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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.

## March 2020



### Paige's Page

Chodesh tov!

I hope this month's newsletter greets you warmly, just like the increasing sunlight on our horizon. This new month of Adar, in conjunction with March, represents joy! While in winter our happiness tends to be more calm and settled, with the arising of spring we let our happiness organically manifest into energetic joy. We hear the return of bird chirps alongside the sound of groggers and Haman's name, we taste the return of fresh berries alongside the taste of Hamantashen, and we feel on our skin lighter jackets alongside wearing costumes. When we feel an abundance of joy, we tend to also feel a general abundance, as well. Thus, this month we read Parshat Terumah, referring to free-will offerings from our heart. Alongside the Purim custom of giving Mishloach Manot, we can choose to utilize the joy of Adar to maybe give a little more freely. Whether this means donating a little extra to a favorite non-profit this month, refilling a long-forgotten bird feeder in the backyard, or surprising a loved one with a handwritten letter, Adar invites us to give, spreading the joy.

May this joyous month of gift-giving nourish us amidst challenging us, comfort us amidst pushing us out of our comfort zones.

Modah ani,  
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

The Adult Education class has been viewing entertaining Jewish movies from Israel and Switzerland while we were in between books. Now we have begun a new book entitled *The Book Smugglers* by David E. Fisherman. The 2017 book won the National Jewish Book Award from the Jewish Book Council. It is an amazing, non-fiction work about six heroes of the Vilna ghetto who saved large quantities of rare Jewish books first from the Nazis, and then from the USSR. We meet on Sunday mornings at 10:30 at the Temple. Guests and new members of the class are welcome.

## March Service leaders

**March 6**

*Archie Hunnicutt*

**March 13**

*Janet Meller*

**March 14**

*Mincha service  
Archie Hunnicutt*

**March 20**

*Mary Blinderman*

**March 27**

*Larry Batchlear*

## President's Message

Shalom Chaverim!

What is it about new stuff that just makes us feel so good? That new car smell! The way I feel in a new dress or new shoes....I just feel so special! A new book has a mystery about it, waiting to unfold as we read it. I had this happy "new stuff" feeling at Shabbat services last Friday night! I happened to grab one of the new Siddurim that the Temple just purchased. I gently cracked the new binding and opened the book with pristine white pages. Much of the happiness I felt was because of the reason we have new Siddurim: we have had so many people attending Shabbat services that we have, on more than one occasion, run out of prayer books! People had to share! What a wonderful problem to have!

And there is even more new stuff to share:

This week Sisterhood held its first Jewish cooking class. A dozen ladies made homemade falafel & it was amazing! I can't wait to see what new dishes are cooked up every month! While the ladies were in the kitchen cooking, Archie led a Torah study in the social hall. Afterward, we had a Temple Board meeting. It was heartwarming to have a busy Temple on a Wednesday night! I hope we will see all of this activity continue!

Later this month, we will also have an interfaith weekend with our good friends at the Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. On this special weekend, our friends at AUUF are invited to Shabbat services conducted by our student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg on Friday night and Saturday morning, followed by Torah study Saturday. Later on Saturday, we will jointly either attend a yoga workshop at the Temple led by Rabbi Paige or a Little Free Library project led by Reverend Nell. We will all then meet at the Temple for Havdalah, followed by a potluck supper. Sunday, Reverend Nell has invited our Temple congregants to attend services at the AUUF. This special weekend will be a celebration of community, as well as a wonderful demonstration of love, respect, and acceptance of different beliefs.

More new(s): We have a choir! This is such a lovely addition to our Shabbat services, and I am enjoying the beautiful harmonies our choir produces, accompanied by Mary on piano. Our FEMA grant committee was successful in acquiring FEMA money for security upgrades, and they are busy getting bids for this project. Also, the Temple board is finalizing plans for the purchase of another Memorial Board to be mounted in the sanctuary, as there is only 1 spot left for a new Yahrzeit plate on the current boards.

I hope you enjoy all the "new stuff" as much as I am enjoying it! I look forward to needing to buy even more new Siddurim, and I hope you will contribute to that need by attending services, often!

See you at the Temple soon!

Candy

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## SAVE THESE DATES:

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### **Purim Service** **Friday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m.**

Please join us for a special Purim service led by Archie Hunnicutt.

Archie will read the Scroll of Esther. Costumes are encouraged. Oneg to follow with Hamentashen for all.

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### **You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!** **2020 COMMUNITY SEDER** **Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

The Temple will hold the first night Seder Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30 p.m. The Seder will be led by Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg.

This will be a full meal including all the traditional Seder items.

The cost is \$35 for adults. Children are \$15 (5 years and under – no charge).

Registration forms will be sent out on March 8.

## Cooking Workshop

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The first cooking workshop was a great success. The group made falafel served with delicious sauces. Fresh pita bread from Amarillo International Food Market was enjoyed by all. This class is open to Temple members and friends of the Temple. This is a collaborative sharing of recipes and cooking.

**NEXT WORKSHOP:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. We will make pistachio pilaf and Israeli salad.

**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!

**RSVP:** Mandatory so that we will have enough food. Email to [batchlear@hotmail.com](mailto:batchlear@hotmail.com)

## Kids Play Group

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There will not be a Kids Play Group in March and we encourage everyone to attend the special interfaith weekend that is planned with Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. The last Kids Play Group before the summer break will meet **April 5th at 9:30-10:30** for some special activities with Student Rabbi Paige.



## Lay-led Services Leaders

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Lay-led Service Leaders - no Dvar required! Did you know that you don't have to write your own Dvar if you volunteer to lead services? There are ready-to-go sermons here: <https://reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study> You can choose the one you'd like to read/deliver to the congregation. In addition, members of the Religious Practices Committee are always available to help you with any questions you may have about leading services. Please send an email to the Temple if you are interested: [bnaiisraelamarillo@gmail.com](mailto:bnaiisraelamarillo@gmail.com)



## Jewish Inspiration

Different and Set Apart from a Peculiar Treasure by

Edna Ferber

I can't account for the fact that I didn't resent being a Jew. Perhaps it was because I liked the way my own family lived, talked, conducted its household and its business better than I did the lives of my friends. I admired immensely my grandparents, my parents, my uncles and aunt. Perhaps it was a vague something handed down to me from no one knows where. Perhaps it was something not very admirable – the actress in me. I think, truthfully, that I rather liked dramatizing myself, feeling myself different and set apart. I probably liked to think of myself as persecuted by enemies who were (in my opinion) my inferiors.

Edna Ferber (1887-1968), who wrote *Show Boat*, *Giant*, and *So Big*, faced down anti-Semitism growing up in a small town in Iowa and continued to confront anti-Semitism as an adult.

## Have you Met...

Sally Priesand, the first female rabbi in the United States, was born June 27, 1946 in Cleveland Ohio. She was also the first woman to be ordained by a theological seminary on June 3, 1972. Other women had been ordained by rabbis in private, but not publicly.

A very quiet person, Priesand said, "I didn't decide to do this so that I would be the first woman rabbi or to carry a torch for the feminist movement. I had always wanted to teach and simply realized that what I wanted to teach was Judaism."

## The Word is Yiddish!

**Schmutz** – dirt, filth, gunk

**Schlep** – to drag or pull something

**Zaftig** – juicy, plump, shapely, voluptuous

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you to all our donors for your continued support! (as of February 21, 2020)

### General Fund

#### In Support of Temple B'nai Israel

*Anonymous*

#### For the New Memorial Board

*Harry and Harriette Tallert*

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/2 Seth Wilkenfeld

3/6 Samuel Kohn

3/6 Susan Shay

3/6 Patricia Shapiro

3/10 Scottye Kohn

3/14 Byron Wilkenfeld

3/15 Hanna Rose Kohn

3/16 Cary Schachter

3/16 Janet Meller

3/17 Archie Hunnicutt

3/19 Eva Pena

3/23 Jessica Pan

3/24 Jacob Pan

3/28 Jonathan Seliger

3/31 Jacob Josef Yarvis

## MARCH

### ANNIVERSARIES

3/16 Kay and Cary Schachter

# Yahrzeits for March

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## **March**

\*Benjamin L. Groner 3/2  
Myke Klein 3/3  
\*Frank Seliger 3/4  
Charlotte Shebowich 3/4  
\*Benjamin Steinberg 3/5  
\*Erma Altman 3/5  
\*Ben Leder 3/5  
\*Sophie Feferman 3/5  
\*Sam Zukav 3/5  
Betty Webb 3/6  
Barbara Adelman Bearak 3/9  
Dorothy Buchalter 3/10  
Max Novick 3/13  
\*Laura Kohn 3/14  
\*Myer Sherman 3/15  
Sadie Weinberger 3/15  
\*Adolph Reese 3/17  
Bess Cizon 3/17  
\*Sarah Finkelstein 3/17  
\*Isadore Kurtzman 3/17  
\*Jennie Mae Leiberman 3/19  
Scott Sanditen 3/19  
Sam Goldstein 3/20  
Col. Clare Stokes 3/21  
\*Julius Kohn 3/22  
\*Isadore Mayer 3/23  
\*Bernard G. Kuber 3/23  
\*Harry Solnick 3/24  
Ann Ashley 3/24  
Thelma Shapiro 3/25  
\*Earl Leonard Herring 3/27

Louis Eugene Yarbrough 3/27  
\*Abraham Finkelstein 3/28  
\*Lena Mandell 3/28  
\*Dora Kapelus 3/30  
Felicia Israel  
Helen Stern  
Morris Armour  
Paul Taus  
Sam Weston  
Golda Ann Ruback  
Meyer Cohen Jacobs  
Aaron Fahrenfeld  
Max Mischke  
Ramon Garcia  
Mary Berger  
Eva Baruch  
Rachel Berger  
Jack Ruback  
Harry Moskowitz  
Henry Bloch  
Bertha Cizon  
Jesse Chapman  
Betty Kaufman  
Joseph Leshansky

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

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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](mailto:BnailsraelAmarillo.org), Attn: Mary Blinderman. Thank you.

## March Calendar

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### **FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICE

Archie Hunnicutt leads service

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

Daylight savings time begins

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

Bob Blinderman leads class

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICE

Janet Meller leads service

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

6:30 p.m. MINCHA SERVICE

Archie Hunnicutt leads service

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

Bob Blinderman leads class

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

7:00 p.m.

Board of Directors meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

6:00 p.m.

Cooking Workshop No. 2

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICE

Mary Blinderman leads service

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

Bob Blinderman leads class

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

7:00 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICE

Larry Batchlear leads service

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

Bob Blinderman leads class