



Community Chaplain

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Looking for articles.

Have you read a good book lately? Or perhaps an inspirational reading or poem? Do you have a recipe you would like to share?

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

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.

November 2020

President's Message

Shalom chaverim!

Has anyone seen Fall? I swear yesterday was summer, today is winter.

In November, our thoughts traditionally go to food, family, and gratitude for all of our blessings. As we struggle to button our pants due to the COVID 10 (pounds) food seems to have been on our minds for many months now! However, the other 2 components, family and gratitude, seem very distant now. Most of us have had to cancel our big Thanksgiving gatherings this year. Family members are discouraged from coming to see us. The Temple has, sadly, cancelled our community Thanksgiving for the first time in many years. Gratitude does not easily come this year.

Talking to the husband about how difficult it is for me to write about gratitude this year, he suggested I look to the Book of Job. And so, I read about Job.

Talmudic teaching says that Job (Iyov in Hebrew) was one of three royal advisors to Pharaoh, who deliberated over the plot to murder all Jewish newborn males. Job did not protest that decree, and thus, G-d brought immense suffering to him. With Satan's urging, G-d decides to test Job's faith. Job's faith is not broken, so Satan encourages G-d to take it up a notch, and Job suffers even more. The Talmud says that now Job would not sin with his lips, but in his heart he did. Finally, G-d admonishes Job directly, teaching him that man is unable to grasp the wisdom of the Creator. Job then recognizes his error and begs G-d for forgiveness. G-d then restores blessings upon Job, and returns him to a comfortable life.

Perhaps we are all Job. We are unable to understand why G-d has sent this awful virus to disrupt our lives, our economy, our world. Could this be a modern-day test of our faith?

I have always said that you really only see a person's true self when things are bad. It is easy to be gracious, polite, patient, generous, and kind when things are good. But when things are not so good, many of us will ditch our positive traits pretty quickly, and become a person we would not want to be friends with!

So this Thanksgiving, I suggest each of us dig really deep and find things we are grateful for. If you are reading this message, start with the fact that, so far, you have survived this pandemic! Call a friend or family member and tell them you love and appreciate them. Show your love for our Temple; consider a tzedakah donation if you are moved to do so. Send a note of appreciation to a leader in our community. Say "thank you for your service" to a veteran. Say "thank you" to a health care provider.

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Find gratitude for what we do have and try to put aside all the freedoms we do not have right now.

Chaverim, I love you, I appreciate you, I value your friendship. I wish you a month of blessings.

Happy November, Happy Thanksgiving to each of you. I pray that next year we will resume our community Thanksgiving celebration, and that soon I will see you, in person, at the Temple.

Stay well!
With love and gratitude,
Candy

Shabbat Services

Because we take Covid-19 seriously, Shabbat services and Adult Ed continue to be held virtually. This will be our “temporary normal” until further notice. We hope you will join us using modern technology to stay connected. Volunteers lead services via “Go To Meeting.” The services begin at 7 p.m. After services, we visit and catch up with our Temple family. In addition, we are invited to attend “Zoom” Shabbat services at CSI in Lubbock Texas. **Please watch for communications regarding the November Shabbat service schedule.**

To receive an invitation to all services, please send an email to: bnaiisraelamarillo@gmail.com

Adult Education

We are nearing the completion of the book Not in God's Name by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. Adult Ed classes are on hold for a few weeks while Bob Blinderman is recovering from an accident. Bob will send an announcement to let you know when the class will resume. The next book will be Einstein and the Rabbi by Naomi Levy. Class meets Sunday morning at 10:30 CST in our virtual classroom.

If you wish to join the class, please call Bob at 372.9401 for an invitation to join.

Sisterhood News

The Sisterhood project for a concrete pad and sidewalk in the rose garden has been completed.



In October, Sisterhood approved funds to replace the walkway from the parking lot to the Temple entrance. In addition, an anonymous donation of \$500 was made to help pay for the project. Safety for our members and guests is a number one priority. The annual membership drive is continuing. About half of the membership is up-to-date. Your dues help us with projects that are necessary for Temple improvement. Thank you for your support.

Temple B'nai Israel Sisterhood Dues – 2020-2021

_____ I would like to join the Temple Sisterhood at the Royal “Chai” level and I am enclosing a check for \$72.00.

_____ I would like to join the Temple Sisterhood at the Double Chai level and I am enclosing a check for \$36.00

_____ I would like to join the Temple Sisterhood at the Chai level and I am enclosing a check for \$18.00

Please make your check payable to: **Temple B'nai Israel Sisterhood**

And send it to: Temple B'nai Israel, 4316 Albert, Amarillo, Texas 79106, Attention: Mary Blinderman.

Your donation is tax deductible.

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NEWS AROUND THE CONGREGATION

Condolences

We mourn the passing of Henrietta Kohn who died October 7, 2020. The Kohn family came to Amarillo in 1973 and were members of the Temple 47 years.

We mourn the passing of Amado Rodriguez, brother of Eva Pena.

May their memories be a blessing.

Simchas

Births

Adam, Christine, and Lilly Schaer are pleased to announce the birth of Hunter Patrick on October 16, 2020. Both mom and baby are doing well.

Weddings

Sarah Alpar married Drew Simmons on October 10, 2020 in Oklahoma City, OK.

Despite challenges posed by COVID 19, it was a beautiful wedding. The bride and groom were surrounded by friends and family, and the weather was perfect!

The couple was forced to postpone their honeymoon plans to Grand Cayman, due to COVID restrictions. However, they did manage to escape for a mini-honeymoon weekend in Dallas, (in a tiny house!), with a fun day spent at Six Flags of Texas. The couple will reside in Oklahoma City.



Eleanor is a Sr. Marketing Director for Indeed and Robert is a Product Manager for Indeed.

Congratulations to Hooker/Fabianski! Eleanor Ruth Hooker and Robert Mathew Fabianski married in the Santa Fe National Forest, in the middle of an aspen grove that was bright yellow for fall. The immediate family gathered for the ceremony, which was officiated by Eleanor's brother, Benjamin Hooker. Afterward, the family enjoyed a picnic to toast and celebrate the day. Eleanor and Rob reside in Austin, Texas where

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you to all our donors for your continued support! (as of September 25, 2020)

General Fund

In Support of Temple B'nai Israel

*Anonymous
Emilio and Dora Barrea
Dorrie Carskadon
Janet Meller*

For the New Sidewalk Honoring Bob Blinderman's Continued Healing

*Anonymous
Anonymous*

In Memory of Henrietta Kohn

*Carolyn Dowlen
Janet Meller and Joel Kaplan
Bob and Mary Blinderman
Jerry Aderton*

CHAPLAIN FUND

Larry Batchlear

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1 Dr. Benjamin Kohn
11/2 Harry Leventhal
11/4 Dr. Stan Adelman
11/8 Christine Schaer
11/11 Timothy Hammer
11/12 Hunter Baker
11/14 Kristin Zelenevskiy
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

Note:

If you would like to be included in the birthdays and anniversaries, please send an email to bnaiisraelamarillo@gmail.com Attn: Newsletter Editor

REFUAH SHELEMAH

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

Bob Blinderman	Bruce Kriegel
Joel Kaplan	Mabel Knox
Larry Katz	Carolyn Dowlen
Carrie Delaney (Yael bat Sarah Imani)	David Altman
DeLana Honaker	Harriette Tallert

Please offer prayers that they all have a full and speedy recovery.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

By Rabbi Naomi Levy

**For the laughter of the children,
For my own life breath,
For the abundance of food on this table,
For the ones who prepared this sumptuous feast,
For the roof over our heads,
The clothes on our backs,
For our health,
And our wealth of blessings,
For this opportunity to celebrate with family and friends,
For the freedom to pray these words
Without fear,
In any language,
In any faith,
In this great country,
Whose landscape is as vast and beautiful as her inhabitants.
Thank You, God, for giving us all these. Amen.**



Yahrzeits for November

Bertie Lazar 11/1	Frieda (Fritzie) Berk 11/19
*Philip Reshin 11/2	Sam Genzer 11/20
*Dave Rubin 11/3	Rebecca Bloom Gens 11/20
Yitzhak Rabin 11/4	Dr. Armin Meller 11/23
Robert Novick 11/5	*Ruth Tootsie Cooper 11/24
Shirley Ziffer 11/5	Flora Epstein 11/24
*Sidney Raffkind 11/6	*Jake Blinderman 11/26
*Morris Rubin 11/8	Olga Kaplan 11/26
*Sidney J. Braunig 11/11	*Jaime V. Weir 11/29
*Lynda Marian Shapiro 11/12	*Martha London 11/29
Estelle Stahl 11/11	Leonard Lipman 11/28
*Dave Finkelstein 11/13	Michael Wolinski 11/28
*Dr. Louis Dean 11/13	Adele Kreide Kubiak 11/30
Allan Hess Adelman 11/13	Gussie Feldman
Donald Johnson 11/13	Hedwig Weistock
Hal Metz 11/14	Mary Cohen
*D.J. Spector 11/15	Sara Todes Goodman
*Lillian Klapman 11/16	Wayne H. Yackel
Robert Rochmill 11/16	Helen Goodman
Clarence Solnick 11/16	Sam Shupack
Marc Jay Kaplan 11/17	Henriette H. Voet
*Harry Carter Glass 11/18	Belle Ruback
Israel Eli Berkman 11/19	Anna Kempf

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.