

# B'nai Butte Buzz

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## Upcoming Events:

**June 21**

**Tea Time with Rabbi Robbi  
at the T-Bar**

**June 22**

**Tea & Coffee with Rabbi  
Robbi at Rumors**

**June 22**

**Shabbat Pot Luck Dinner  
Celebration**

**June 23 - June 24**

**Cemetery Clean-Up in  
Leadville Colorado**

**July 19-22**

**Rabbi Robbi's last visit as  
our Rabbi**

**August Aspen Hike**

**Suggested Date August  
10th More Information in  
Newsletter**

## *Judaism in June*

**Thursday, June 21**

**10AM - 1PM** Tea time with Rabbi-Cantor Robbi at the T-Bar on Elk Avenue. Come hang out to enjoy some delicious tea and great company.

**Friday, June 22**

**10AM - 1PM** Schmooze time with Rabbi-Cantor Robbi at Rumors on Elk Avenue. Come hang out to enjoy some delicious drinks and great company.

**Friday, June 22**

**6:30PM** Join B'nai Butte for a Shabbat potluck dinner celebration at the home of Ken and Marla Drucker at 89 Coyote Circle in Skyland. Please bring a generous dish and/or a drink to share with everyone. Directions: From Highway 135 turn onto Brush Creek Road at the Skyland Country Club sign, 1st left onto Slate River Drive, then right onto Coyote Circle. Call the Druckers with questions at 349-0355.

**Saturday, June 23 - Sunday, June 24**

B'nai Butte is participating for the 2nd year in the Leadville cemetery cleanup. People will head to Leadville starting Saturday morning, June 23 for a service at 10:00 am in the beautiful restored Temple Israel (4th and Pine, Leadville, CO), followed by kiddush and brunch. Saturday evening there will tentatively be a B'nai Butte dinner followed by Havdalah Service. Sunday, June 24 is the Cemetery cleanup, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Continental breakfast will be provided. There will be a short memorial service around 11:30 am, followed by lunch for all volunteers. Please wear comfortable clothes. Suggested lodging available in Leadville include Columbine Inn and Suites, Rodeway Inn, Alps Motel, and Airbnb.

Contact Leslie Elfenbein, email: [lbme01@yahoo.com](mailto:lbme01@yahoo.com), Cell: 203-470-3942, for more information and questions regarding Saturday evening.

### *Rabbi Robbi's Last Shabbat as Our Rabbi*

Save the dates for a weekend of celebrations and farewells July 19-22. This will be the last weekend Rabbi Robbi joins us as our Rabbi.

We will celebrate our last Shabbat with her at the Williams Home at 6:30 pm with great food, Israeli dancing, songs and more. More details will come in the next newsletter, but mark the calendar, so we can have a great one last hurrah!

### *August Logistics for Aspen*

We want to keep our traditional joint services with the Aspen Jewish community and this year the Aspen community is hosting us! The hike is proposed to take place on August 10th. Please contact Debbie Brannian if you need accommodation in Aspen, and Chuck Reynolds if you're doing the hike. Debbie's email: [debbiebrannian@mac.com](mailto:debbiebrannian@mac.com), Chuck's email: [chinacat1969@msn.com](mailto:chinacat1969@msn.com).

### *Rabbi Search Update*

The Rabbi Search committee is hard at work and we already have potential candidates. We are trying to schedule visits for July and August. Please watch for more information as we would like to have as many members as possible to come and meet our candidates so we can get as much feedback as possible.

## A Few Words From Rabbi Robbi

### Summertime! Leadville Hebrew Cemetary Clean-Up

Every year for the last 11 that I have been the spiritual leader of B'nai Butte, I have found the time between March and June to be interminably long. After a fun winter together – we usually have very successful Tu B'shevat and Passover seders - it seems to be forever until I return again for summer. I leave behind a gorgeous, white winter, only to return to the beginning of the stunning wildflower season. I love returning to the large flower baskets decorating Elk Avenue businesses, the stunned looks on the faces of first-timers (“the place is GORGEOUS!”) and seeing the “marmot house” outside of town continuing its slow demise as the marmots joyfully play and sun themselves on the roof.

I've missed the people most of all, and summer renews our friendships and gives us opportunities to reconnect through this beautiful place. There is nothing like a Shabbat service outside and rediscovering our Jewish connections in this little slice of paradise.

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I will be joined by my husband, Mark, at my June visit (June 20-24) and aside from a great Shabbat potluck at the Drucker's and two opportunities for us to hang out together enjoying a cup of coffee or tea (see the newsletter for details), we are going to have a great opportunity connecting to other Jews in small towns in Colorado. The 22nd annual Leadville Hebrew Cemetery cleanup, sponsored by B'nai B'rith of the Rockies and the Temple Israel Foundation (Leadville) will be held the weekend of June 22-24, 2018, and B'nai Butte will participate for the second year.

We will join together on Saturday morning, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, for a Shabbat service at the restored Temple Israel, followed by lunch; and we have been asked to help serve a Saturday evening meal to the less fortunate at St. George Episcopal Church (across from Temple Israel). As in last year, let's plan to have dinner together on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a sweet Havdallah to end Shabbat. The cleanup begins Sunday morning – we'll be painting fences, cleaning stones, clearing brush and other fixes after a cold winter. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. We had a great turnout last year, and I hope we can duplicate that this year, as well. This is a great way to teach our kids to “walk the talk” and participate in the mitzvah of taking care of those who have come before us. And, it is really fun! I hope you will join us!

~ Rabbi Robbi

## Announcements

- Condolences to Bruce Alpern and Debbie Alpern for the passing of Bruce's brother, Steven Thor Alpern on March 16, 2018.
- Mazel Tov to Debbie and Bruce Alpern who welcomed another grandchild into the world on Saturday, May 19. Axel Bodhi Alpern was born in New York City. Mother and son are home trying not to disturb his older brothers as he learns the difference between night (when he wants to be awake) and daytime (when he thinks he should sleep.)

# Thank-Yous

Thank you to the Rochelles for housing Robbi and Mark for their June Visit.

Thank you to Leslie Elfenbein for organizing Bnai Butte's participation in the Leadville Hebrew Cemetary cleanup.

Thank you to the Druckers for hosting the Shabbat Pot Luck Dinner at their home in June.

## BBYO CALLOUT

BBYO is working on invigorating the Crested Butte Chapter. If you know anyone interested please contact Rena Elfenbein at [Elfenrena123@yahoo.com](mailto:Elfenrena123@yahoo.com) or Ben Wright at [Benjamin.wright@western.edu](mailto:Benjamin.wright@western.edu).

## Contributions

B'nai Butte gratefully acknowledges the following generous contributions from:

Rabbi Robbi donated in memory of Steven Thor Alpern

Roger A. Rolfe Family Philanthropic Fund for donating the match for Torah funds.

If you would like to join them the website has been updated and you can now donate straight on the website. [http:// www.bnaibutte.org/](http://www.bnaibutte.org/) or send checks to our po box.

## Torah Fund Update

Nearly two dozen members of our community contributed to the Torah Fund. A Torah, cover, silver adornments, and a portable ark have been purchased and there is money left over. The board has determined that in addition to the extra expense to pay for insurance to cover the Torah, the remainder of the funds collected to date (and donated in the future) will be set aside for eventual repairs. While the Torah was repaired before we purchased it, we expect it to be heavily used and that will eventually require attention.

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*Hope to see you at some of the events this summer!*