



August 2019

Paige's Page

Amidst welcoming in August, we also welcome in the Hebrew month of Av. Av spirals us through a rollercoaster of emotion including Tu B'Av, colloquially referred to as a Jewish form of Valentine's Day. Before Tu B'Av though, we commemorate Tisha B'Av, the destruction of the Temple. While traditionally this revolves around fasting for the rebuilding of the Temple of Jerusalem, some modern interpretations revolve around our personal Temple within. Whether August brings you the obstacles of crunch time at work, school resuming, or even just peak climate temperatures, I invite you to allow Tisha B'Av to strengthen the foundation of the internal Temple within each and every one of you. Av serves as our last month before Elul, the month of spiritual preparation and reflection for the upcoming Days of Awe, so this rebuilding can kick off our holistic Chagim journey that we are all about to dive into together.

For me, my inner Temple proves to currently be primarily physical, as I am now in an immersive 200-hour yoga teacher training all day every day. Studying the Sanskrit concepts and yogic philosophies feels eerily similar to studying the Talmud, as the parallels between them prove to be shockingly prevalent and abundantly beautiful. I look forward to integrating this certification into my rabbinate, intertwining Kabbalistic wisdom into the yoga classes I teach. Similarly, to the sacred space on the Bimah, hopefully some of you will join me on the mat!

I am grateful to finally once again be able to say: see you this month! It has been quite a summer journey, as I teeter tottered from the death of the concentration camps into the life of officiating my first Baby Naming for a beautiful newborn here in LA. As my first of hopefully a myriad of babies that I will have the honor of rabbinically welcoming onto this earth, that pure and raw infant spirit will accompany me as I return to you in Amarillo in just a couple of weeks.

Deeply looking forward to another year with you all of learning, connecting, and most importantly, questioning.

Thank you,

Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg

Community Chaplain

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

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bnaisraelamarillo@gmail.com,
Attn. Mary Blinderman

We welcome your contributions to the newsletter.

STUDENT RABBI SCHEDULE OF VISITS

VISIT	DATE
Weekend No. 1.....	August 9-11, 2019
Weekend No. 2.....	September 6-8, 2019
Weekend No. 3.....	September 27-29, 2019
Rosh Hashana.....	September 29-30, 2019
Yom Kippur.....	October 8-10, 2019
Weekend No. 4.....	November 15-17, 2019 (Thanksgiving Gathering)

VISIT	DATE
Weekend No. 5.....	December 6-8, 2019
Weekend No. 6.....	January 31-February 2, 2020
Weekend No. 7.....	March 6-8, 2020
Weekend No. 8.....	April 3-9, 2020 (Seder on Apr. 8)
Weekend No. 9.....	May 1-3, 2020

August Service Leaders

August 9

Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg

August 23

Bob Blinderman

Adult Education News

Adult Education classes will begin the Fall 2019 semester on Sunday, August 11th, at 10:30 a.m., at the Temple. Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg will lead the class.

The Progress Schedule for August is:

August 4

On your own. If bored that day, look again at “Superman is Jewish?” get your costume on, and go to AMA-CON, noon to 6:00 pm, Amarillo Civic Center. See <https://www.libraryamacon.org/>

August 11

Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg will lead the class.

August 18

In lieu of regular class, join us for the rose garden work party at the Temple at 9:00 a.m.

August 25

“Turning Points in Jewish History”, Ch. 14, pp. 167-181, The Rise of Eastern European Jewry

President’s Message August 2019

Chaverim (Friends):

This month we ring in the New (Fiscal!) Year at the Temple. This commences with our membership drive. I intended to reiterate thoughts I presented to you in a previous President’s message, reasons why you should be a member of the Temple. But instead, I found articles representing a different idea, which I would like to present to you!

As I said previously, a synagogue is the place for Jewish community, a covenantal community. This Temple community shares a past, a future, and a set of values. Like friendship, this community is based on relationship, and likewise requires a commitment to that relationship. Any friendship, or marriage, has happy occasions but will also have challenges: differing opinions, disagreements, angry words. A strong friendship or marriage requires a strong commitment. The synagogue community is like a strong friendship: we are in a relationship with Jewish tradition, with our community, and with each other.

The Hebrew word for “friend” is “chaver.” Interestingly, “chaver” also means “member.” Members are friends, friends are members! To be a member of a congregation is to be a friend of the congregation and requires the same commitment as does any friendship. You are actively participating in the relationship, not just a passive recipient of services. No friendship will survive if only one person gives and the other always only receives. The same is true of our Temple community. The Temple will always give back but must receive in order to continue to give.

Friendship isn’t free....and my husband will tell you, marriage isn’t free either! Both require great effort and financial commitments. Both require active participation and allocating time to be present. When all members of a relationship lovingly give for the good of the relationship, everyone wins!

The same is true of our relationship to our Temple community. When you volunteer, participate, and contribute to our Temple, when you commit to our Temple, everyone wins!

When you receive the upcoming Membership notice in the mail soon, I hope you will commit to our Temple community and renew your membership. I ask that you consider your annual pledge as a financial commitment to an old friendship or a marriage to your Jewish community.

One of the first Hebrew songs I learned in preschool was “Shalom Chaverim.” As I begin my second year as your President, I look forward to seeing many old CHAVERIM (Friends/members) and adding new CHAVERIM to our Temple community.

Shalom chaverim! See you at the Temple!

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Temple B'nai Israel at a Glance through August 31

Class on Judaism Being offered this Fall

A class of Jewish Interest is being offered for the Fall Semester at B'nai Israel. This class is open to all interested in Jewish history. The course is "The Hebrew People, Commitment to their God, their faith and humankind."

The course will meet weekly at the synagogue (Date and time to be set by the class) for 12 weeks.

Syllabus: We will also watch and discuss DVDs that explore the county of Israel being divided with Israel in the North and Judea in the South. We will include the lost tribes of Israel and Jews in the diaspora in addition to Jews in America. Instructor: Chaplain Larry Dov' Batchlear; questions can be sent to Larry at bnaiisraelamarillo.org or call and leave a message 352.7191. Cost: Donation of \$72 for non-members and \$36 for members.

Welcome Our Newest Members

We are pleased to welcome the newest members to our congregational family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newcomers as they become a part of our community:

Kimberly Selinger-Noland and daughter, Devorah

Eva, Eliseo and Aliyah Pena

Carrie Delaney

Preston Doerfler

Know someone interested in becoming a part of our community? New to town? Or looking to find a way to connect with Temple B'nai Israel? Contact any of our board members and we will be glad to assist you.

Congregational Directory

Reminder!! The 2019-20 Temple Congregational Directory will be published by the Sisterhood and distributed to Temple members on Rosh Hashana. If you haven't sent your ad form to the Temple, please return it by August 23rd. Thank you,

The Sisterhood

Jewish Trivia for August

The Word is Yiddish!

kugel - noodle pudding
borsht - beet soup
blintzes - crepe suzettes

Jewish Inspiration

God in the Bursting Seed, by Julia Richman (1855 - 1912)

Teach our little ones true Judaism.

First God.

Introduce them to the wonders of the plant and animal life. Show them God in the bursting seed, in the budding flower, in the bird-producing egg, the glorious sunshine.

Have You Met . . . ?

Bella Abzug (July 24, 1920 - March 31, 1997)

was born in the Bronx, NY, to an Orthodox family who spoke Yiddish at home.

She graduated from Hunter College in 1942 and enrolled in Columbia Law School but dropped out during the war to work in a shipbuilding factory. She resumed her studies in 1947 and graduated from Columbia School of Law.

In her first try for public office in 1970, Bella won a seat in Congress. She defeated seven-term congressman Leonard Farbstein in the primary, and then Republican candidate Barry Farber in November. She became one of twelve women in the Congress, and the first Jewish woman.

She helped write the legislation that eventually became the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

"Judaism," she asserted, "has had a very profound effect on me. Jews believe you can't have justice for yourself unless other people have justice as well. That has motivated much of what I have done."

Contributed by Karen Schroeder

Yahrzeits For August

August 2

*Wolf Herring 8/2
Corinne Solomon 8/2
Daniel Raffkind 8/2
Dr. Jack Ziffer 8/3
*Pauline Weinberger 8/3
Elizabeth Gardner 8/4
Elizabeth Cambell Jacobi 8/4
Sarah Klapman 8/5
Hyman Shebowich 8/5
*Ben Solnick 8/5
*Hugo H. Loewenstern, Sr. 8/6
*Heinz Reach 8/6
Henry Kranz 8/6
*Abe Mogelson 8/7
Sheila Pearce 8/7
Kenneth M. Axelrod 8/8
Abe Brand 8/8
*B.M. (Bunny) Behrman 8/9
Carlton Womack 8/10
Esther Cohen
David Cohen
Philip Raub
Albert Gilfond
Bobby Rasor

August 9

Carlton Womack 8/10
Ida Kischinovsky 8/11
*Pauline Baer 8/13
*David M. Schwartz 8/14
Eleanor West 8/14
Irving Rothstein 8/16
Louise Auslander 8/16
Yetta Gilbert

August 16

Helen Seidel 8/18
Helen Feinblatt 8/19
Yudes Skora 8/20
Walter Tallert 8/20
Ann Loewenstern 8/22
Evelyn Mendel
Albert Kempf

August 23

Lillian Ogilvie 8/24
Beatrice Adelman 8/24
*Kate Shapiro 8/25
*Morris Spicer 8/26
*Dr. Julius Levick 8/26
Molly Heyman 8/25
Charles B. Alexander 8/26
Arthur Auslander 8/26
Paula Batchlear 8/26
Naomi Berkman Dennison 8/27
Hanna E. Hellman 8/29
*Rose K. Goldstein 8/29
*Blima Pelz 8/30

August 30

Sedwin Schachter 9/2
Anna Cohen 9/4
Melvin Block 9/4
Rosemary Kumpan 9/4
*Herman Axelrod 9/5
*Dora Blinderman 9/5
*Rae Willer Braunig 9/5
Sam Aleskin 9/5
Oliver Schaer 9/5
Marie Bach 9/6
*George Pomeroy 9/6

The “” indicates individuals whose names are on the Yahrzeit boards in the sanctuary.*

If any member would like to add a name to the monthly yahrzeit list, please send the name, date of yahrzeit and your relationship to BnailsraelAmarillo.org, Attn: Mary Blinderman. Thank you.

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Thank you to all our donors for your continued support! (as of July 25, 2019)

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Simone Laura Kohn
Harriette Tallert
Lisa Hunnicutt
Henrietta Kohn

In Loving Memory of

Rebecca Kurtzman
Stephen Gens
Henrietta Kohn

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/3 Aiden Julius Kohn
8/3 Seth Lawrence Kohn
8/9 Stuart Dowlen
8/10 Adam Pan
8/11 Joshua Isak Kohn
8/12 Carol Bakwin
8/15 Kimberly Selinger-Noland
8/26 Alan Harrison
8/28 Devorah Noland
8/30 Jo Ann Holt

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/16 Susan and Kevin Shay
8/14 Gayle and Pat Reily
8/21 Noreen and Ed Modery
8/27 Louise and Stan Adelman
8/31 Laura and Jeff Yarvis

COOKBOOK CORNER



Tahini Cookies

from Alex Remmel

These cookies are crisp on the outside and chewy on the inside. Dunk them into a cup of strong black coffee, change your name to Yuval, and wham! Suddenly you're the most Israeli person you know. (Makes 12)

- 2/3 cup raw tahini
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 large egg
- Pinch of salt
- ½ cup flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients except the flour in a bowl. Add the flour and mix until it feels crumbly. Using your hands, take a small handful and squeeze it into a ball. Place it on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining dough. Use your thumb to make an indentation in the center of each cookie and place an almond there. Or, use a fork to slightly flatten each ball and make pretty lines. Bake for 12 minutes. Let cool. They stay fresh for several days.

Weekly Parsha ~ August

Matot-Ma-sei: Numbers 30:2 – 36:13

August 2, 2019

Moses explains to the Israelites the laws concerning vows made by men and women.

Israel wages war against the Midianites.

The laws regarding the spoils of war are outlined.

The tribes of Reuben and Gad are granted permission to stay on the east bank of the Jordan River.

The itinerary of the Israelites through the wilderness from Egypt to Jordan is delineated.

Moses tells Israel to remove the current inhabitants of the land that God will give them and to destroy their gods.

The boundaries of the Land of Israel are defined, along with those of the Levitical cities and the cities of refuge.

God makes a precise distinction between murder and manslaughter.

The laws of inheritance as they apply to Israelite women are delineated.

D'varim: Deuteronomy 1:1 – 3:22

August 9, 2019

Moses begins his final words of instruction to the Children of Israel, focusing first on recounting their physical journey.

Moses reviews the people's reactions to the negative reports of the spies and the appointment of Joshua to succeed him.

Moses recounts that all of the Israelite warriors who left Egypt died, as G-d had intended, and the people continued their wanderings and defeated their enemies.

Moses reiterates that the Land of Israel was allocated to the Israelite tribes.

Va-et'chanan: Deuteronomy 3:23– 25

August 16, 2019

Moses pleads with G-d to let him enter the Land of Israel with the people, but G-d once

more refuses his request.

Moses orders the Children of Israel to pay attention and follow the laws given by G-d in order to be worthy of the land they are about to receive.

Specific areas of the land are set aside to serve as cities of refuge.

The covenant at Sinai and the Ten Commandments are recalled. Once again, the people are exhorted to heed G-d's commandments.

Eikev: Deuteronomy 7:12

August 23, 2019

Moses tells the Israelites that if they follow God's laws, the nations who now dwell across the Jordan river will not harm them.

Moses reminds the people of the virtues of keeping G-d's commandments. He also tells them that they will dispossess those who now live in the Land only because they are idolatrous, not because the Israelites are uncommonly virtuous. Thereupon, Moses reviews all of the trespasses of the Israelites against G-d.

Moses says that the Land of Israel will overflow with milk and honey if the people obey G-d's commandments and teach them to their children.

R'eih: Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17

August 30, 2019

G-d places both blessing and curse before the Israelites. They are taught that blessing will come through the observance of G-d's laws.

Moses' third discourse includes laws about worship in a central place; injunctions against idolatry and self-mutilation; dietary rules; and laws about tithes, debt remission, the release and treatment of Hebrew slaves, and firstlings.

Moses reviews the correct sacrifices to be offered during The Pilgrim Festivals – Pesach, Sukkot, and Shavuot.

August Calendar

***NOTE - PAIGE'S WEEKEND**

Friday August 2

Rosh Codesh Av
Parsha Matot-Masei
NO SHABBAT SERVICES

Sunday, August 4

AMA-CON, noon to 6:00 pm.
Amarillo Civic Center. See
<https://www.libraryamacon.org/>

***Friday, August 9**

Parsha Devarim
7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICES
Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg
leads service

***Saturday, August 10**

10:00 a.m. -- Morning
service Student Rabbi Paige
Lincenberg leads service
11:00 a.m. Torah study
Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg leader

8:30 p.m.
Texas the musical- Palo Duro Canyon

***Sunday, August 11**

10:30 a.m. Adult Education
Paige Lincenberg leads class

Friday, August 16

Parsha Vaetchanan
NO SHABBAT SERVICES

Sunday, August 18

9:00 a.m.
Garden workday at Temple

Wednesday, August 21

7:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, August 23

Parsha Eikev
7:00 SHABBAT SERVICES
Bob Blinderman leads Shabbat service

Saturday, August 24

5:30 p.m. MINCHA SERVICE
Archie Hunnicutt leads service

Sunday, August 25

10:30 a.m. Adult Education
“Turning Points in Jewish History”,
Ch. 14, pp. 167-181, The Rise of Eastern
European Jewry

Friday, August 30

Parsha Re'eh
NO SHABBAT SERVICES

Saturday, August 31

Rosh Codesh Elul