweis, mother of Don Alweis, grandmother of Sheldon Alweis

5 (July 28): Julie Coleman, beloved member of Congregation Beth Aaron

6 (July 29): Judith Rosenthal Kraushaar, wife of Alan Kraushaar

7 (July 30): Edgar Hecht, grandfather of Lisa Sukin

11 (Aug 3): Sol S. Lipman, grandfather of Cendri and Miri Htcherson, and Jill Hutcherson Salsbury

27 (Aug 19): Murray Kramer, father of Steve Kramer

29 (Aug 21): Gussie Greenstein, mother of Sandy Sukin

30 (Aug 22): Samuel Brown, father of Mel Brown

Elul

8 (Aug 30): James Misner, father of Marilyn Kramer

18 (Sept 9): Benjamin Schaffer, grandfather of Rachel and Deborah Schaffer

22 (Sept 13): Murray Sanders, uncle of Jeff Sanders

25 (Sept 16): Irvin Schnitzer, father of Brian Schnitzer
Rabbi Samuel Horowitz, beloved rabbi of CBA

26 (Sept 14): Sarah Greenstein, grandmother of Sandy Sukin

July 2017

June 2017	July 2017	August 2017
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
2	3	4 4th of July Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 "Worlds Apart" workshop 1-4:30 p.m. CBA	19	20	21 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service	22
23 10 a.m. Brunch for Rabbi Joanne Elks Lodge	24	25	26	27	28 6 p.m. Rocky Feld Celebration of Life, CBA	29
30 12 p.m. Rosemary Wright Celebration of Life The Highlands golf club	31 6:30 p.m. Film screening The Art House Cinema	1	2	3	4	5

Rabbi Erik's Schedule of Visits for 2017

Student Rabbi Erik Uriarte will be in Billings on the following dates:

Aug 25-27 (no Religious School, but meet and greet with the Rabbi on Sunday morning, hosted by the Board)

Sept 19-22: Rosh Hashanah (no Religious School)

Sept 28-Oct 1: Yom Kippur (Religious School)

Oct 13-15 (Religious School)

Oct 27-29 (Religious School)

Nov 17-19 (Religious School)

Dec 1-3 (Religious School)

Dec 15-17: Chanukkah (Religious School)

Meet and Greet with Student Rabbi Erik

Come join us on **Sunday, August 27, from 10:00-12:00** for a light brunch in the temple social hall to get to know our new Student Rabbi, Erik Uriarte.

The Religious School students can meet him and see who will be in class this year, and we will all have a chance to catch up with people we haven't seen during the summer.

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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/>

Showing of Documentary *There Are Jews Here*

There are Jews Here tells the story of America's disappearing Jewish communities. Over one million American Jews live in once-thriving small towns that have seen better days. Exploring themes of faith and community, the film examines what Jews are doing to keep their communities alive or ensure their legacies. It visits Laredo, Texas; Butte, Montana; Latrobe, Pennsylvania; and Dothan, Alabama, where people are trying to keep the Jewish spirit alive. The film is both a celebration of tenacity and a cautionary tale, a warning that synagogues, cemeteries and sacred possessions could vanish. A deeply human exploration of age-old universal questions of faith and identity, the film transcends religion.

Join us on **Monday, July 31, at the Art House Cinema and Pub, 109 N 30th** at 6:00 p.m. for socializing and no-host beverages, film screening at 6:30 p.m., discussion at 8:00 p.m. Butte's Nancy Oyer, who is featured in the film, will join

us. The film is open to the public at no cost, but donations are appreciated.

Additional information can be located on the website <http://therearejewshere.com/>. For other questions, contact Diane Kersten at mtdiane@bresnan.net or 697-7992.



Greetings from President Jill

I want to thank everyone who attended our annual meeting in June! We had a meaningful discussion that brought out many good points and great ideas for our congregation. We have a wonderful group of people, and I look forward to getting to know our newest (and newer) members over the coming year. We have several great events coming up rapidly in July, and hopefully, we can even find time for an informal social gathering.

Speaking of social, I want to make sure that everyone is aware that we actually have a social media page! If you would like to keep up to date via social media

events and other interesting Jewish posts, please "like" and follow our Facebook page! I had attempted to invite all members using email addresses we currently have, but it appears that it "may" send out to people from the page and is not a guarantee. So if you google "Congregation Beth Aaron Billings MT," it does come up, and you can also find the web address below:

<https://m.facebook.com/pages/Congregation-Beth-Aaron/152760054761654>

I hope to see you all soon at some of the events coming up!

