

## Some welcoming details

### Bring your lunch

These forums take place from 11:30 am—12:30 pm (NOTE NEW TIME THIS YEAR) so that working folks and others can "brown-bag" it. The forums will each last 1 hour.

Please respect the Temple and do not bring pork or shellfish products.

### Invite your friends

Anyone is welcome. If the crowd grows beyond the room's capacity, we'll figure it out!

### Where is Temple Beth Shalom?

2010 W. Koch St  
Bozeman, MT 59718  
(behind Albertson's)

From downtown Bozeman, take Main Street west to the 19th Avenue intersection. Turn left (south) onto 19th Avenue. Go two blocks south to West Koch Street. Turn right (west) on West Koch St and go one and one half blocks. The temple parking lot is on the left.

### Where to park

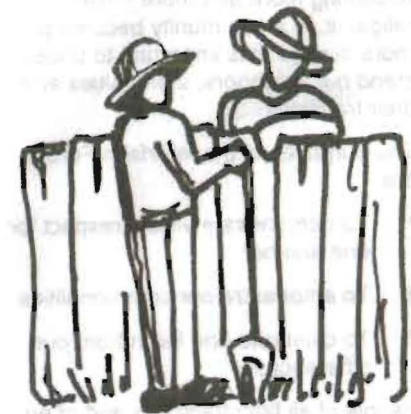
If the parking lot is full, please park on the street.

**Temple Beth Shalom**

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## 2011—2012 SCHEDULE

### Talking with Neighbors An Interfaith Forum



First Wednesdays,  
11:30—12:30, Oct—May

*Listening to and learning  
from one another*

## Three Abrahamic faith traditions, a multi-religious world



What do we have in common?

How do we differ?

How can we live in community with one another?

In a world growing smaller, in a nation becoming more and more multi-religious, in a community becoming more diverse, it is important to understand our neighbors, their values and their traditions.

The purposes of the Interfaith Forum are:

1. To demonstrate visible respect for one another
2. To emphasize our commonalities
3. To celebrate and learn from our differences

People of all faith traditions and of no faith tradition are welcome to attend, to listen and to ask questions.

## 2011-2012 Topics

### October 5

*"Sharia, Halachah, & Canon Law"*

What is the role of law in our various religious traditions?

### November 2

*"The Globalization of Religion"*

How do we talk to one another in a hyper-connected world?

### December 7

*"Religion, Science & the Earth"*

What do our faith traditions teach us about our relationship and responsibility to the planet?

### January 4

*"Relationships"*

How are human relationships a vehicle for expressing faith?

### February 1

*"The Divine in the Everyday"*

How do our faith traditions help us keep spirituality alive in everyday activity?

### March 7

*"The Value of Work and Workers"*

What is the meaning of work? How do we regard workers?

### April 4

*"Religion & Wealth"*

What are the teachings of our traditions regarding wealth?

### May 2

*"The Meaning of Life"*

Why are we here? What is our purpose?

## Panel Participants 2011—2012

**Rabbi Ed Stafman** has been rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom since 2008. For many years a trial lawyer in Florida, he also holds a masters degree in religion and has completed the coursework for a PhD in Religion of Western Antiquity.

**Dr. Ruhul Amin** is Professor of Mechanical Engineering at MSU. He is president of the Islamic Center of Bozeman and faculty advisor for the Muslim Student Association. He is a native of Bangladesh.

**The Rev. Jody McDevitt** has been copastor of First Presbyterian Church (PC USA) since 1997. Her theology degrees are from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She was ordained in 1988.

**The Rev. Leo Proxell** has been pastor of Holy Rosary Catholic Church for 10 years. He was ordained in 1973 and has served parishes in western Montana. He taught theology at Carroll College for 9 years.

**Invited guest panelists** Accommodating the rich religious diversity of Bozeman in a one-hour format is challenging. But it is important to try, and so this year the panels will be enhanced by the addition of religious leaders who represent additional faith perspectives from the world's religions. The panelists will be announced in advance.