



February 2020 – early March 2020

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Temple B'nai Israel newsletter is published monthly. Submissions for the newsletter are due the 21st of the prior month. Send to:

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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!

With the blooming of February, we also welcome in the month of Shvat! Though our air remains crisp slightly longer until spring, the month of Shvat marks the first inkling of the awakening of our trees. Thus, on the fifteenth (or the tenth of February), we celebrate Tu BeShvat, the new year of the trees! This celebration reminds us to walk a little slower from our car to the door, pausing to breath in the pure oxygen that our trees give to us, as well as to breath in pure awe of what a gift that proves to be. It reminds us of how much longer the trees that we pass every single day have been on this earth than we even have. Lastly, in regard to the Kabbalistic Tu BeShvat Seder, it reminds us how the fruits of our trees embody four elements of a human being-action, formation, thought, and spirit. Curious how that connects to Tu BeShvat? See you in shul.

With love, awe, & gratitude for our trees,
Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg



STUDENT RABBI SCHEDULE OF VISITS

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

VISIT	DATE
Weekend No. 9.....	May 1-3, 2020

Adult Education News

Now is the time for the Adult Education Class to choose a new book to study.

The choice is made by the vote of the majority of the class.

We meet at the Temple on Sunday mornings at 10:30. New class members are welcome.

January Service leaders

February 7

Janet Meller

February 14

Harry Leventhal

February 15

Mincha service

Archie Hunnicutt

February 21

Larry Batchlear

February 28

Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg

President's Message

Shalom!

I hope everyone's year has started well, and you are succeeding with your resolutions!

"Enough." What a curious word! Depending on the usage, this word can have a positive or negative connotation.

"Thank you, I have enough."

Or "We have enough money to finish the project."

Vs. "I have had just about enough!"

Or "We just do not have enough people to make our quorum for the meeting."

When is enough, enough? I have always wished for my children to have enough. Enough means you are content, you are happy. That varies from person to person, and probably varies at different times of our lives, also. Some things are just never enough. When are you healthy enough? When have you helped enough? When have you done enough?

There are Biblical references to contentment:

Where does the expression *shepn nakhes* actually come from? As often turns out to be the case with Yiddish expressions, the answer probably lies in the Bible. Yiddish *nakhes* comes from Hebrew *nahat* [נחת], "tranquility" or "contentment," words with only a few biblical occurrences. One of these is in the verse in Ecclesiastes, *Tov m'lo khaf nah.at mim'lo h.ofnayim amal u're'ut ru'ah.* [טוב מלא כף נחת ממלא הקנים עמל ורעות רות], "Better a handful of tranquility [*nah.at*] than two hands full of toil and vexation" — or, to paraphrase it in contemporary English, "Better to relax and enjoy life than always to strive and be frustrated."

My prayer for you is that you have enough. I wish you health, contentment, and peace in this new decade. I hope to see you at the Temple.....enough!!!

With love and gratitude,

Candy

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

INTERFAITH WEEKEND

Date: Feb. 28 – March 1, 2020

To celebrate our common commitments and to love our neighbors, Temple B'nai Israel and the Amarillo UU Fellowship are welcoming one another for a weekend of interfaith worship, fun and FOOD!

- **Friday at 7:00 p.m.** at the Temple for religious services led by Student Rabbi Paige and a social hour with refreshments provided by Adam and Christine Schaar.
- **Saturday at 3:00 p.m.** choose one of the following events to attend

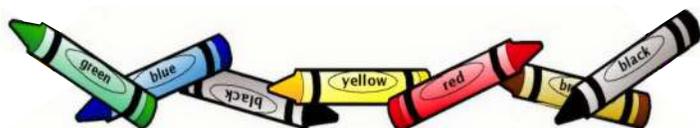
-Yoga with certified Yoga instructor Paige Lincenberg at the Temple

-Build a Little Free Library at AUUF. We will build these to place in front of the Temple and Fellowship

- **Saturday at 6:00 p.m.** at the Temple for Havdalah led by Student Rabbi Paige followed by a potluck dinner provided by the Temple.
- **Sunday at 11 a.m.** at the AUUF, worship led by Rev. Nell Newton, followed by a potluck lunch provided by the AUUF, **4901 Cornell Street.**

Kids Play Group

The Kids Play Group will be on **Sunday, February 2nd at 10:30 am.** Student Rabbi Paige will visit the group at 10:30. We will have Valentine sugar cookies for the kids to decorate and take with them. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



The Jewish Diaspora Course

This course is open to all interested in Jewish history and/or Jewish conversion to Judaism. The course will meet weekly at the synagogue Temple B'nai Israel, each week at 2:00 pm on Sundays for 14 Weeks. Course materials include reviewing DVD's, Quest for The Lost Tribes of Israel, Abba Eban's Civilization and The Jews, and The Jews coming to America, series by David Grubin. Q&A after each viewing. From our Torah, we will also explore the country of Israel being divided with Israel in the North and Judea in the South. A donation to our general fund is requested. Non-members \$54.00 a person or a family amount can be adjusted for each family. For members, \$36.00 a person or a family amount can be adjusted for each family as well. The course is conducted by Larry Dov' Batchlear. For questions and/or concerns, please feel free to send an email to Larry at bnaiisraelamarillo.org or leave a message at 352.7191. See you there!

Sisterhood News

Sisterhood lead a Rosh Codesh Shabbat service in January. The mitzvah committee provided food to home-bound members and provided a lunch for attendees of the funeral of Alice Maples, long-time member of the Temple and the Sisterhood. Many thanks to Lisa Hunnicutt for heading up the oneg committee and for making fresh challah for the onegs. The onegs are filled with delicious culinary treats. If you haven't attended services lately, you are missing out on great food and stimulating social interaction at the Sisterhood sponsored onegs. By the way, you don't have to be a member of Sisterhood to contribute to the onegs. One of our regular contributors is Preston Doerfler who brings made-from-scratch, tasty dishes. And Neal Scott contributes sweet treats baked by *My Sweet Creations* bakery. Yum! Sisterhood presently has 25 paid-up members. Looking ahead, in May we will elect officers. Please consider becoming an officer or chair a committee for the next 2-year term.

Your Sisterhood Officers

Performing Arts in Amarillo



LaToya Lain Concert

Amarillo Opera and Amarillo Museum of Art are presenting a one of a kind, and free concert. LaToya Lain will be performing a recital called Narrative of a Slave Woman on February 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Amarillo College Concert Theater. After the concert you will be invited to view the extraordinary art exhibits at the AMOA.

February 20, 2020

Thursday 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Amarillo Museum Of Art

2200 South Van Buren

Amarillo, Texas 79101

Don't Forget to Vote

In 1897 at the First World Zionist Congress the Zionist Organization was created and thereafter during the Mandatory Period it became the world-recognized official Jewish people's agent to administer and develop the Jewish national homeland. Today the World Jewish Congress spends one billion dollars every year for the benefit of Jews throughout the world.

The election for the 38th World Jewish Congress is underway. Electronic voting this year began on January 21 and continues until March 11. The results of the election will have important and far reaching effects on Israel and the Diaspora. Jews who are 18 years of age and who support Zionism are eligible to vote. There is a nominal fee for voting to cover the cost of the election.

Don't forget to vote. To learn more about the World Jewish Congress and the election, visit <https://www.zionistelection.org/election/2a3b7a80-ba00-42ec-957e-c0375167a065>

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you to all our donors for your continued support! (as of January 21, 2019)

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Larry Batchlear

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Charles Hathcoat

2/4 Jo Eve Rebecca Shay

2/7 Hannah (Teddy) Schachter

2/9 Kathryn Kothari

2/9 Carly Kaplan

2/11 Larry Batchlear

2/13 Cheri Harrison

2/18 Gayle Reily

2/19 Carolyn Dowlen

2/20 Alan Shapiro

2//22 Michelle Shebowich

2/28 Dr. Leslie Reese

FEBRUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

2//7 Candy & Andrew Alpar

2/14 Patricia and Alan Shapiro

Yahrzeits for February

February 1

*Minnie Spector 2/1
*Lena Klein Haimes 2/1
*Sarah Zukav 2/2
*Bert Levy 2/2
*Ben Rudelson 2/7
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
Louis Raizes 2/7
Edward Rothkrug 2/7
Pauline Mandell
David Wolpert
Kate Baruch
Harry Landsburg
L.L. Gladstein

February 8

Sam Rabinowitz 2/8
Linda Adkins 2/8
*William Jean Saxe 2/9
*Miriam Gluck 2/9
Louis Heyman 2/10
Florence Schneider 2/10
*Alex Wormser 2/10
*Joseph Kapelus 2/11
*Edythe Lerner 2/12
*Morris Feinblatt 2/13

February 15

*Abe Feferman 2/15
Morris Wilkenfeld 2/15
*Morris Herring 2/16
Susana Rothstein Katz 2/16
Daniel Ross Noble 2/18
*Jesse Melinger 2/20
*Morris Bergman 2/21
*Eunice Weinberger 2/22
Harry Kamen 2/20
Dr. George Cohen 2/20
Fannie Welcher 2/21
Nettie Gimp
Jessie Cowan

February 22

Dr. Morris Cohen 2/22
Rose Bruton 2/22
Tess H. Adelman 2/23
*Malcolm Lachman 2/25
*Adolph Eberstadt 2/26
*Sara Reshin 2/26
*Mildred Loewenstern 2/27
Sid Levenstein 2/26
Tara Marie Kroger 2/27
Evelyn Wyant
Carl Reach
Carol Lind

March 1

*Benjamin L. Groner 3/2
Myke Klein 3/3
*Frank Seliger 3/4
*Benjamin Steinberg 3/5
*Erma Altman 3/5
*Ben Leder 3/5
*Sophie Feferman 3/5
*Sam Zukav 3/5

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.



Orange, Date and Olive Oil Cake

Bake this delicious cake for The New Year of Trees which we celebrate on February 10th this year.

- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon cardamom
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon soda
- ½ cup sugar
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 egg white
- 1/3 cup plain yogurt
- 2 tablespoons grated orange rind
- 8 whole pitted dates, cut in half lengthwise
- 1½ tablespoons sugar
- 3 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- ¼ teaspoon orange-flower water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine first 5 ingredients in a bowl; stir well and set aside. Combine sugar and oil in a large bowl; beat at high speed of a mixer for 2 minutes. Add vanilla, egg, and egg white; beat 1 minute. Add flour mixture, yogurt, and orange rind; beat until well-blended. Pour batter into a 9-inch springform pan coated with cooking spray; arrange date halves over batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Combine 1½ tablespoons sugar and orange juice; stir in flower water. Spoon juice mixture over warm cake. Cool on wire rack. Garnish with orange rind and cinnamon sticks, if desired.

Note: Orange flower water can be purchased at *Amarillo International Food Market* located on 34th and Georgia Street.

Simchas

Kathryn and Viral Kothari, daughter and son in law of Janet Meller and Joel Kaplan, are pleased to announce the birth of Aaron Kothari and Meera Kothari on December 28, 2019.

-Janet Meller and Joel Kaplan

Congratulations on the Engagement of Eleanor Hooker and Robert Fabianski. A September 2020 wedding is planned in Austin, TX.

-Kim Hooker and Larry Batchlear

New Workshop!

Join the new cooking workshop. This is not a class. This is a collaborative sharing of recipes and cooking.

SCHEDULE: Meet the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 6:00pm.

GOAL: With shared preparation of ingredients, we can meet at the fabulous Temple Kitchen, cook a new recipe and leave with containers of special meals. Don't have a lot of freezer space? Label your items and store at the Temple. Take it home after Shabbat!

WORKSHOP 1: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6 pm.

Israel Soul: Easy Essential, Delicious by Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook.

Founders of Zahav (Philadelphia restaurant dedicated to Israeli Food); this book is dedicated to food of the people - the great dishes that are the soul of Israeli cuisine. Join us as we explore the best food from tiny eateries.

We will all view the digital version of the book on the big flat screen, vote on the recipes to try in the coming months, and agree on the best way to share preparation tasks.

MENU 1: Falafel! Just show up - Preparation of ingredients will be completed in advance.

RSVP: Mandatory so that we will have enough food. Email to batchlear@hotmail.com

CAUTION: Like most great cookbooks, this book has lots of stories about the food.

Workshop Recital: Planning an Israeli Meal - a fundraiser for our Temple Kitchen to be held in Summer 2020!

Don't think this will be easy - for Hummus alone, there are 16 different "hummus toppings" to choose from in this book!

February– early March Calendar

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

10:00 a.m. Morning Service
Student Rabbi Paige leads service
Followed by
11:00 Torah study

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICE
Janet Meller leads service

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Tu B'Shevat

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:00 p.m.
Cooking Workshop No. 1

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00 p.m.
Board of Directors meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICE
Larry Batchlear leads service

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

STUDENT RABBI PAIGE LINCENBERG WEEKEND VISIT AS FOLLOWS:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICE
Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg
leads service
Oneg sponsored by Christine and Adam Schaer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

10:00 a.m. Morning service
Student Rabbi Paige leads service followed by
11:00 Torah study

3:00 p.m. --
Yoga at the Temple

or

Library Building Project at AUUF

6:00 p.m. Havdalah led by Student Rabbi Paige
Potluck Supper to follow

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

11:00 a.m. Worship Service at AUUF
Rev. Nell Newton leads service
Potluck lunch to follow