



January 2020 – early February 2020

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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.

Paige's Page

Chodesh tov and Shanah tova!

This month's bulletin not only rings in a new year, but a new decade! Now when we refer to "the '20s," it's not necessarily the Roaring '20s! This transition provides a beautiful excuse to understand how our world has evolved over the past century and where we reside now in comparison to the celebration and optimism of the Roaring 1920s. However you choose to spend this holiday season, whether volunteering at a soup kitchen, huddled around a fire with loved ones, or both, may we keep present the light of the Chanukah flames amidst each and every one of our inner lights. May we continue to both feed and pull from our community light, letting it shine out to all those without one. Looking forward to kicking off this year with you all soon, with even more Jewish yoga, Torah study, and delicious homemade challah.

Kol tov,
Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg

STUDENT RABBI SCHEDULE OF VISITS

VISIT	DATE
Weekend No. 6.....	January 31-February 2, 2020
Weekend No. 7.....	February 28 - March 1, 2020

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

Adult Education News

We will take our 2-week winter break on January 5, 2020, and on Jan 12, 2020.

On January 19, 2020, we will resume class. In February we will choose a new book to study. Please email your suggestions for our new book to Bob Blinderman at bobbli@arn.net

The remaining assignments for the book *Turning Points in Jewish History*, by Marc J. Rosenstein are:

December 22

Chapter 27, pp. 361-375, East Meets West

December 29

Chapter 28, pp. 376-391, Benefits and Costs of Military Power

The first assignments for 2020 through 02-02-2020 from the book *Turning Points in Jewish History*, by Marc J. Rosenstein are:

Jan 5

NO CLASS - Winter Break

Jan 12

NO CLASS - Winter Break

Jan 19

Chapter 29, pp.392-408, The Feminist Revolution

Jan 26

Chapter 30, pp.409-424, The Fall of the Iron Curtain

Feb 2

Paige Lincenberg leads class

President's Message

Shalom!

Happy New Year, and welcome to the next decade! I have been waiting my entire optometric career for 2020 to arrive!

It has been a great month, and an awesome year at the Temple! Last month, we were blessed with another visit from our student rabbi Paige Lincenberg. Paige led shabbat services on Friday night and Saturday morning, followed by a well-attended Torah study. We had a yoga session on Saturday! Paige is a certified yoga instructor, and she was kind enough to teach a yoga class at the Temple. Yoga is not only good for the body, but also for the mind. Those who attended enjoyed the class, and Paige has offered to teach us again. The yoga class was followed by Havdalah and a potluck supper. The next day, Paige attended our newly-formed Kids' Group. The children enjoyed making dreidels and listening to Paige's stories. It was a lovely weekend with new events!

Soon, we should be receiving our FEMA grant. This money is designated for security upgrades for the Temple. We will be seeking bids for security cameras, doorbell cams, parking lot lighting, and several other items. A huge thank you to the ad-hoc FEMA grant committee for their hard work and success!

We have had several visitors at Shabbat services this year. Many of them have found us as a result of our new website! The website also has a calendar of services and special events, Adult Ed. schedule, and student rabbi visit dates. Soon, there will be instructions for members to log on to a "Member Only" link on our website.

We welcomed several new members this year. I hope next year brings in even more new members. If you know someone who is not a member, encourage them to join our Temple family. Even better....bring them to services with you!

Our service format has changed this year. Our lay leaders offer a variety of services, from a traditional reform service, to a more Orthodox/ Mincha service, to services mostly in English, with lots of music. There is something to suit everyone's preference! We even have a small choir now! If you have vocal talent, please let us know. Adult Ed classes have been held on Sunday mornings, and attendance is great!

And, if you have not been to an oneg lately, you will see some changes there, too. Our oneg coordinator, Lisa, has organized some beautiful onegs, with a lot of creativity. I joke that the Temple members are the subjects of my food experiments! (Sometimes for good, sometimes...well....not so good!) The social hall is filled with the buzz of chatter and children laughing. Occasionally, the lights have to be flicked on & off to hint to people that it is late, as we often lose track of the time.

Sisterhood has been very present and active this year. They are already busy planning their next event. Sisterhood is the Temple's best friend, providing support and receptions whenever they are asked. Thanks to all the Sisterhood members!

Two of our member children are preparing for Bar and Bat Mitzvah. And the Temple will be the venue for one of our member's upcoming wedding! So much nachas coming in the future....very exciting! Our Kids' Play Group is meeting every month and is enjoyed by children of all ages. It is great to see lots of smiling kids at the Temple now!

Did you know that research shows that people who regularly attend religious

President's Message (Cont.)

services report stronger social support networks and less depression? They smoke less and lead healthier and even longer lives. In a very real and physical way, attending religious services is literally good for your health.

Great things are happening at the Temple! If you have not been lately, please come back! Do something good for yourself in 2020! I wish everyone a happy, healthy, prosperous 2020!

See you at the Temple, SOON!

Candy

January Service leaders

January 3
Archie Hunnicutt

January 10
Larry Batchlear

January 17
Harry Leventhal

January 24
Sisterhood – Rosh Codesh Service

January 31
Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg



Kids Play Group

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us in December for the Kids Play Group. We enjoyed donuts and Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg helped us decorate dreidels to take home.

The next play group will be on **Sunday January 5th, at 10:30 a.m.**



Book Maven

Is the world, in your head, still getting worse? Get ready for a challenging data encounter. *Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World--and Why Things Are Better Than You Think* by Hans Rosling

This is a hopeful book about the potential for human progress when we work off facts rather than our biases.

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/5 Oliver Zane Harrison

1/6 Dr. Barry Duman

1/6 Dr. Nick Goldstein

1/7 Beth Goldstein

1/13 Eliezer Pena

1/19 Ray Martin

1/30 Lisa Goldstein

JANUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

1/1 Carolyn and Stuart Dowlen

1/4 Kim Hooker and Larry Batchlear

1/9 Cheri and Alan Harrison

1/11 Harriette and Harry Tallert

Yahrzeits for January

January 3

*Nehema Spector 1/5

Herb Kalman 1/6

Deborah Schiffman 1/6

Ben Wartell 1/7

*Dora Weitzman 1/8

*Bessie Rubin 1/10

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 10

*Alfred London 1/11

*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 17

Harry Ashley 1/16

Ruth Gens 1/17

Celia Held Springer 1/18

*Morris Mendel 1/19

Hilda Husar 1/20

Dr. S.J. Klapman 1/20

Virginia Metz 1/20

*Harriet Alexander 1/21

Vera Griffith 1/22

Samuel Lachman 1/22

Ansel Shupack 1/23

January 24

Sidney Cohen 1/24

Gene Braunig 1/25

*Morris Raffkind 1/25

*Morris Blinderman 1/26

*Ruth Levi Wolf 1/26

Ben Altman 1/27

Shirley Stern 1/28

*Leo J. Goodman 1/29

Ann Lessing 1/29

Anna Grace Raffkind 1/29

Miriam Amanda Witt Yarbrough
1/29

January 31

*Rose Jacobson 1/31

Joe Mandel 1/31

*Myrna Raffkind 1/31

Louis Goldberg

Bessie Bergelofsky

*Minnie Spector 2/1

*Lena Klein Haimes 2/1

*Bert Levy 2/2

*Sarah Zukav 2/2

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

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.

Jewish Inspiration

Rabbi Sally J. Priesand (born 1946), longtime spiritual leader of Monmouth Reform Temple in Tinton Falls, New Jersey, became, in 1972, the first woman to be ordained as a rabbi.

Have You Met . . . ?

Gertrude B. Elion, born January 23, 1918, in New York, N.Y. A hospital visit to her grandfather, who was dying of stomach cancer, inspired her to do scientific research to find a cure for the disease. She won the Nobel Prize in 1988 for demonstrating the differences in nucleic metabolism among normal cells and disease-causing cancer cells, protozoa, bacteria and viruses. Due to her research, childhood leukemia went from being a fatal disease to one in which 80 percent of the patients survived. She also developed treatments for gout and herpes along with the first drug to attack viruses.

The Word is Yiddish!

Shlumpy – unkept

Klotz (klutz) – ungraceful person

Shush – quiet!

I Prayed for Wisdom, Courage, Patience by Sally J. Priesand

Prayer was an important source of strength for me while battling breast cancer. When undergoing treatment, I must confess that I did not always know what to pray for. Because I believe in a living but limited God who does not cause the difficulties of life, it did not seem appropriate to ask now for special dispensation, to beg or bargain with God that my life might be spared. If God is not the cause, I reasoned, then God cannot be the cure.

And so, I prayed instead for wisdom not to lose perspective, to remember, in the midst of helplessness, the blessings that I continued to possess, to remain as even-tempered as possible despite being afraid or in pain. I prayed for courage to cope with whatever lay ahead and for strength to sustain the hopes of my family and friends. And in those moments when I felt absolutely powerless, something particularly difficult for a person as independent as I am, I prayed for patience and the ability to endure a little more. And when I was too weak to pray, I hoped that God's love would envelop me, that God's embrace would bring me comfort and lift me up from the depths of despair.

And for some reason, I kept remembering an episode of the television series *All in the Family*. Archie, who was more a believer than he would ever care to admit, was in real trouble one day, and he just looked up to heaven and said, "Lord, A. Bunker here." That memory continues to bring a smile to my face, knowing as I do that God is our faithful Friend, the One who listens, the One who understands.

January – Early February

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICES
Archie Hunnicutt leads services

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Adult Education
NO CLASS -winter break

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

10:30 a.m. Kids Play Group meet-up

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICES
Larry Batchlear leads services

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Adult Education
NO CLASS -winter break

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICES
Harry Leventhal leads services

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICES
Sisterhood leads services

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

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

FRIDAY JANUARY 31

7:00 p.m.
Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg
leads services

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

10:00 a.m. -- Morning service
Student Rabbi Paige leads service
11:00 Torah study
5:00 p.m. Yoga
6:00 p.m. Havdalah
Potluck Supper to follow

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:30 a.m. Adult Education
Student Rabbi Paige leads class