



## Community Chaplain

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## Business Office

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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](mailto: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.

## May 2021

## President's Message



Shalom chaverim!

I look at my front garden and see the tulips blooming and the peonies about to pop, and it reminds me of our Temple blooming as well! Our April board meeting was full of plans, and I am so excited to see numerous activities on our calendar!

The first is, sadly, a goodbye picnic for Carol Bakwin, with a lunch graciously sponsored by our Sisterhood ladies. We will miss Carol's participation in Adult ed and her musical contributions to our Congregation. Carol even spearheaded and led a choir for our Temple, and we enjoyed listening to them many times during Shabbat services before COVID shut us down. We have immense gratitude for Carol's years as a Temple board member. We wish Carol "nothing but simchas" in her new Florida home, and hope to see her again on our virtual platform.

Another activity, sadly, is plans for a farewell for Harry Leventhal, later in May. We were blessed to have Harry join our Temple family, briefly, while he was working short-term in Amarillo. His assignment has completed, and he will now return to his home in the Dallas area. We are so grateful for Harry's participation while he was here, and have enjoyed his leadership for numerous Shabbat services. We have reminded Harry that our Go To Meeting link allows him to lead again, from miles away, and hope to see him again!! To Harry also, we wish "nothing but simchas" for him and his family.

Our friend Rev. Nell at the Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship has reached out to us for a get-together, IN PERSON, in early June. Tentative plans are in the works for a picnic/cookout and Havdalah in the UU parking lot on the evening of June 12, so keep your calendar clear for this special event. Details will be forthcoming.

And finally, plans are being made for our Temple Annual meeting, IN PERSON, at the Temple on June 27 at 12:30, including a bagel brunch. This year we will appoint our board Trustees, and a nominating committee has been formed to recommend a slate of persons to be approved at the Annual meeting. If you are interested in serving the Temple, or have a suggestion for someone who would be willing to offer their service, please let me or any Board member know.

And yes, the loaded question: when will we resume in person services at the Temple?

A committee will meet again to discuss details so we can reopen for in-person events this summer.

I have missed all of you, and look forward to seeing you again, very soon!

With love and gratitude,

Candy

## Adult Education Classes

Our assignment for May 2 from *Einstein and the Rabbi* is Chapters 38-42, Pages 267-307.

Our assignment for May 9 from *Einstein and the Rabbi* is the unnumbered chapter, on Pages 308-323.

On May 16 we will begin a new book that was first published in 2020 and is entitled *American Jewish Thought Since 1934: Writings on Identity, Engagement, and Belief*, edited by Michael Marmor and David Ellenson. The book contains a selected anthology of 79 essays that are from two to five pages each about modern American Jewish thought by some of the leading writers on the subject. For May 16, please purchase your edition of the book or eBook from your preferred seller and be prepared to discuss the first two essays, *The Future of the American Jew* by Mordecai Kaplan, pages 5-8; and *Man Is Not Alone* by Abraham Joshua Heschel, pages 9-12.

For the near term, the classes will be held only by remote attendance. As soon as (June perhaps) the Temple Board decides to re-open the Temple building for indoor gatherings, it will be announced that the classes will be held simultaneously by both remote attendance and in person attendance.

If you want to attend class by remote means, please contact Bob at [bobbli@arn.net](mailto:bobbli@arn.net) for a link to the remote classes.

## Shabbat Services

Please join us for “virtual” services this month. Services continue to be held by “Go To Meeting” at Temple B’nai Israel and by “Zoom” at Congregation Shaareth Israel in Lubbock.

Check your email weekly for Candy’s announcement on the “virtual” time and place for Shabbat services.

Let’s stay connected. Connecting virtually is safe and meaningful. In-person fellowship is greatly missed, and we look forward for a return to connecting safely at our Temple.

Here is the May Shabbat service schedule:

Friday, May 7th – CSI Lubbock led by Rabbi Goldmann

Friday, May 14th -- To Be Announced

Friday, May 21st – CSI Lubbock led by Rabbi Goldmann

Friday, May 28th -- CSI Lubbock led by Harry Leventhal

**To receive an invitation to all services, please send an email to: [bnaiisraelamarillo@gmail.com](mailto:bnaiisraelamarillo@gmail.com)**

## Farewell to Carol Bakwin



Congregants and friends of Carol met in the Temple courtyard Sunday, April 25th for a farewell picnic sponsored by the Sisterhood. It has been the good fortune of Temple B’nai Israel to count Carol as a congregant and friend.

Carol moved to Amarillo in July 2015 when the Amarillo VA

made her an “offer she couldn’t refuse.” After attending High Holy Day Services in the Fall of 2015, she became an active member within the year. Carol retired from the VA in September 2020 and decided to return to Florida, her former home of 30+ years. We wish her much happiness as she launches her retirement in Tampa, Florida.

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## Shavuot ~ May 17-18

The holiday of Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and encourages us to embrace the Torah's teachings and be inspired by the wisdom Jewish tradition has to offer.

Shavuot is the Hebrew word for "weeks," and the holiday occurs seven weeks after Passover. Shavuot, like many other Jewish holidays, began as an ancient agricultural festival that marked the end of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest. In ancient times, Shavuot was a pilgrimage festival during which Israelites brought crop offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem. Today, it is a celebration of Torah, education and the choice to participate actively in Jewish life

It is customary to eat dairy foods on Shavuot. Menus range from traditional cheese blintzes to quiches, casseroles and more. The following kugel recipe is a low in fat and calories.

### NOODLE KUGEL

- 2 eggs
- 4 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 pkg. (8 ozs.) noodles, cooked
- 1 can (8 ozs.) crushed pineapple, drained
- 1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
- 1/2 cup golden or regular raisins
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup cornflake crumbs
- 2 tablespoons butter



Beat eggs and brown sugar until fluffy. Add the cottage cheese, nutmeg, cinnamon, noodles, pineapple, sour cream, raisins, and lemon juice. Sprinkle cornflake crumbs on top; dot with butter. Turn into a baking dish coated with vegetable cooking spray. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes or until browned.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

### General Fund

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

*Anonymous*

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*Dorrie Carskadon*

*Paul Katz*

#### **For equipment expenses for Remote Services and Meetings**

*Alex Rimmel Toombs*

#### **To Honor Bob Blinderman's leadership in Adult Education and in gratitude for our continued participation**

*Nick and Linda Goldstein*

#### **Please consider donating to the Temple**

It is a wonderful way to:

- Mark a simchah
- Honor someone's memory
- Wish someone a speedy recovery
- Express Gratitude

## May BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Matthew Seliger

5/5 Dr. Bruce Weinberger

5/17 Glenna Raffkind

5/19 Carrie Delaney

5/20 Preston Doerfler

5/21 Daniel Rappaport

5/27 Ellen Rothkrug

5/28 Pat Reily

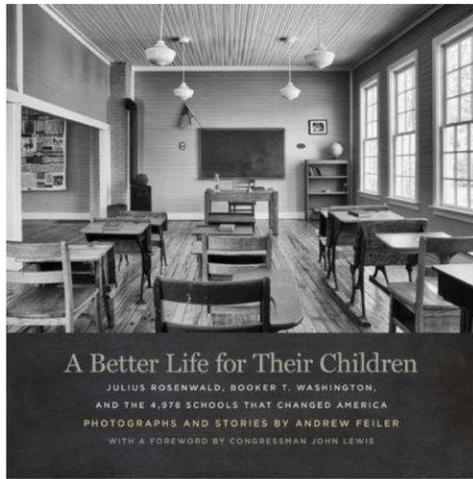
## May Anniversaries:

5/4 Michelle Shebowich and Matt Emmett

5/9 Scottye and Sam Kohn

### Note:

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



He documents the story in [A Better Life for Their Children: Julius Rosenwald, Booker T. Washington, and the 4,978 Schools that Changed America.](#)

“Born to Jewish Immigrants, Julius Rosenwald rose to lead Sears, Roebuck & Company and turn it into the world’s largest retailer. Born into slavery, Booker T. Washington became the founding principal of Tuskegee Institute. In 1912 the two men launched an ambitious program to partner with black communities across the segregated South to build public schools for African American children. This watershed moment in the history of philanthropy – one of the earliest collaborations between Jews and African Americans – drove dramatic improvement in African American education and attainment and fostered the generation who became the leaders and foot soldiers of the civil rights movement.”

The school designs were simple rectangular clapboard buildings with two rooms and a coatroom. Moveable walls allowed the space to serve as one large community room. Each of the designs were laid out by a team of Tuskegee architects led by Robert Robinson Taylor, the first accredited Black architect. Julius Rosenwald launched a cause that would later be known as civil rights, but many of us would recognize that his mission was simply to repair the world.

“The Rosenwald schools program changed America. Between World War I and World War II, the persistent Black-white education gap that had plagued the South narrowed significantly. Economists at the Federal Reserve would later conclude that Rosenwald schools were the most significant factor in that achievement.”

-The Architecture of Rosenwald School. Photodocumentary reveals design in service to education. Story and Photographs by Andrew Feiler, Architect Magazine, April 2021, pg. 48-50.

*Contributed by Kim Hooker*

*The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:*

Joan Altman	Avraham Avinu)
Andrew Alpar	Bruce Kriegel
John Alpar	Mabel Knox
Alan Alpar	David Altman
Mike Hibbs	Harriette Tallert
Joel Kaplan	Neal Scott
Larry Katz	Stuart Dowlen
Carrie Delaney (Yael bat	Lilian Jenkins

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

## Yahrzeits for May

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Joseph Brenner 5/2  
\*Dr. J.W. Klapman 5/4  
\*Jack Weinberger 5/4  
\*Louis Seliger 5/5  
Marie Hernandez 5/5  
Samuel Kaplan 5/5  
Israel "Buck" Altman 5/5  
\*Dr. Sam J. Aronson 5/6  
\*Dr. Lee Harris 5/6  
Beatrice Wilkenfeld 5/7  
Charles Doughten 5/7  
\*Bruce Allen Leder 5/8  
Irene Steiman (26 Iyar) May 28, 2021  
Lena Tallert 5/9  
\*Johanna Arnold 5/10  
\*Pearl Herring Gilbert 5/11  
\*Teddy Spector 5/11  
William Heyman 5/11  
\*Moe Gimp 5/12  
\*Dena Levick 5/13  
\*Mary Mayer 5/13  
Ruth G. Bakwin 5/12  
\*Lorraine Cohen 5/15  
Frederick Thompson 5/15  
\*Hedwig Wormser 5/16  
William D. Sorenson 5/15  
Pauline Gordon 5/18  
\*Gussie Gold 5/18  
\*Barbara Hickman 5/18  
Ailene Glatter 5/19  
Mary Francis Weir 5/21  
\*Edna Ruth Fair Ellis 5/23  
\*Marie Sherman 5/23  
Dr. Manley Cohen 5/23  
Beverly Wolpert 5/23  
Minnie H. Stern 5/23  
\*Jack C. Lerner 5/24  
Sylvia Rothstein 5/25  
\*Samuel Pelz 5/26  
Sidney Berk 5/26  
\*Mayna Silverman 5/26  
\*Max Cohen 5/27  
Tzvi Hirsch ben Shmuel HaCohen Duman 5/28  
\*Benjamin Goldberg 5/29  
\*Gaston Emil Baer 5/30  
Walter Rasor 5/30  
Robert Kaplan 5/31  
Albert Miller 5/31  
Kate G. Alexander  
Dina Bassman  
Arthur Teutsch  
Clara Teutsch  
Martha Wexall  
Katherine Berman  
Faye Taylor  
Irma Wyant  
Michael Wyant II  
David Harelik  
Barry Berchenko  
Sid Raub

*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](http://BnailsraelAmarillo.org), Attn: Mary Blinderman. Thank you.