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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 8

10:30 a.m.: Brunch and Sukkah decorating at CBA. See article on p. 2.

Friday, October 13

6:30 p.m.: Simchat Torah rerolling (see article on p. 4)
7:00 p.m.: Kabbalat Shabbat songs
7:30 p.m.: Shabbat service

Saturday, October 14

10:00 a.m.: Torah Study
12:00 p.m.: Lunch 'n' Learn (bring your own lunch)

Sunday, October 15

10:30 a.m.: Religious School

SAVE THE DATES!

Friday, October 27, and

Saturday, October 28

Shabbat Project—details will follow!

Rabbi Erik's Schedule of Visits for 2017

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

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)



The Jewish Religious Service, by Uri Barnea

After numerous columns on the subject of The Jewish Religious Service and the history of the Prayer Book (Siddur), this will be the final one in this series. However, if there are congregants who would like me to address other pertinent subjects periodically, please let me know and I'll try my best to write something on that subject.

This column continues to cover the practical aspects of Jewish rituals and their performance. Specifically, I'd like to write about the Torah service. You may recall that in one of the earliest columns, I mentioned that the custom of reading from the Torah is centuries old. Its more common and regular practice began during the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, some 2,500 years ago.

Before we get to the ways the honors should be done, let us be reminded that the parchment, or calfskin, on which the Torah is written is both holy and fragile. It is holy because often it speaks on God's behalf. It is also physically fragile, and this aspect necessitated the usage of a metal pointer, called Yad (hand), to be used when reading from the scroll. The only times a human hand is intentionally permitted to touch the parchment are when it is actually written by the scribe (Sofer), and/or when it's being repaired by a scribe.

The first honor is the carrying of the Torah from the Ark and bringing it physically close to the attending public. Think of the Torah as you would handle a baby: with your stronger hand and arm, support it from below while the other arm hugs it around. Throughout this ritual, the congregation rises; it sits when the scroll is laid on the podium/lectern.

The second honor is the reading of the blessings over the Torah just before it is read or chanted by the leader. It is known by the Hebrew word "Aliyah," which means "ascending" (not only physically to the Bimah, but also spiritually). Before the rabbi or leader

begins to read the appropriate passage from the weekly Torah portion, use a prayer book or the fringe of a Tallit to lightly touch (but not with the fingers) the parchment. Some people then kiss the book or the fringe. The honoree reads or chants the first blessing (there is a sheet of the blessings on the lectern). Before the second blessing, again touch the parchment – as before – with the book or the Tallit's fringe, and then recite or chant the concluding blessing. It is customary for the honoree to remain standing on the Bimah right next to the reader throughout the reading from the Torah.

The third and fourth honors are the lifting (Hagbahah) and rolling in the scroll (G'lilah) and placing the belt and cloth cover over it. The congregation rises. The lifter must have strong arms. When we begin the reading from Genesis or finish it with Deuteronomy, the scroll will be much heavier on one side than the other. Carefully slide the scroll towards you until about half its length is still on the lectern. Then bend your knees (very important in order not to hurt your back) and carefully lift the scroll in the air, making sure the public can view the actual words, and traditionally exposing three Torah columns. (Note: In Sephardic congregations, the lifting of the Torah is often done before the reading begins.) The lifter sits down on a designated chair on the Bimah while the other person rolls in the scroll, puts the belt on (with the buckle at the open front of the scroll) and then dons the cloth covering, with the embroidered words also at the front. Finally, the Yad is placed on the right wooden column ("tree") of the Torah scroll. The lifter then rises to his/her feet and places the Torah back in the Ark during the singing of "Eitz Chayim hee..." ("It's a Tree of Life...")

Suggestion: The person who's given the Aliyah might wish to practice the blessings prior to the beginning of the service. Any of the rituals surrounding the Torah are a Mitzvah and an honor. Take pride in being chosen to fulfill this Mitzvah. Good luck, or, mazel tov!





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

Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, Oct. 6	5:16 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 13	5:05 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 20	4:55 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 27	4:46 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 3	4:37 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 10	4:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 17	4:25 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 24	4:20 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 1	4:18 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 8	4:17 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15	4:19 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 22	4:22 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 29	4:26 p.m.

Torah Portions for October & November

10/7: Shabbat Chol Hamoed

10/14: Bereshit Pent. Gen. 1:1-6:8; Pr. Isa. 42:5-43:10

10/21: Noach Pent. Gen. 6:9-11:32; Num. 28:9-15; Pr. Isa. 66:1-24

10/28: Lech Lecha Pent. Gen. 12:1-17:27; Pr. Isa. 40:27-41:16

11/4: Vayera Pent. Gen. 18:1-22:24; Pr. II Kings 4:1-37

11/11: Chaye Sarah Pent. Gen. 23:1-25:18; Pr. I Kings 1:1-31

11/18: Toledot Pent. Gen. 25:19-28:9; Pr. 1 Sam. 20:18-42

11/25: Vayetze Pent. Gen. 28:10-32:3; Pr. Hos. 12:13-14:10



Come to the Sukkah!

Join fellow members of the CBA community for brunch and Sukkah decorating on Sunday, October 8, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sukkah on the patio by our social hall. CBA will provide bagels and cream cheese and dessert

leftovers from the break-fast, but please bring a small dish to share. Attendees are also encouraged to bring items to help decorate the Sukkah—feel free to be creative! For questions email Elyse at elysemonat@gmail.com.

Looking for Volunteers

Not everyone may know that we now have an answering service! What we need is for someone to take on the job of "communication director" and be able to respond to or redirect new calls to the synagogue. (This job is best for someone who doesn't work or works only part time.)

Also, it's never too early to start thinking about Chanukkah! We need volunteers to make latkes on Friday, December 15, for the annual Chanukkah party.

If you are interested in either of these volunteer opportunities, please contact Jill.

A Big Thank You

Many thanks go to Mark and Rachel Bergman for their musical contributions to the High Holiday services, both their Kol Nidre performances on bass and flute, and Mark's stirring shofar blasts.

Thanks also, as always, to President Jill Salsbury for her cantorial services, leading us brilliantly through the inspirational melodies of the holidays. We are blessed with the riches of exceptional musicians.

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.

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.

This is a relatively new position

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

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 Forwaller, father of Denise Fink

25 (Oct 15): Rebecca Cohen, grandmother of Ellen Alweis

26 (Oct 16): Joe Alweis, grandfather of Don Alweis

Paddy Theodore Perlmann, brother of Thelma Lakier

Cheshvan

1 (Oct 21): Honey Kramer, mother of Steve Kramer

Sophie Parkans, grandmother of Bob Nemer

8 (Oct 28): David Greenstein, grandfather of Sandy Sukin

16 (Nov 5): Mildred Kraushaar, mother of Alan Kraushaar

17 (Nov 6): Les Alweis, father of Don Alweis, grandfather of Sheldon Alweis

19 (Nov 8): Joe Sax, grandfather of Marc Blum

20 (Nov 9): Berthe Perlmann, mother of Thelma Lakier

Ted Fahrenwald, father of Roxanne Fahrenwald

21 (Nov 10): Irving Sanders, father of Jeff Sanders

24 (Nov 13): Bess Misner, mother of Marilyn Kramer

25 (Nov 14): Hugh Ford, husband of Julie Coleman Ford
 Richard Wexler, father of Diane Kersten

October 2017

September 2017	October 2017	November 2017
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Erev Sukkot	5	6	7
8 10:30 am Sukkah decorating & brunch	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12	13 6:30 pm Torah re-rolling 7pm Kabbala Shabbat songs 7:30 pm Shabbat service	14 10 am Torah Study 12 pm Lunch 'n' Learn
15 10:30 am Religious School	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Shabbat Project	28 Shabbat Project
29	30	31 Halloween	1	2	3	4

Donations

New Year's Greetings

- *Diane Kersten
- *Rondel Smith
- *Al Page
- *Rose Emily & Marc Blum
- *Uri & Liz Barnea
- *Joel & Elaine Ziskind
- *Don & Carol Roberts
- *Bob & Sandy Sukin
- *Tricia & Roger Williams
- *Jill Salisbury & family
- *Dawn Hirshfeld

Security for the High Holidays

- *Rachel & Deborah Schaffer
- *Anonymous

High Holy Days

- *Sherri Turner
- *Matthew Green

In Memory of

- *Rabbi Samuel & Minna Horowitz by Jonathan Horowitz
- *Rocky Feld by Dean & Lisa Sukin
- *Rocky Feld by Amira Harper
- *Thelma Lakier by Patti States

High Holy Days

- *Sherri Turner
- *Matthew Green

In honor of CBA

- *Fray Bustos

Building

- *Theo & Dawn Hirshfeld
- *Uri & Liz Barnea

Temple Tablet

- *Theo & Dawn Hirshfeld

Cemetery

- * Theo & Dawn Hirshfeld
- * Uri & Liz Barnea

Special Events

- *Uri & Liz Barnea

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Useful links on the Web:

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/>

Goodbye to Rosie and Cecil

We all knew this day was going to come, but it is not any easier. For many years, Rosie and Cecil have kept CBA running and looking its very best. From our old building to the new, we could always count on the building to show its best face for any occasion. From the many Chanukkah parties to everyday use, we could count on both of them to keep our synagogue looking good. I could always call on short notice, and Rosie would chew me out and then say when does it need to be done, and it was all ready when we walked through the door. I could never count the number of compliments we received

over the years on how well kept the building was, and that is a lasting testimony to both of them.

Rosie recently informed me that because of some health problems, it was time to say good bye to CBA and the place and people she and Cecil dearly love. We also cherish the relationship with them and wish both the very best in years to come. Rosie, there will always be a package of latkes for you any Chanukkah season. Just call.

Best wishes from me, the Board of CBA, and all our members.

Al Page

Simchat Torah: Day of Celebrating the Torah

On Friday, October 13, at 6:30 p.m., join Rabbi Erik in celebrating and unrolling the Torah. This special holiday marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings and the beginning of the new cycle. Bring your enthusiasm and questions as we connect with our lifelong book of learning. All ages are encouraged to participate, but parental supervision is requested for youth due to the sanctity of the scrolls.

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A joyous holiday in which we affirm our love of the Torah as a tree of life and a living example of study, Simchat Torah, Hebrew for "rejoicing in the Law," celebrates the completion of the annual reading of the Torah. Torah scrolls are taken from the ark and carried or danced around the synagogue seven times. During the Torah service, the concluding section of Deuteronomy is read and immediately following, the opening section of Genesis, or B'reishit, as it is called in Hebrew, is read.



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