



## JANUARY 2018

### STUDENT RABBI MESSAGE

*Shanah tova!*

May the holiday spirit, from other religions as well as secularly, spur a time of reflection and renewal in each of us. As we enter the last year of this decade, we take the time to re-ask questions we haven't asked ourselves in years, realigning ourselves within the context of our own lives, in addition to our loved ones'.

As my visits with you all for this academic year are now over halfway over, I would love to continue both diving deeper in the personal connections I have already made with some of you thus far and also begin those personal connections that with some of you we unfortunately have not dove into yet. If you have any interest in meeting one-on-one during one of my visits, please email me to arrange so. I am here just as much for the individual as I am for the community and would love to get to know each and every one of you and your spiritual journeys that much better.

Looking forward to kicking off 2019 with all of you on Shabbat in just a few weeks!

*Kol tov,*

Student Rabbi Lincenberg

### Community Chaplain

Chaplain Larry Batchlear is available for Jewish Life-cycle events and can be reached at 352-7191.

### Business Office

Larry Batchlear (806-355-0023) or  
Bob Blinderman (806-372-9401)

### Student Rabbi Paige's Next Visits

Here are the details for Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg's next visits. Please mark your calendars:

#### Paige's January Weekend Visit

*Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>*

7:00 PM *Shabbat* Evening Service

*Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>*

10:00 AM *Shabbat* Morning Service

11:15 AM Torah Study

*Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>*

10:30 AM Adult Education

#### Paige's February Weekend Visit

*Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>*

7:00 PM *Shabbat* Evening Service

*Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>*

10:00 AM *Shabbat* Morning Service

11:15 AM Torah Study

*Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>*

10:30 AM Adult Education

#### Paige's Additional Weekend Visits

January 25-27, 2019

February 15-17, 2019

March 8-10, 2019

April 12-14, 2019

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Friends!

One question I have been pondering and researching is: What is the purpose of joining a synagogue? Why is it important to be a member of a Temple?

#### TEMPLE CONTACTS

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Many people wait to join a Temple until the reason is more defined: they are getting married, they have a child, a family member dies, or they just need the services of a rabbi. But consider this: a synagogue nurtures 3 things that Jews seek:

- Community
- Learning
- Spirituality

A synagogue is the place for Jewish community. The synagogue fulfills many of our emotional needs. We celebrate with friends and family: the joy of life at a *brit milah*; we celebrate a *bar/bat mitzvah*, the peace of Shabbat and the joy of a new year on *Rosh Hashanah*. We celebrate God's blessings of food and drink at *onegs*, and make new friends. We celebrate joyous holidays like *Sukkot* and *Hanukkah*. We remember our Jewish history at our community *Seder*. We commune together in times of crisis, leaning on each other as we grieve, and we help each other in times of need. The whole (congregation) is much bigger and more successful than each of its' components (members). We are so much better when we work together!

The synagogue is the place we come together to study and to learn *Torah*. It is a place where people of all ages come to learn: Sunday school, *Torah* study, and Adult Education. (Temple B'nai Israel is fortunate to have our own building, whereas many congregations do not; they use a local church or other building to use for services and classrooms.) We learn from our rabbis, our teachers, and each other. I have learned so much at our Temple, from our student rabbis and our members. My Temple friends have made many positive changes in my life! Oh...and if you want to learn how to make *challah*...based on the results of our *challah* sale...yummm....Sisterhood is where it's AT!

Obviously, the synagogue is the spiritual center of our lives. Of course, we can pray anywhere, but praying together links us to God, and each other, more than when we pray alone. We all know the impact that unity has! We ARE better together! Think how much more powerful a prayer chanted by 50 voices seems vs. a single voice. Together, we remember our Jewish history, we read the *Torah*, and we ask God to bless us and to grant peace to us and the rest of the world.

There are a million good reasons to be a member of the Temple, the Jewish community! Come often,

be active, be present, participate. You will see the positive impact it has!

Happy New Year! See you at the Temple!

With love and gratitude,

Candy Alpar

### January & February Service Leaders

January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Batchlear
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Archie Hunnicutt
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Blinderman
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Paige Lincenberg
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Janet Meller
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Blinderman
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Paige Lincenberg
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Archie Hunnicutt

### Adult Education

The Temple Adult Education Class resumes on Sunday, January 6, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. On that day we will view a movie. The Progress Schedule for the Spring 2019 semester is posted on the Temple web site at the Adult Education calendar page which you can reach by clicking this hyperlink:

<https://bnaisraelamarillo.org/adult-education/>

Our book for the Spring 2019 semester is *Turning Points in Jewish History*, by Rabbi Marc J. Rosenstein. It was first published on July 1, 2018. It is available in paperback only. Please join us this semester on Sunday mornings at 10:30 at the Temple. And don't forget to purchase your book at your earliest convenience so that you will have it prior to our first class for the Spring semester on January 6, 2019.

**[Editors' Note: We apologize for the delay in completing the Bulletin. A family emergency intervened, and Louise is still on the East Coast.]**

## Special Program!

Temple B'nai Israel is thrilled and honored to host Rabbi Ariel Sholklapper for two spiritually empowering meditation sessions and teachings.

*Rabbi Ariel Sholklapper is a mindfulness practitioner, attending, managing, and facilitating retreats and mindfulness meditation groups all over the world, including working for Or HaLev with Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg. He was recently appointed Director of the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Houston at Congregation Beth Yeshurun, the largest Conservative Jewish congregation in the United States. He earned a degree in philosophy and Jewish studies at UCLA,*

*was ordained at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, and holds an MBA in nonprofit management. Rabbi Sholklapper's passion is in helping people of all walks of life to live with vigor and personal, spiritual awareness through mindfulness and Jewish living.*

Rabbi Sholklapper's sessions with us:

**Shabbat, January 26 at 1:30pm**

**Sunday, January 27 at 10:30am (in place of Adult Ed)**

These are donation-based sessions. You are more than welcome to attend with no cost but we encourage you to please give to help compensate his travel expenses for his generous visit to our community.

For questions or thoughts, please contact Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg at [lincenberg@gmail.com](mailto:lincenberg@gmail.com)

## OUR THOUGHTFUL CONTRIBUTORS

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## BIRTHDAYS And ANNIVERSARIES

January / Early February

### BIRTHDAYS

1/6 Dr. Barry Duman  
1/6 Dr. Nick Goldstein  
1/6 Tori Rabinowitz  
1/7 Beth Goldstein  
1/15 Bonnar Loewenstein

1/25 Sarabeth Jaffe  
1/26 Azariah David Deckard  
1/30 Lisa Goldstein  
1/30 Robert Kranz

### ANNIVERSARIES

1/1 Carolyn and Stuart Dowlen  
1/4 Kim Hooker and Larry Batchlear  
1/11 Harriette and Harry Tallert

# Yahrzeits For

## January 4, 2019

\*Nehema Spector 1/5  
\*Dora Weitzman 1/8  
\*Bessie Rubin 1/10  
\*Alfred London 1/11  
Deborah Schiffman 1/6  
Herb Kalman 1/6  
Ben Wartell 1/7  
Horace Wolf 1/10  
Pearl Fair 1/10  
J. Lee Griffith 1/10  
Helen Goldberg 1/10  
Fannie Ruback  
Robert Novick  
Frida Reach  
Fannie Ruback  
Abraham Cizon

## January 11

\*Fannie Wolfson 1/13  
\*Blossom Feingold Levy 1/13  
\*Sarah Raffkind 1/14  
Bessie Kain Aleskin 1/13  
William Gens 1/15  
Michael Wenger 1/15  
Robert Novick

## January 18

\*Morris Mendel 1/19  
\*Harriet Alexander 1/21  
\*Morris Raffkind 1/25  
\*Morris Blinderman 1/26  
Harry Ashley 1/16  
Ruth Gens 1/17  
Celia Held Springer 1/18  
Hilda Husar 1/20  
Dr. S.J. Klapman 1/20  
Virginia Metz 1/20  
Vera Griffith 1/22  
Samuel Lachman 1/22  
Ansel Shupack 1/23  
Sidney Cohen 1/24  
Gene Braunig 1/25

## January 25

\*Ruth Levi Wolf 1/26  
\*Leo J. Goodman 1/29  
\*Rose Jacobson 1/31  
\*Minnie Spector 2/1  
\*Lena Klein Haimen 2/1  
\*Bert Levy 2/2  
\*Sarah Zukav 2/2  
Ben Altman 1/27  
Shirley Stern 1/28  
Ann Lessing 1/29  
Anna Grace Raffkind 1/29  
Miriam Amanda Witt Yarbrough 1/29  
Joe Mandel 1/31  
Myrna Raffkind 1/31  
Elizabeth S. Meller 1/31 (Sh'vat 25)  
Louis Goldberg  
Bessie Bergelofsky

## February 1

\*Ben Rudelson 2/7  
\*William Jean Saxe 2/9  
\*Miriam Gluck 2/9  
Rudolph Jacobi 2/2  
Alda Lois Feferman 2/3  
Mike Reisin 2/3  
Max Stahl 2/4  
Henry Berg 2/5  
Joseph Maples 2/5  
Sarah Drotman 2/6  
Paul Aleskin 2/6  
Louis Raizes 2/7  
Edward Rothkrug 2/7  
Sam Rabinowitz 2/8  
Linda Adkins 2/8  
Pauline Mandell  
David Wolpert  
Kate Baruch  
Harry Landsburg  
L.L. Gladstein

*The "\*" indicates individuals whose names are on the Yahrzeit boards in the sanctuary.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22 Tevet 5779 10am - No Adult Ed	23 Tevet 5779	24 Tevet 5779	25 Tevet 5779	26 Tevet 5779	27 Tevet 5779 5:30pm - Candle 7pm - Shabbat Serv 7:01pm - Ldr: Larry	28 Tevet 5779 Parashat Vaera 5:50pm - Havdalah
29 Tevet 5779 10:30am - Adult Ed	1 Shevat 5779	2 Shevat 5779	3 Shevat 5779	4 Shevat 5779	5 Shevat 5779 5:37pm - Candle 7pm - Shabbat Serv 7:01pm - Ldr: Archie	6 Shevat 5779 Parashat Bo 5:57pm - Havdalah
7 Shevat 5779 10:30am - Adult Ed	8 Shevat 5779	9 Shevat 5779	10 Shevat 5779 7pm - Board Mtg	11 Shevat 5779	12 Shevat 5779 5:43pm - Candle 7pm - Shabbat Serv 7:01pm - Ldr: Bob	13 Shevat 5779 Parashat Beshalach 6:03pm - Havdalah
14 Shevat 5779 10:30am - Adult Ed	15 Shevat 5779 Tu Bishvat	16 Shevat 5779	17 Shevat 5779	18 Shevat 5779	19 Shevat 5779 5:50pm - Candle 7pm - Shabbat Serv 7:01pm - Ldr: Paige	20 Shevat 5779 Parashat Yitro 10am - AM Serv 11:15am - Torah Study 1:30pm - Spirituality 6:10pm - Havdalah
21 Shevat 5779 10:30am - Spirituality	22 Shevat 5779	23 Shevat 5779	24 Shevat 5779	25 Shevat 5779	26 Shevat 5779 5:58pm - Candle 7pm - Shabbat Serv 7:01pm - Ldr: Janet	27 Shevat 5779 Parashat Mishpatim 6:18pm - Havdalah