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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.

March 2021



Begins Saturday, March 27

Ends Sunday, April 4

President's Message

Shalom chaverim!

I am happy to report that our precious Temple survived SNOWVID Armageddon unscathed! I hope you did, too!

Last Shabbat, I was blessed to have the assistance of Larry & Kim Batchlear to try broadcasting from our sanctuary on our GoToMeeting Temple room. Feedback is that the video was good, but the audio needs some work. So we will call this attempt the Beta version! Back to the drawing board!

I asked myself, was it pure chance that my parsha for that service was T'rumah, where G-d gives the Israelites specific instructions for the construction of the Tabernacle, Ark, and contents of the building. G-d says, "Bring me gifts...from every person whose heart is so moved." Was it just a coincidence that the D'Var Torah for this parsha was broadcast from our sanctuary, which has not been used but once (for the wedding!) in the past COVID year?

The key idea in this parsha is that G-d not only asks for gifts, but that they must be gifts from the heart, of free will. In order to please G-d, our gifts must be given voluntarily and with heart-felt sentiment.

I see constant personification of this in so many of our Temple members and friends. Every board member humbles me with their offers for service to the Temple. I honestly do not remember a time when I asked a board member for assistance with a task and they declined. Sisterhood also answers "of course" when asked for help. Members donate generously to support the needs of the Temple. And our Temple

Adult Education Classes

The assignments for the class sessions for the Adult Education Class from February 28 through March 14 are the following:

Please join the class discussion on GoToMeeting at 10:30 Central Time on Sunday mornings. If you need the link information to join the class, contact Bob at bobbli@arn.net.

February 28, 2021

Ch. 14 Letting Go of Hate, pp. 238-251, *Not in God's Name*

March 7, 2021

Ch. 15 The Will to Power or the Will to Life, pp. 252-267, *Not in God's Name*

March 14, 2021

Chs. 1-5, Searching for the Soul, pp. 3-40, *Einstein and the Rabbi*

friends also give their time, prayers, advice, and tzedakah.

Chaverim, I know we have asked a lot of you in the past year. We have asked for your continued support during very difficult times. We have asked for you not to gather at the Temple to pray, but to join in virtual services, fraught with technical difficulties. We have been blessed to be able to join in prayer with Congregation Shaareth Israel in Lubbock, and Rabbi Goldmann has generously given her time to us for rabbinical services during a year when it has been impossible to have a rabbi in-person in our Temple.

I ask you to remember G-d's wishes in T'rumah. (This is from the D'Var Torah by Rabbi Ellen Weinberg Dreyfus): "...we must be active participants in our relationship with G-d; that we must do something, bring something, in order for G-d to dwell in our midst."

Per His commandment, give willingly to our Temple, from your heart. Give your time, your tzedakah, your prayers, your commitment, and your patience! I look forward to gathering with you, in our sanctuary and social hall, in 2021.

With love & gratitude,

Candy

Shabbat Services

Please join us for "virtual" services this month. Services continue to be held by "GoToMeeting" at Temple B'nai Israel and by "Zoom" at Congregation Shaareth Israel in Lubbock. Here is the schedule for March:

March 5 Rabbi Goldmann – CSI Lubbock Congregation

March 12 Harry Leventhal

March 19 Rabbi Goldmann – CSI Lubbock Congregation

March 26 To Be Announced

Let's stay connected. We can enjoy Shabbat service, see each other, and visit at the "Virtual" onegs. And hopefully in the not-too-distant future we will meet again in person.

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

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On-Line Events

From Washington Hebrew Congregation

“Together Again”

An Evening of Music and Community

SATURDAY MARCH 13, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M – 9:00 P.M.

ONLINE



From the comfort of your own home, we invite you to join us for a special Washington Hebrew Congregation event featuring Cantors Bortnick and Manevich, uniting their voices for a concert of their favorite songs. The evening, which begins with a Havdalah service led by all of our clergy, will include stories, asides, and photographs that take us back through highlights and fond memories of years past.

This event will premiere on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/whctemple) at 7:00 pm* <https://www.youtube.com/whctemple>

*Even if you can't join us, you can still enjoy the event! After the event ends, “Together Again” can be viewed on demand through our [WHC YouTube channel](#).

Cantor Susan Adelman Bortnick is the daughter of Stan and Louise Adelman. Susan was raised in Amarillo and was active in our Temple. Susan has returned to Amarillo on several occasions to lead services and present musical programs. When her grandmother, Bea Adelman, turned 100, Susan came to Amarillo to sing in her honor. If you have not heard Susan sing, you will be in for a treat.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you to all our donors for your continued support! (as of February 25, 2021)

General Fund

In Support of Temple B'nai Israel

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Memorial Board Plaques

In Memory of Henrietta Kohn

Joseph Kohn

March Birthdays

- 3/2 Seth Wilkenfeld
- 3/6 Samuel Kohn
- 3/6 Susan Shay
- 3/6 Patricia Shapiro
- 3/10 Scottye Kohn
- 3/13 Emily Howell
- 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

Note:

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

CONDOLENCES

We mourn the passing of Danny Roberts, son of Cleon Roberts.

May his memory be a blessing.

NAZI-LOOTED ART AND ARCHIVES: RECOVERING AND PRESERVING JEWISH CULTURE

Tuesday Mar 23, 2021 11:00am

There is no cost, but registration is required. To register follow this link: <https://yivo.org/Herrick>

The ravages of the Holocaust and post-World War II led to the theft and disappearance of art, archives, and personal assets. Join Jonathan Brent and Howard Spiegler for a discussion on the quest to recover and preserve these cultural treasures.



Weekly Parsha ~ March



Ki Tisa

March 6, 2021

When Moses does not return when expected from Mount Sinai, the people make a Golden Calf and worship it. God proposes to destroy the

errant nation, but Moses intercedes on their behalf.

Moses descends from the mountain carrying the Tablets of the Testimony engraved with the Ten Commandments; seeing the people dancing about their idol, he breaks the Tablets, destroys the Golden Calf and has the primary culprits put to death. He then returns to G-d to say: "If You do not forgive them, blot me out from the book that You have written."

Vayak'heil - Pekudei

March 13, 2021

Moses assembles the people of Israel and reiterates to them the commandment to observe the Shabbat. He then conveys G-d's instructions regarding the making of the Mishkan (Tabernacle.)

The people donate the required materials in abundance, bringing gold, silver, copper, blue, purple and red-dyed wool, goat hair, spun linen, animal skins, wood, olive oil, herbs and precious stones. Moses has to tell them to stop giving.

A team of wise-hearted artisans make the Mishkan and its furnishings: three layers of roof coverings; 48 gold-plated wall panels, and 100 silver foundation sockets; the Parochet (Veil) that separates between the Sanctuary's two chambers and the Masach (Screen) that fronts it; the Ark and its cover with the Cherubim; the Table and its Showbread; the seven-branched Menorah with its specially-prepared oil; and the Golden Altar

and the incense burned on it; the Anointing Oil; the outdoor Altar for Burnt Offerings and all its implements; the hangings, posts and foundation sockets for the Courtyard; and the Basin and its pedestal, made out of copper mirrors.

Vayikra

March 20, 2021

Moses makes an accounting of the gold, silver and copper donated by the people for the making of the Mishkan. Betzalel, Ahaliav and their assistants make the Eight Priestly Garments – the Apron, Breastplate, Cloak, Crown, Hat, Tunic, Sash and Breeches.

The Mishkan is completed and all its components are brought to Moses, who erects it and anoints it with the holy Anointing Oil, and initiates Aaron and his four sons into the priesthood. A cloud appears over the Mishkan, signifying the Divine Presence that has come to dwell within it.

Tzav

March 27, 2021

(Shabbat HaGadol – 1st Seder Night)

The fire on the Altar must be kept burning at all times. In it are burned the wholly consumed ascending offering; veins of fat from the peace, sin, and guilt offerings; and the "handful" separated from the meal offering. The kohanim eat the meat of the sin and guilt offerings, and the remainder of the meal offering.

The peace offering is eaten by the one who brought it, except for specified portions given to the kohen. The holy meat of the offerings must be eaten by ritually pure persons, in their designated holy place and within their specified time.

REFUAH SHELEMAH

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

Joan Altman	Carrie Delaney (Yael bat Sarah Imani)	Harriette Tallert
Andrew Alpar	Bruce Kriegel	Neal Scott
John Alpar	Mabel Knox	Angie Hastie
Joel Kaplan	Carolyn Dowlen	
Larry Katz	David Altman	

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

Yahrzeits for March

*Benjamin L. Groner 3/2	Ann Ashley 3/24
Myke Klein 3/3	Thelma Shapiro 3/25
*Frank Seliger 3/4	*Earl Leonard Herring 3/27
Charlotte Shebowich 3/4	Louis Eugene Yarbrough 3/27
*Benjamin Steinberg 3/5	*Abraham Finkelstein 3/28
*Erma Altman 3/5	*Lena Mandell 3/28
*Ben Leder 3/5	*Dora Kapelus 3/30
*Sophie Feferman 3/5	Felicia Israel
*Sam Zukav 3/5	Helen Stern
Betty Webb 3/6	Morris Armour
Barbara Adelman Bearak 3/9	Paul Taus
Dorothy Buchalter 3/10	Sam Weston
Max Novick 3/13	Golda Ann Ruback
*Laura Kohn 3/14	Meyer Cohen Jacobs
*Myer Sherman 3/15	Aaron Fahrenfeld
Sadie Weinberger 3/15	Max Mischke
*Adolph Reese 3/17	Ramon Garcia
Bess Cizon 3/17	Mary Berger
*Sarah Finkelstein 3/17	Eva Baruch
*Isadore Kurtzman 3/17	Rachel Berger
*Jennie Mae Leiberman 3/19	Jack Ruback
Scott Sanditen 3/19	Harry Moskowitz
Sam Goldstein 3/20	Henry Bloch
Col. Clare Stokes 3/21	Bertha Cizon
*Julius Kohn 3/22	Jesse Chapman
*Isadore Mayer 3/23	Betty Kaufman
*Bernard G. Kuber 3/23	Joseph Leshansky
*Harry Solnick 3/24	

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.