



April 2019

Student Rabbi Message April 2019

Chodesh tov!

With Purim behind us and Pesach ahead, we reflect back to the High Holidays-to the mindset from the ten days between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. These liminal spaces within our Jewish calendar prove to be irrevocably thought-provoking, spurring the floating around of more Jewish notions in our minds than usual. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time to dive into some of these notions you may be having, or for any other subject matter. As this next April visit will be my last visit with you all until August, I would love to meet one-on-one with any of you and truly take advantage of our sacred time together.

Lastly, don't forget to check in :) The moon is always there for you.

Thank you,

Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg

President's Message April 2019

Dear Friends:

I sit down to write April's President's Message, nearly a month early, which, is a miracle in itself...those of you who know me well know I am NEVER early! I am compelled to write this message while the beauty of this past weekend is still fresh in my mind.

I had intended to write about a different topic, but as I reflect on this past weekend, one single word comes to my mind: MINDFULNESS. I know I talked extensively about this some months ago, but I am reminded of it again. For those of you who were not PRESENT (physically or spiritually) this past weekend, let me recap, in my perspective:

We had a nice turnout for Shabbat, and were again blessed with a visit from our student rabbi, Paige Lincenberg. As always, she led a lovely service. Paige reminded us to "check in," something I frequently need to be reminded to do! After services, we shared a delicious oneg of food that was heartfully-made,

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 Visit

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

Paige's April Weekend Visit

Friday, April 12th

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, April 13th

10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

11:00 AM Torah Study

Sunday, April 14th

10:30 AM Adult Education

Sisterhood

Celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or any special occasion by sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat. To host an Oneg Shabbat, please contact Mary Blinderman at bobbli@arn.net

Temple Contacts

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April Service Leaders

April 5th

Bob Blinderman

April 12th

Paige Lincenberg

April 19th

Larry Batchlear

note: This will be a short Yahrzeit service starting at 6:00 p.m.

April 26th

Archie Hunnicutt

Adult Education

The Temple Adult Education Class Progress Schedule for the Spring 2019 semester is posted on the Temple web site at the [Adult Education calendar page](#).

along with some of my favorite Texas wines. We literally had to start kicking people out of the social hall after 11:00 p.m.! Everyone was enjoying socializing so much we all lost track of the time!

Saturday morning, Paige led us in services again, and explained the Kabbalist view of dividing the service into 4 parts that correspond with the 4 elements: earth, water, fire, and air. She asked us to reflect on what element we identify with and what part of the service spoke to us. I was struck by the morning blessings and what a nice feeling it gave me to remind myself, first thing in the morning, of all how blessed I am. (FYI....that was the part of the service Kabbalists identified with Earth, which happens to be my birth element!)

Next we proceeded to Torah study to discuss this week's Parashat, with our usual deep discussion, followed by another heartfully-prepared meal of Buddha bowls. In the midst of eating, our beloved frequent visitor, Rabbi Vanna, broke out into Hebrew song. At first I was confused...do I listen respectfully or join in? I do not know this song! Then another unfamiliar Hebrew song. Then.... "rabotay n'varech..." Finally, something I recognized, Grace After Meals, "Birkat Hamazon." For some reason, I am transported back to Camp Young Judaea, retreat weekends, a special time in my youth, with fond memories. Then more songs....such a wonderful burst of spontaneous joy! I left with a full belly and a happy, peaceful soul!

Later that afternoon, I reflected on how my weekend began with sense of duty and responsibility, but became a joyous occasion, with friendship, and a reminder of some beautiful times that I had buried and forgotten. Overall, it became a reminder that if we stop for a moment, "check in," as Paige says, and be mindful, we become aware of the blessings in our life

But, (at the risk of sounding like an info-mercial), THAT'S NOT ALL! The day continued into the evening, with a Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh get-together, just the ladies, at Kim Hooker's lovely home. Paige led us in prayer, and we actually stopped for a moment, had conversation, great stories, a lot of laughs, and bonded! We stopped long enough to realize that we have all put important things on hold: grandchildren, old friends, our garden that we love, volunteer work, and just living in the moment. We took a moment to bring those important things in our lives forward, and committed, out loud, to make them a priority.

What this weekend taught me was to stop and "check in." Take a moment to pray and thank God for your blessings, every morning. Maybe consider this daily prayer:

Modeh ani lifanecha, melech chai vikayam, she-he-chezarta bi nishmati bechemla – raba emunatecha! (I thank You, living and eternal King, Who has returned my soul into me with compassion – great is Your faithfulness!)

My intention: be present, be mindful. Stop long enough to enjoy the members of our Temple. Eat some heartfully-made food with a nice glass of wine. Sit down, have a conversation, call a friend. Spend time with those you love, and give someone who you do not know well a chance to become someone you love to be with. Spontaneously break into song. Take a breath, and be grateful for the breath you take. Life is short. Enjoy every second. Pray. Show gratitude to God and the people He has blessed you with in your life.

I look forward to seeing you at the Temple, praying with you, and knowing you better!

With love and gratitude,

Candy

Yahrzeits For April

April 5

Sam Solnick 4/5
*H.S. (Benny) Benjamin 4/7
*Alfred Cohen 4/7
* Hermine Ruth Lachman 4/7
*Hannah Bluhm 4/8
*Anna Latman 4/8
*Maurece Saxe 4/9

Lillian Saxe 4/9

Louis Pilver 4/9

Kathryn Shapiro 4/9

Leon Cizon 4/10

Irving Jacklin 4/10

Harriet L. Chorney

(26 Nisan) ← 5/1/2019

Dr. Nathan Welcher 4/12

Louis Cowen

Sara Replin

Mary Goodman

Floral Gladstein

David Boroda

April 12

*Blanche Levy 4/17
*Bernard Jacob Weinberger 4/18
*Morris Solomon 4/20
Henry Rochmill 4/15
Carl Lessing 4/15
Ted Shapiro 4/15
Marty Steiman

(1 Iyar) ← May 6, 2019

Esther Baer 4/17
Isadore Weinstein 4/19
Betty Goldstein 4/20
Gussie Newman
Marion Gerber
William Ruback

April 19

*Ramon (Ray) Lloyd Ashley 4/23

*Ruth Siegel 4/23

Harold B. Culley 4/21

Donald Paul Katz 4/24

Edmund Stern 4/26

Glenna Scott 4/27

Bertha Harellick

Rabbi Kurt Reach

April 26

*Benjamin Gimp Raffkind 4/30

*Janet Reach 4/30

*Otto Josef Baruch

(15 Iyar) ← May 20, 2019

*Dr. J.W. Klapman 5/4

*Jack Weinberger 5/4

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Joseph Brenner 5/2

David Teller

Ralph Kramer

Sig Anisman

Our Thoughtful Contributors



General Fund
Anonymous
Dorothy Carskadon
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Birthdays

4/9 Olivia Rachel Yarvis
4/11 Aaron Pan
4/11 Jennifer Hathcoat
4/13 Ben Schachter
4/20 Mary Blinderman
4/20 Paige Lincenberg
4/21 Jason Baum
4/22 Jeff Duman
4/23 Candy Alpar
4/26 Ed Modery
4/30 Alex Rimmel

Anniversaries

4/1 Janet Meller and Joel Kaplan
4/6 Lisa and Archie Hunnicutt
4/13 Jennifer and Chuck Hathcoat
4/27 Judy and Leslie Reese



Tazria Lev. 12:1 – 13:59

April 6, 2019

The parsha continues the discussion of the laws of tumah v'taharah, ritual impurity and purity.

G-d sets forth the methods for diagnosing and treating a variety of skin diseases, including tzaraat (a leprous affliction) as well as those purifying clothing.

M'tzora Lev. 14:1 – 15:33

April 13, 2019

Priestly rituals to cure tzaraat when it afflicts humans are described.

Rituals to rid dwelling places of tzaraat are presented.

Other ritual impurities are described.

Yom Rishon shel Pesach Ex. 12:37 – 42

April 20, 2019

A “mixed multitude” of people fled Egypt with the Israelites. With no time to wait, they took the cakes from their oven before they had time to rise. By G-d’s mighty hand, our ancestors fled the house of bondage and were brought to “a land flowing with milk and honey.” As a reminder of G-d’s redemption, we are instructed to eat only unleavened bread during Passover. The text tells us to explain to our children, “It is because of what G-d did for me when I went free from Egypt.” Each year we fulfill the sacred obligation to tell this story to our children. It is this story, more than any other that is central to Judaism. G-d redeemed us from slavery and we therefore know the heart of the stranger.

Acharei Mot Lev. 16:1 – 17:16

April 27, 2019

The duties that the head kohen must perform on Yom Kippur are delineated and the ceremony of the scapegoat is outlined.

Moses instructs Aaron about the Yom Kippur laws for fasting and atonement.

Warnings are issued against the offering of sacrifices outside the Sanctuary and the consumption of blood.



Community Seder

Temple B'nai Israel Community Seder to be Held Friday, April 19th at 6:30 p.m.

The Temple will hold the first night Seder Friday, April 19th at 6:30 p.m. The Seder led by our President, Candy Alpar, features a fully catered meal including all the traditional Seder items from matzoh ball soup to gefilte fish.

The cost is \$30 for adults. Children are \$15 (5 years and under – no charge).

The deadline for registration will be Monday, April 15th.

Help is needed to set up the tables for the Seder. Please join us on Sunday, April 14th, at noon at the Temple so we can get this task done.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER
FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019
(Seder will start promptly)
TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL

Cost: \$30.00/adult
\$15.00/children
(5 years and under -no charge)

NOTE: In order to honor the caterer's wishes, the deadline for reservations is Monday, April 15th

Please fill out the reservation form below and mail a check (made out to Temple B'Nai Israel) to:

JoAnn Holt
311 Fleetwood Drive
Amarillo, Texas 79109
Reservations for Community Passover Seder

Reservations for Community Passover Seder

Name/Phone	Adult	Child	Regular Meal	Vegetarian	Gluten Free
Total: \$					

April Calendar

Friday, April 5

Parshas Sazria
7:00pm Bob leads services

Saturday, April 6

1st of Nisan,
5779 Rosh Chodesh Nisan

Saturday, April 7

10:30am Adult Education

Friday, April 12

Parshas Metzora
7:00pm Paige leads services

Saturday, April 13

8th of Nisan, 5779
10:00am Paige-morning service
11:00am Paige leads Torah study
7:00pm Baseball game

Sunday, April 14

10:30am Adult Education

Wednesday, April 17

7:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, April 19

Parsha Yorn Rishon shel Pesach
6:00pm Larry leads yahrzeit serv.
6:30pm Candy - Community Seder
Erev Pesach

Saturday, April 20

15th of Nisan, 5779
Pesach 1

Sunday, April 21

16th of Nisan, 5779
1st day of the Omer
10:30am Adult Education
Pesach 2

Monday, April 22

17th of Nisan, 5779
Pesach 3 (CH'M)
2nd Day of Omer

Tuesday, April 23

18th of Nisan, 5779
Pesach 4 (CH'M)
3rd Day of Omer

Wednesday, April 24

19th of Nisan, 5779
Pesach 5 (CH'M)
4th Day of Omer

Thursday, April 25

20th of Nisan, 5779
Pesach 6 (CH'M)
5th Day of Omer

Friday, April 26

Parsha Axfharei Mot
Pesach 7
6th Day of Omer
7:00pm Archie Leads Service

Saturday, April 27

22nd of Nisan, 5779
Pesach 8
7th day of the Omer

Sunday, April 28

23rd of Nisan, 5779
8th day of the Omer
10:30am Adult Education

Monday, April 29

24th of Nisan, 5779
9th day of the Omer

Tuesday, April 30

25th of Nisan, 5779
10th day of the Omer