

# B'nai Butte

## Buzz

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### Upcoming Events:

**Friday, June 7**  
**Shabbat Potluck**  
**Celebration**

**Saturday, June 8**  
**Community Hike**

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**Havdallah, Shavuot, &**  
**Potluck Desserts**

**Sunday, June 9**  
**Community Picnic at**  
**Rainbow Park**

**July 12-14 Weekend**  
**with Rabbi Hillel Katzir**

**August 2-3 Hannah**  
**Elfenbein's Bat Mitzvah**

**August 16-18 Weekend**  
**with Rabbi Hillel Katzir**

**August 23-24: Bnai**  
**Mitzvah of Ethan &**  
**Emerson**

### *Judiasim in June*

#### **Friday, June 7**

**6:00 pm** Join us for a Shabbat Potluck Dinner, Service and Discussion with Rabbi Hillel Katzir and Nina at the home of the Williams at 796 Red Mountain Ranch. . Directions: Highway 135 to Red Mountain Ranch entrance 1 mile south of CB South. Follow RMR Road 2 miles to fork in road at large rock wall, take left fork. At next intersection (look for big rock) bear right staying on RMR Road. Stay on RMR Road to intersection of Upper and Lower Loop. Go straight on Lower Loop/RMR. Go .9 miles to driveway on right. House number 796 on tree. 349-6766.

#### **Saturday, June 8**

**10:00 am** Join us for a community hike on Saturday starting at Rainbow Park weather permitting. Please call Ofra, 970-596-3164, with questions.

#### **Saturday, June 8**

**7:30 pm** Join us for Havdallah and a Shavuot Celebration and Potluck Desserts at the home of the Druckers. Guests are encouraged to bring dairy items like cheesecakes, blintzes, and kugel. Directions: From Highway 135 turn onto Brush Creek Road at the Skyland Country Club sign, then 1st left onto Slate River Drive, then right onto Coyote Circle. Destination is 89 Coyote Circle. Questions call 349-0355.

#### **Sunday, June 9**

**12:00 pm** Join us for a community picnic and brief Yizkor (memorial service) at Rainbow Park. Everyone please bring your own lunch items.

### **Leadville Cemetery Clean Up June 23**

B'nai Butte is invited to do a mitzvah and help clean up the Leadville Cemetery later in June. This is NOT an official B'nai Butte event, but encourage people to participate if they would like. We have had a handful of congregants help out in the past. People can learn more and sign up through <https://bnaibrithcolorado.org/programs/leadville-jewish-cemetery-project/>,

## A Few Words From Rabbi Hillel Katzir & Nina

We are looking forward to our upcoming visit to B'nai Butte over the weekend of June 7-9, when we will have the opportunity to celebrate the festival of Shavuot with you.

The Jewish year has 3 festivals which mark the seasons: Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot. Each has its own message and observance. This year we are very excited to be able to celebrate all three with the B'nai Butte congregation.

All Jewish festivals exist on multiple levels, and this one is one of our favorites. On the earth/agricultural level, Shavuot is about the arrival of summer, and the early-summer grain harvest. Rabbi Hillel especially likes this holiday because one of its nicknames is "*Chag HaKatzir*" (The Harvest Festival)! It is often celebrated by going outdoors to appreciate the season. It is also a time that brings renewed activity to the Crested Butte community.

On a historical level the holiday celebrates the receiving of the Torah at Sinai, commemorating the moment that we received the blue print for becoming a holy community. This is celebrated by studying and teaching together the night before the festival, and of course eating cheesecake and blintzes (more on that later)!

On a psychological level Shavuot represents the point of commitment in our relationships, and the power of community. We celebrate this by reading the biblical Book of Ruth, a powerful story of commitments by individuals and communities to caring for each other.

On a spiritual level Shavuot is the celebration of spiritual wholeness, as we move away from what binds us, into our fully actualized selves.

So you see that there is something for everyone! And the weekend will also have a range of activities to choose from:

Our weekend will begin with a Friday evening Shabbat observance and pot luck dinner. Details above.

## A Few Words From Rabbi Hillel Katzir & Nina Continued...

On Shabbat we will be planning a hike to appreciate the flowers of the season.

On Saturday night, we invite everyone to join us for a short Havdallah followed by the traditional eating of cheesecake, blintzes, kugel and ice cream; along with study, for those who wish to stick around, to find out why we eat dairy on Shavuot. Study will continue with different topics through the evening but you are welcome to arrive and leave as you please. Please bring dairy delights to share.

On Sunday we will have a picnic lunch and observe a brief Yizkor (memorial) service for those no longer with us. It is traditional to honor the memory of our loved ones on each festival.

We look forward to seeing you over the Shavuot weekend, at the activities of your choice!

Shalom,  
Rabbi Hillel and Nina

### **Mark Your Calendars for Other Jewish Centric Weekends This Summer**

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# Announcements

We are looking for volunteers to host events and lodging for Rabbi Hillel Katzir and Nina when they come visit us. If you are interested in hosting please contact Leslie Elfenbein at [lbme01@yahoo.com](mailto:lbme01@yahoo.com).

# Contributions

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If you would like to join them the website has been updated and you can now donate straight on the website <http://bnaibutte.org> or you can send checks in the mail to PO Box 2537.

# Thank-Yous

**Liska Blodgett** for hosting Rabbi Katzir and Nina for Passover Weekend.

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