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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.

November 2019

Paige's Page

Chodesh tov, Temple B'nai Israel!

What a whirlwind since our last Newsletter- Rosh HaShanah 5780, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, & Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan. Just typing that all out forces me to pause and take a deep breath, let alone living it. Now that we have slightly more colors in our leaves and crispness in our air, we can allow all of that high energy we cultivated during our prayers in our sanctuary, our shmoozing in our social hall, and our personal internal work in between to settle into our daily lives. We can remind ourselves that we indeed do have the spaciousness to integrate a mindful blessing practice into our space under the sun- whether individually for one moment when we wake up or maybe communally with loved ones before dinner. We can acknowledge that while most other holidays celebrate the beginning of something, Simchat Torah specifically celebrates the concluding of finishing the Torah, rather than the beginning of reading it all over again. How does that juxtaposition of starting the new year and then finishing the Torah resonate with you? What value sometimes finds us in life by intentionally starting one journey before finishing another?

Lastly, we can play with how to utilize our Jewish practices to enhance our secular spaces. With our Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering on the horizon, how can we embody this holiday of gratitude even deeper than ever before? The Jewish tradition exclaims gratitude several times between each sunrise and sunset- Not only with **אני מודה** Modeh Ani every morning but also during the **הודאה** Hoda'ah blessing within the **עמידה** Amidah. If we feel accustomed to bringing our gratitude to mind several times a day, how do we best navigate sharing that with others who may only engage with it once per year? How do we facilitate the transition for others of "thank you" not just being the appropriate manners that we train our children to regurgitate but of being a feeling and sensation that fills our entire sense of self? How can we live differently so that the philosophy of Thanksgiving can become just as accessible as a blessing practice?

While you continue to flip through this November Newsletter soaking in all the beautiful offerings our Temple has for us this month, I invite you to let these thoughts seep in. As we begin to plan our personal Thanksgiving celebrations, I invite us to ask these questions of our loved ones. If 5780 has greeted us with any extra significance or meaning thus far, try not to let it stop there- Let that richness flow with us for the rest of this revolution around the sun. Open ourselves up to allow every holiday, or even every day, to greet us differently than ever before. Maybe act as if this remains the first time we have ever heard of the concept of Thanksgiving at all. Now, with that perspective, how would the idea of an American holiday all about gratitude land with you?

אני מודה Modah Ani,
Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg

STUDENT RABBI SCHEDULE OF VISITS

VISIT	DATE
Weekend No. 4.....	November 15-17, 2019 (Thanksgiving Gathering)
Weekend No. 5.....	December 6-8, 2019
Weekend No. 6.....	January 31-February 2, 2020

VISIT	DATE
Weekend No. 7.....	February 28 - March 1
Weekend No. 8.....	April 3-9, 2020 (Seder on Apr. 8)
Weekend No. 9.....	May 1-3, 2020

November Service leaders

Nov 1

Archie Hunnicutt

November 8

Bob Blinderman

November 15

Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg

November 22

Mary Blinderman

November 23

Mincha Service

5:30 p.m.

Archie Hunnicutt

November 29

Bob Blinderman

President's Message

For those who did not attend Rosh Hashanah services, this was the President's Congregational Address delivered on Erev Rosh Hashanah.

Shalom Chaverim!

Thanks to student rabbi Paige Lincenberg for leading our High Holiday services again this year.

Last year, as my first year as your Temple President, I had the unpleasant task of standing here and professing gloom and doom in our Temple's future, if big changes did not happen fast. I thank each of you for taking my words to heart and acting on them. As a result, this year my address is that of optimism for our Temple future.

I want to tell you what an amazing Board of Trustees you have working for you! I want to personally name and thank each one of you: officers: Janet Meller, Larry Batchlear, Bob Blinderman, and Kim Hooker Batchlear; trustees: Adam Schaer, Carol Bakwin, Dan Schneider, Cheri Harrison, David Weir, Kel Seliger, and our Sisterhood co-presidents, Joan Altman and Victoria Thompson. We have a productive meeting every month, and they are the Temple's "Shark Tank!" These are some of the changes this past year that have occurred as a result of the recommendations of the board:

We have a Religious Services committee, which schedules lay-leaders for the next month. Thank you to all the service leaders. We have a variety of service formats, ranging from all English to our new Sephardic-Orthodox Mincha services, led by Archie. Now there truly is something for everyone in our Jewish community. The result is that attendance has increased dramatically this past year. We also have an Oneg chairwoman. Thank you Lisa for coordinating some delicious onegs, with a nice variety of foods and wine each week. (and Scotch, when Bob does not hide it from us!) And we are more secure, with our policewoman member Kristin Zelenveskaya providing security during services. Thank you "Z!"

We had a great time at our Hanukkah and Purim celebrations. Thank you Alex for being our Purim-master. Thanks also to everyone who braved tornado warnings to be here, and to Archie, who continued conducting services, even with our tornado alarm going off several times during the service.

We have a new website, and we have a new format for our monthly newsletter. Thank you Mary for editing (even though you say you are not the editor!)

We are growing and have welcomed 4 new chaverim to our member list this year.

There have been changes in our accounting system, allowing us to better monitor our budgetary needs. A CPA prepares monthly financial reports for us. We are now able to track gains and losses and see where we are this month compared to

Adult Education News

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

Temple Adult Education Class Progress Schedule for November:

November 3

Chapter 22, pp. 281-295, Jewish Nationalism

November 10

Chapter 23, pp. 296-309, The Secular Zionist Revolution

November 17

Class leader: Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg

November 24

Chapter 24, pp. 310-324, Zionist Settlement of the Land of Israel

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

last month. For the first time in nearly a decade, we met our budget without borrowing from savings!

We have installed new rain gutters to prevent further damage to the building foundation. A dozen people showed up for a Temple workday. The rose garden was tilled and weeded; the light posts were painted; the boxwoods were trimmed; the trees were trenched and have been trimmed. New peepholes are installed in the doors. There is a plan for painting the shed in the near future. Carpet tiles were purchased and are being installed. The kitchen has a new sink (thank you Sisterhood and Preston, for installation!) Also, thank you Preston for renovating our sprinkler system and fixing the faucet.

Sisterhood has been very active. This is the 2nd year for their Membership directory fundraiser, which raised more money this year than last year. Sisterhood directly supports Temple activities and uses their funds for receptions and special projects for the Temple. Thank you Sisterhood members for your generosity.

On October 6, we will kick off our monthly youth activities, for children of all ages. On the first Sunday of every month, at 10:30 a.m., a youth activity is planned. Our hope is that this will ultimately result in a more formal youth program (Sunday school perhaps) in the near future. Thank you Cheri, Kimi, and Kim for spearheading this project.

We are also looking forward to reviving the Danny Schwartz fund very soon, which will provide scholarships to children going to a Jewish summer camp.

And this is one of the most exciting bits of news: last year, Larry said he had heard that FEMA grants were available for security upgrades for soft targets. Our board sprung to action, getting more information quickly, and finding that the deadline for submission for the grant was only a few weeks away. An ad-hoc FEMA Grant committee was formed. The Amarillo Police Dept was quickly summoned to do a security survey of our building. They also held a seminar for Active Shooter preparedness. Based on the APD recommendations, contractors were quickly summoned for bids. Homeland Security also visited us to give more recommendations. Our grant application was filed in time. We have received word that pending a little

more information, we have been conditionally approved for a FEMA grant that will cover upgrades to our grounds, security cameras and lighting! Sincere thanks to Cheri, Bob, Adam, and Kim for all you did, very quickly, to make this happen!

Throughout our history, small groups of Jews have survived despite the odds. Just like our ancestors, we may be few, but we are strong...and stubborn! Our little Temple is an episode of "Survivor," except we would not butcher & eat a wild boar!

At Paige's Torah study earlier this year, we talked about this passage from Dvarim: "Adonai our God spoke to us at Horev, saying: You have sat long enough at this mountain." Of all the Torah studies we have had, this one had the biggest impact on me personally. Chaverim, we have sat long enough at this mountain! Last year, I asked you to leave the mountain where we have been for the last decade. I told you we must change to survive. You did just that, and I thank you. We are on a great path now, but our journey to the next mountain is not yet complete.

We need you! We need you to be active and present. We need your generous pledge to our membership campaign. We need your volunteer time.

This is the new year and a time for change. Commit to coming to services at least once or twice a month. Bring something to the oneg. Offer to be on a committee. Buy a leaf on our Tree of Life in the reception hall. Participate in Adult Ed on Sunday morning. Make a tzedakah donation. Come to Torah study. Bring your children to services and Sunday children's activities. Join Sisterhood.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our next mountain.

L'shana tova tikatevu v'teichateimu

May you be blessed with a good year, a sweet year, and may you be inscribed and sealed for blessing in the Book of Life.

Amen.

I hope to see you soon at the Temple!

With love and gratitude,

Candy

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Sisterhood Report

Fifteen women attended the October Sisterhood meeting where refreshments of tea, fruit and scones were enjoyed by all. We passed out membership forms with 10 renewing their membership and 5 joining. We sent membership forms via email and regular mail for those who did not attend the meeting. We hope you will renew your membership or if you aren't a member, we hope you will join the Sisterhood.

Kimmie Noland, Sisterhood member and owner of Kimmie Noland Jewelry, gave a presentation on "Diamonds 101." Thank you Kimmie -- it was both educational and fun!

Kids Play Group

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the first kids play group on October 6. We had about 9 kids here to play and make decorations for Sukkot.

Join us next month, **November 3, at 10:30 am** for the next meet-up. We will be playing, socializing, and making something special for the community Thanksgiving gathering.

Thanksgiving Gathering

The change in the weather has brought about fond memories of last year's Thanksgiving Gathering. We are buoyed by the anticipation of seeing our congregants and our friends from the other Amarillo religious organizations, all of whom we deeply thank for their support in seasons past and again this season, as we celebrate our 23rd Thanksgiving Gathering.

It is with great pleasure that Temple B'nai Israel will present the 23rd Thanksgiving Gathering on Sunday, November 17, 2019, from noon until 3:00 p.m. This year the Thanksgiving Gathering is a week earlier so that everyone will have more time to prepare for their holiday with family and friends. Again, the High Plains Food Bank will receive all of the monetary donations at the Thanksgiving Gathering as well as the packaged food that the attendees bring to fill the HPFB food barrels. There is no charge to attend and attendees are asked to bring either a bread or a dessert that serves 8 for the meal.

Yizkor 5780 -- Memorial Book

Many thanks to Carrie Delaney, Editor, and the Memorial Book Committee for publishing a beautiful Yizkor Book. This is one you need to keep. Copies are available for those who were not in attendance at the service. Contact the Temple if you would like a book.

Lost and Found

The following items have been left at the Temple:

blue blazer

navy-blue yarmulke

food containers

Please contact the Temple to recover your missing items.



Sweetheart Scones

(Served at October Sisterhood meeting)

2 cups flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

½ teaspoon salt

¼ cup cold butter, cut in pieces

3 tablespoons sugar

3 tablespoons crystallized ginger, minced

2/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon milk, divided

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt; cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add sugar, ginger and 2/3 cup milk and stir with fork until dry ingredients are moist. Turn dough out on a floured surface; knead lightly 5 times. Shape dough into a ball; gently roll into an 8-inch circle. Cut circle into 6 wedges with a floured knife. Shape each wedge into a heart by cutting a 1 ½-inch slit into the short side of the triangle and spread that end into a v-shape. Round and smooth the edges with fingers to shape like a heart. Transfer scones to a baking sheet and brush with remaining 1 tablespoon milk. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until golden. Serve warm.

Yahrzeits For November

November 1

Bertie Lazar 11/1
*Philip Reshin 11/2
*Dave Rubin 11/3
*Sidney Raffkind 11/6
*Morris Rubin 11/8
Shirley Ziffer 11/5
Sam Shupack

November 8

*Sidney J. Braunig 11/11
*Lynda Marian Shapiro 11/12
*Dave Finkelstein 11/13
*Dr. Louis Dean 11/13
*D.J. Spector 11/15
*Lillian Klapman 11/16
Estelle Stahl 11/11
Allan Hess Adelman 11/13
Donald Johnson 11/13
Hal Metz 11/14
Robert Rochmill 11/16
Clarence Solnick 11/16
Hedwig Weistock
Mary Cohen
Sara Todes Goodman
Wayne H. Yackel
Helen Goodman

November 15

*Harry Carter Glass 11/18
Marc Jay Kaplan 11/17
Golda Meir
Gussie Feldman

November 22

*Ruth Tootsie Cooper 11/24
*Jake Blinderman 11/26
*Jaime V. Weir 11/29
*Martha London 11/29
Israel Eli Berkman 11/19
Frieda (Fritzie) Berk 11/19
Sam Genzer 11/20
Rebecca Bloom Gens 11/20
Dr Armin Meller 11/23
Flora Epstein 11/24
Olga Kaplan 11/26
Leonard Lipman 11/28
Michael Wolinski 11/28
Adele Kreide Kubiak 11/30
Henriette H. Voet
Belle Ruback
Anna Kempf
Eva Cizon

November 29

*David Spector 12/1
*Nathan Spector 12/1
*Sarah Jeanne Harris 12/2
*Dr. Daniel J. Schwartz 12/3
Deanna Brown 12/3
Sadie Blank 12/3
Mannie Rubin 12/4
*Albert Kligman 12/4
Anne Block 12/5
*Sol Levine 12/6
*Abe Latman 12/6

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Thank you to Carol Bakwin and to Jamie Parchesky for their beautiful musical contributions to the Kol Nidre service.

Thank you to Neal Scott for donating six tons of sand, delivered to the Temple, for the Rose Garden project.

Thank you to all our donors for your continued support!
(as of Oct. 22, 2019)

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Andrew and Candy Alpar
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Memorial Board Plaques
In Memory of Anna Grace Raffkind
In Memory of Morris Raffkind
The Morris Raffkind Family

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 bnaiisraelamarillo@gmail.com, Attn: Mary Blinderman. Thank you.

JEWISH TRIVIA FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 11/1 Dr. Benjamin Kohn
- 11/4 Dr. Stan Adelman
- 11/8 Christine Schaer
- 11/11 Timothy Hammer
- 11/12 Hunter Baker
- 11/14 Kristin Zelenevskiy (Z)
- 11/16 Bernard Cohen
- 11/19 Sara Irvine
- 11/19 Andre Sage Kohn
- 11/20 Kevin Shay
- 11/21 Pam Zenick
- 11/22 Kay Schachter
- 11/24 Barbara Chelf
- 11/28 Henry Vann Schneider
- 11/29 Ephraim Pan

NOVEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/5 Kimberly and Landon Noland

Jewish Inspiration

Gluckel of Hameln (1646 – 1724) was a pious North German woman whose memoirs provide us with a unique window into the way German Jews of the merchant class lived three hundred years ago. The mother of fourteen children, Gluckel is often cited as a real-life example of the “woman of valor” celebrated in Proverbs 31.

The following is from *The Memoirs of Gluckel of Hameln*:

Serve God from Your Heart

The best thing for you, my children, is to serve God from your heart, without falsehood or sham, not giving out to people that you are one thing while, God forbid, in your heart you are another.

Say your prayers with awe and devotion. During the time for prayers, do not stand about and talk of other things. While prayers are being offered to the Creator of the world, hold it a great sin to engage another man in talk about an entirely different matter – shall God Almighty be kept waiting until you have finished your business?

Have You Met . . . ?

Deborah - Born and died in the 12th century BCE. Judge and prophet of Ancient Israel and the only woman in the Bible to act on her own as judge, leader, prophetess and warrior. She led an army of 10,000 men, according to the Bible, against the Canaanite king, Sisera. He and his army were defeated, and it might have been Israel's final campaign against the Canaanites. Deborah's victory began a forty-two-year period of peace for Israel.

Judges 5 is in verse and is called “The Song of Deborah.” It is one of the earliest examples of poetry in the Bible.

The Word is Yiddish!

nudnick - a bore

k'vetsh - whine, complain

mishmash - confusion, mix-up

November Calendar

Friday, November 1

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Services
Archie Hunnicutt leads service

Sunday, November 3

10:30 a.m.
Adult Education
Bob Blinderman leads class

Friday, November 8

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Services
Bob Blinderman leads services

Sunday, November 8

10:30 a.m.
Adult Education
Bob Blinderman leads class

Friday, November 15

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

Saturday, November 16

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

Sunday, November 17

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

Sunday, November 17

Noon - 3 p.m.
23rd Annual Thanksgiving Gathering

Wednesday, November 20

7:00 p.m.
Board of Directors meeting

Friday, November 22

7:00 p.m.
Mary Blinderman leads services

Saturday, November 23

5:30 p.m.
Mincha Service
Archie Hunnicutt leads services

Sunday, November 24

10:30 a.m.
Adult Education
Bob Blinderman leads class

Friday, November 29

7:00 p.m.
Bob Blinderman leads services