



September 2019

Paige's Page

Chodesh tov!

With the arrival of September, we also welcome Rosh Chodesh Elul. As we have discussed, Elul serves as the twenty-four-hour window before a flight, between “checking in” online and actual take-off. The month of Elul ends with Rosh HaShanah, the taking off of our year and the month of Tishrei. We check in now in order to begin to spiritually prepare- reflecting on our past revolution around the sun mentally, emotionally, and physically, amidst beginning to set kavanot, intentions, for the year to come. Traditionally, we blow the shofar every day of Elul, awakening that awareness and spirit inside us. This year, I invite you to follow that mitzvah, whether literally or through your own symbolic blowing of the shofar- intentionally finding a view of the moon every single night of Elul, setting aside twenty minutes each day for self-care, or whatever personalized metaphorical shofar blowing speaks to you, checking in and awakening your core. When I join you next week, we will dive into this beautiful process and practice together, communally preparing ourselves for take-off. Until then, safe travels!

Today Rabah,

Student Rabbi Paige 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)

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bnaisraelamarillo@gmail.com,
Attn. Mary Blinderman

We welcome your contributions to the newsletter.

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.

STUDENT RABBI SCHEDULE OF VISITS

VISIT	DATE
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

September Service Leaders

September 6

Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg

September 13

Larry Batchlear

September 20

Janet Meller

September 27

Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg

Adult Education News

Adult Education classes began in August with Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg leading the first class of the Fall Semester.

The Progress Schedule for September is:

September 1

Chapter 15, pp. 182-194, Kabbalah Enters the Mainstream

September 8

Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg will lead the class

September 15

Chapter 16, pp. 195-209, The End of Iberian Jewry

September 22

Chapter 17, pp. 210-224, The Rise and Collapse of Polish Jewry

September 29

Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg will lead the class

Note: All chapter assignments are from the book: Turning Points in Jewish History, by Marc J. Rosenstein.

President's Message September 2019

Shalom chaverim!

We have had a busy August at the Temple!

We welcomed back student rabbi Paige Lincenberg this month. It was wonderful to have her lead us in Shabbat services, Torah study, and Adult Ed. During Shabbat services, we welcomed 4 new member families as new chaverim (members) of our Temple this month! What a joy it is to see our Jewish Temple family grow! We took Paige to see "TEXAS" in the Canyon. It was a hot night in the Canyon, but the play was enjoyed by all who attended. This was a contrast to the weather at the Sod Poodles game we took Paige to in the spring....where we all froze our tuchas off! Paige, honest, we are not trying to kill you with our crazy panhandle weather!

We had a successful workday at the Temple this past Sunday. We were blessed that 10 sweet people showed up to work hard in the sun! We cleaned out the rose garden, trimmed boxwoods, pulled weeds, fixed faucets, painted the lampposts, and trenched around the trees. Be sure to thank those who worked so hard on all of these improvements.

This month, we began our Mincha services. Archie Hunnicutt will lead a service, with a Sephardic Orthodox worship format, one Saturday evening a month. We hope this will serve more of our Amarillo Jewish community to be able to worship in Orthodox traditions. You are always welcome to attend this service, even if you do not practice Orthodox Jewish traditions. You may enjoy a different type of service than the one you are most familiar with.

During Paige's visit, she said:

"If everyone present today, or before you, or after you...is in fact a reincarnation of you...how would that change how you treat every single person?"

If each of us thought about that statement before we spoke or acted, it could have a profound influence on our actions. Would we speak and act toward "our self" differently than we would a stranger? Perhaps we would show more kindness, more heartfulness, more mindfulness. I have been pondering that thought since Paige was here. I hope you will, too.

I am grateful for your friendship, for our Temple community, and for all the progress we have made together, improving our precious Temple this year. I look forward to seeing you, often, at the Temple. Big thanks to all the Temple board members, Sisterhood officers, lay leaders, and oneg cooks. Also, big thanks to Mary Blinderman for organizing our monthly newsletter.

Reminder: Paige will return on September 6-8. She will also be here again September 27-29 for Shabbat, followed by Rosh Hashanah on the evening of September 29.

See you at the Temple!

With love and gratitude,

Candy

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Sisterhood Report

Sisterhood will sponsor a Rosh Hashana reception immediately following Rosh Hashana services on the evening of September 29. Beverages, and cheese and fruit platters will be provided by our caterer. We need traditional items from you. They include the following:

Apple cake chicken liver
Knishes Brownies
Cheesecake Gluten free cake
Lemon bars Hummus

Please contact Lisa Hunnicutt to let her know what you will be bringing.

Thank you,

The Sisterhood

Temple Garden Workday Report

The lamp posts are shiny, the rose garden is cleaned and ready for restoration, the hedges are trimmed, and even some interior wall patching is completed. The next time you come to the Temple – and I hope it's soon – you can gaze upon the fruits of the labor of congregants and friends of the Temple. An enormous thank you to Kim and Larry Batchlear; Bob and Mary Blinderman; Archie Hunnicutt; Eleazer Pena; Preston Doerfler; Candy Alpar; Martha, Chris, Tristen, and Ana Bailey; and, Cynthia and Johnny Kaiser.



Looking ahead

Temple B'nai Israel Kids Play Group

Come enjoy fun, games and socializing!

When: The 1st Sunday of every month at
10:30-Noon (starting October 6, 2019)

Where: Temple B'nai Israel kids' playroom

This is open to kids of all ages
(parent/guardians are required to be
present at all times).

This is a casual, social meet-up group,
feel free to come when you can!

For more information or questions call or
email Cheri Harrison at 512-749-8089 or
CheriDWH@gmail.com



Book Corner

The following books were
recommended to share and
discuss:



Mary:

Peony is a novel by Pearl S. Buck first published in 1948. It is a story of China's Kaifeng Jews. An old book that is fresh and worth reading now.

Kim:

The Choice - Embrace the Possible, by Dr. Edith Eva Eger. Numerous copies of this paperback book are in the Jewish section at our local Barnes & Noble Bookstore. It is a remembrance of a holocaust survivor who channels her love of life into her own healing and her work as a noted Psychologist.

Jewish Trivia for September

Temple B'nai Israel history from the beginning through August 14, 1938. See Amarillo Sunday News and Globe, Golden Anniversary Edition, Sunday, August 14, 1938, Section D, Page 6,

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Yahrzeits For September

August 30

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

September 6

*Baruch Pelz 9/8
*Hyman Fair 9/8
*Saul Shapiro 9/11
*Henry Lieberman 9/12
Philip Ellis 9/9
Ida Rabinowitz 9/13
Rudolph Israel

September 13

*Ester Goldberg 9/17
*Morris Bagelman 9/18
*Louise Sepkowitz 9/20
*Zelda Duman 9/21
*Dorothy Jean Groner 9/21
Charles Blank 9/15
Madge Caplis 9/15
Louis Steinberg 9/17
Maxine Bakwin (Tishre 9)

Kane O'Laughlin 9/20
Moses Block
Alfred Lampert
Frieda Ruback

September 20

*Charles Shapiro 9/23
*David Hickman 9/25
*Jeanette Solomon 9/25
*Ettya Bella Silverman 9/27
Anne Novick 9/25
Kenneth F. Neeser 9/27
Denby Batchlear 9/27
Irving Feinblatt 9/28
Jennie Raub
Sadie Schiff
Samuel Moskowitz

September 27

*Ben Abrahamson 10/2
*Donald Goldberg 10/4
*Lillian G. Schwartz 10/4
*Frank Fisherman (Tishre 26)
Elenor Kamen 9/29
Linda Saxe 10/1
Erwin Kohn 10/1
Roy Miers 10/3
Israel Eli Berkman 10/4
Elwyn Kroger 10/5
Ann Viner
Hilda Bloch
Jose S. Garcia

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To Pastor John Love

Harry and Harriette Tallert

September BIRTHDAYS

9/7 Ian Marion Shields

9/7 Tere Ashley Baum

9/9 Carla Wilkenfeld

9/9 Michael Rappaport

9/14 Jacob Wollschlager

9/26 Aliyah Pena

9/29 Nancy Rodriguez

9/29 Vivian Joan Weir

9/29 Nancy Rodriguez

September

ANNIVERSARIES

9/27 Bob and Mary Blinderman

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 BnaisraelAmarillo.org, Attn: Mary Blinderman. Thank you.

Weekly Parsha ~ September

Shof'tim: Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9

September 6, 2019

Laws regarding both sacred and secular legislation are addressed. The Israelites are told that in every dealing they should pursue justice in order to merit the land that G-d is giving them.

The people are warned to avoid sorcery and witchcraft, the abhorrent practices of their idolatrous neighbors.

G-d tells them that should an Israelite unintentionally kill another, he may take sanctuary in any of three designated cities of refuge.

Laws to be followed during times of peace and times of war are set forth.

Topics to consider: Justice, Peace, War

Ki Teitzei: Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19

September 13, 2019

Moses reviews a wide variety of laws regarding family, animals, and property.

Various civil and criminal laws are delineated, including those regarding sexual relationships, interaction with non-Israelites, loans, vows, and divorce.

Laws of commerce pertaining to loans, fair wages, and proper weights and measures are given.

The parsha concludes with the commandment to remember for all time the most heinous act committed against the Israelites – Amalek's killing of the old, weak, and infirm after the Israelites left Egypt.

Topics to consider: Animals, Divorce, Fair Wage, Family, Law, Loan, Property

Ki Tavo: Deuteronomy 26:1– 29:8

September 20, 2019

The Israelites are instructed to express their gratitude to G-d for their bountiful harvests and freedom from slavery by tithing ten percent of their crops for the Levite, the stranger, the orphan, and the widow.

The people are told to display on large stones G-d's commandments for all to see.

The Levites are to proclaim curses upon those who violate G-d's commandments.

The Israelites are told that if they obey G-d's mitzvot faithfully, they will receive every blessing imaginable. They are also told that if they do not fulfill their brit with G-d, many curses will descend upon them.

Moses reminds the Israelites of the miracles they witnessed in the wilderness and commands them to observe the terms of the covenant so that they may succeed in all that they undertake.

Topics to consider: Blessing, Covenant, Curse, Gratitude, Harvest, Miracle, Orphan, Stranger, Tithe, Widow

Nitzavim: Deuteronomy 29:9 – 30:20

September 27, 2019

Moses tells the assembled people that G-d's covenant speaks to them and to all of the generations who will follow.

G-d warns the Israelites that they will be punished if they act idolatrously, the way the inhabitants of the other nations do.

Moses reassures the people that G-d will not forsake them and that they can attain blessings by following G-d's commandments.

Topics to consider: Blessing, Covenant, Curse, Future, Generation, Punishment, Reward

(from ReformJudaism.org)

September Calendar

Sunday, September 1

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

Assignment: Chap. 15, pp. 182-194

Friday, September 6

7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICES

Parsha Shoftim

**Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg
leads services**

Saturday, September 7

11:00 a.m. Morning services

**Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg
leads services**

Torah study to follow

7:00 p.m. Outdoor Havdalah service

Location TBA

Sunday, September 8

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg leads class

Friday, September 13

7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICES

Parsha Ki Teitzei

Larry Batchlear leads services

Saturday, Sept 14

6:30 p.m. MINCHA SERVICES

Archie Hunnicutt leads services

Sunday, Sept. 15

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

Assignment: Chap. 16, pp. 195-209

Wednesday, September 18

7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, September 20

7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICES

Parsha Ki Tavo

Janet Meller leads services

Sunday, September 22

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

Assignment: Chap. 17, pp. 210-244

Friday, September 27

7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICES

Parsha Nitzavim

**Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg
leads services**

Saturday, September 28

10:00 a.m. -- Morning services

**Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg leads
services**

11:00 a.m. Torah study

Sunday, September 29

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

**Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg leads
class**

Sunday, September 29

8:00 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah

**Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg
leads services**

**Rosh Hashana Reception
to follow services**

Monday, September 30

10:00 a.m. Rosh Hashanah

**Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg
leads services**

Monday, September 30

5:00 p.m. Tashlich ceremony

Location: Medi Park

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