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Calendar of Events

AUGUST

August 25-27

Rabbi Erik in Billings

Sunday, August 27

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

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, Sept. 19

12:00 p.m.: National Jewish
Health in Denver hosts an
informational luncheon at the
Yellowstone Country Club. See
invitation on p. 4.10

ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 20

7:00 p.m.: Erev Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 21

10:00 a.m.: Rosh Hashanah
morning service; Tashlich follows
at Lillis Park (Broadwater & 28th
St. W)

5:00 p.m.: Children's service

Friday, September 22

NO SHABBAT SERVICES

Tuesday, Sept. 26, &

Thursday, Sept. 28

CBA hosts Family Promise for
supper and activities

YOM KIPPUR

Friday, September 29

7:00 p.m.: Kol Nidre

Saturday, September 30

10:00 a.m.: Morning service

2:30 p.m.: Afternoon service

4:00 p.m.: Yizkor

5:00 p.m.: Ne'ilah

Break-fast follows Ne'ilah and
Havdalah



The Jewish Religious Service, by Uri Barnea

Our last discussion on the lighting of the Shabbat candles focused on two main points: First, this ritual is a rabbinical law, not a Toraitic (i.e., that stems from the Torah) law. Second, the honor of this ritual is given to women as one of only three "You shall do" commandments that women are obliged to follow. This column is dedicated to three additional points concerning the Shabbat candles.

Lighting of the candles, Part II:

People frequently ask: 1. What is the purpose of lighting the candles? 2. Why is it traditional to have two candles? And 3. Why does the woman who lights the candles cover her face during the blessing over the candles? Let's begin with the first question.

The ancient rabbis sought to enact a law that would be both meaningful and dignified in honoring the institution of the Sabbath. Of course, they were aware that the Sabbath was the apex of God's Creation, and that God's first commandment to the newly created universe was "Let there be light." In other words, the lighting of the Shabbat candles is a ritual that symbolizes light, enlightenment, and goodness. Furthermore, they decided not only to usher in the entrance of the Sabbath with light but also to accompany the departing Sabbath many hours later by instituting the Havdalah ritual (i.e., separating the sacred from the profane, the Sabbath from the weekdays), in which we also light a candle. Thus, the Sabbath is flanked (or book-ended) by two rituals that focus on light.

High Holy Day Security

As the High Holy Days approach, we must be aware of all the strife and troubles in all parts of the world and also here on the home front. Because of the heightened tensions, we have added extra security for all of our services again this year. Last year,

New Year's Greetings

As is the custom at CBA, many members like to send New Year's greetings during the High Holy Days. Those who do will have the honor of having their names read at services. The Board of Directors has voted to use this year's contributions for social

Now, to why there are two candles: The two candles stand for the two different commandments concerning the Sabbath, one in the Ten Commandments found in Exodus, chapter 20, and the other in the Ten Commandments found in Deuteronomy, chapter 5. In Exodus, the commandment is "Remember the Sabbath," while in Deuteronomy, the commandment is "Observe the Sabbath." Thus, the minimum number of the Sabbath candles required is two, but the rabbis allowed additional candles, which often stand for the number of children in the home.

Finally, regarding the covering of the woman's face: The source of this tradition stems from the rabbinical edict to begin with the blessing before performing a ritual. For example, we first bless the wine and only then drink it; we first bless the bread (or Challah) and only then taste it. It is important to realize, however, that in these instances, neither the pouring of the wine into the Kiddush cup nor the baking of the Challah is part of these rituals. In other words, the items which we bless must be already before us, ready to be blessed. That is why the woman must first light the candles, so that the lit candles would be in front of her, ready to be blessed. And, since it is the blessing that ushers in the Sabbath, once the Sabbath has entered, one is not allowed to light fire. By covering her face, the woman "pretends" that the lit candles have already been there and only then can she open her eyes, see them in their full glory, and then proceed with the blessing.

the costs for this service were financed by donations and the CBA budget. If any member feels that this is a worthy service to perform, your contribution would be very helpful. Please contact AI. Any amount will help reduce what we have to budget for.

get-togethers when the Rabbi is in town and for other social events for the congregation.

Please consider sending New Year's greetings for the High Holy Days. Contact AI Page for details.



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

Candle-Lighting Times

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.
Friday, Oct. 6	6:26 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 13	6:13 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 20	6:01 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 27	5:49 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 3	5:39 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 10	4:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 17	4:22 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 24	4:17 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 1	4:13 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 8	4:11 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15	4:12 p.m.

Torah Portions for August and September

- 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
9/2: Ki Tetze Pent. Deut. 21:10-25:19; Pr. Isa. 54:1-10
9/9: Ki Tavo Pent. Deut. 26:1-29:8; Pr. Isa. 60:1-22
9/16: Nitzavim- Vayelech Pent. Deut. 29:9-31:30; Pr. Isa. 61:10-63:9
9/23: Haazinu Pent. Deut. 32:1-52; Pr. Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27
9/30: Yom Kippur Yizkor

Member News

*Hearty congratulations to **Carol Roberts** and **Margo Haak** on the honor of being named to the 2017 list of "20 Exceptional Women" by the Billings *Gazette*.

*A huge mazel tov to the **Roberts** and **Rio** families on the birth of a new grandson,

Benjamin Elijah, to **Melissa Roberts** and **Jon Rio**. Mother and baby and the rest of the family are all doing well.

*Sincere condolences to the Funk family on the loss of Jaydi's father on September 8, 2017.

Julie L. Coleman Endowment Fund

Recently, your Board of Directors was asked for a way to recognize the long friendship CBA had with a past member. Julie Coleman passed away several years ago after being a member and leader of CBA for many years. Julie was a friend of many organizations in Billings and beyond. Many years ago, Julie was instrumental in helping CBA start an Endowment Fund. She was a contributor early on and many different times over the years. Recently, we were informed that upon her passing, CBA was named as one of the beneficiaries of her Charitable Remainder Trust. That amount had to

be deposited into our endowment fund, helping to assure a stable future for our congregation.

Your Board recently voted to approve naming that fund The Julie L. Coleman Endowment Fund. This is a fitting tribute to a very influential lady of our community.

Any monies that are received in memory of a person are deposited into that fund, helping to continue to build our future. Also, there may be tax benefits to naming CBA in your future plans, and I strongly suggest you consult your tax advisor for more information.

Al Page, Treasurer

Student Rabbi Lay Advisers

The Student Rabbi Lay Adviser functions as a liaison between the Student Rabbis and the congregations they serve. This year, Nyd Kraushaar and Diane Kersten will be sharing this adviser role.

This is a relatively new position

developed by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The intent is to provide student rabbis with the best opportunities for growth and to receive constructive, honest feedback from the communities they serve. If you have feedback for the Rabbi, please share with Nyd or Diane.

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).

Av

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 17): Sarah Greenstein, grandmother of Sandy Sukin

Tishrei

5 (Sept 25): Morris Schnitzer, paternal grandfather of Brian Schnitzer

10 (Sept 30): Paul Alweis, uncle of Don Alweis
Mollie Miller, grandmother of Don Alweis

13 (Oct 3): Shimon Burstein, father of Uri Barnea

16 (Oct 6): Louis Gold, grandfather of Brian Schnitzer

17 (Oct 7): Yetta Niss, founding member of CBA

22 (Oct 12): Milt Cohen, father of Ellen Alweis

John Forwalter, father of Denise Fink

September 2017

August 2017	September 2017	October 2017
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
		12:00 PM lunch				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Labor Day					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		7:00 p.m.	10 am Rosh Hashanah	1st day of Autumn		
		12 pm Luncheon at YellowstoneCountryClub	Erev Rosh Hashanah	morning services		
			5 pm Children's Service			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		CBAhostsFamilyPromise	CBAhostsFamilyPromise	Kol Nidre	10 am morning service	
				7:00 p.m.	2:30pm aftermoon service	
					4 pm Yizkor	
					5 pm Neilah & Break-fast	

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)

Donations

In memory of Thelma Lakier

- *Montana Physicians Assistance Program
- *Clive Lakier & family
- *Jillian Kantor
- *Rabbi Uri & Liz Barnea
- *Rondel Smith

In memory of Rosemary Wright

- *Rabbi Uri & Liz Barnea

In memory of Rocky Feld

- * Rabbi Uri & Liz Barnea
- *Bob & Sandy Sukin
- *Robert Feld & family

In memory of Marsha Selwyn

- *Rondel Smith

In honor of Tamara Dayton's conversion

- *Rondel Smith

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Useful links on the Web:

URJ weekly Torah series

[http://urj.org/torah/#cprFor%
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Weekly newsletter of the

Reform movement

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

Weekly "Ten Minutes of

Torah"

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

Join us for a
Complimentary Luncheon & Afternoon of Discovery
with National Jewish Health
Hosted by Carol & Don Roberts

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Noon

Yellowstone Country Club

3200 Paul Allen Way

Billings, MT 59106



Featured Speaker

Amy L. Olson, MD, MSPH

Assistant Professor

Department of Medicine

Division of Pulmonary,

Critical Care and Sleep Medicine

A Collaborative, Personalized Approach to Pulmonary Fibrosis

Learn why National Jewish Health, the leading respiratory hospital in the nation, is embracing the future of health care and bringing together groundbreaking research and clinical care to find cures for some of the most difficult diseases. Dr. Olson will share how she and other doctors are using our unique, patient-centered, collaborative approach to diagnose and treat pulmonary fibrosis patients.

Kindly respond ASAP.

For more information and to RSVP,
please contact Kate McDonnell at 303.728.6509 or McDonnellK@njhealth.org.

Yahrzeit Updates Needed!

If you have any additions or changes to the CBA yahrzeit list, please send them to Jill Salsbury

(darjeeling.rose@gmail.com) no later

than Monday, September 25. The entire list will be read during Yizkor on Saturday, September 30; the service begins at 4:00 p.m.



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