



## June 2021

### Community Chaplain

Chaplain Larry Batchlear is available for Jewish Life-cycle events and can be reached at 352-7191

### Business Office

Larry Batchlear (806-355-0023) or  
Bob Blinderman (806-372-9401)

### 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.

### President's Message

The Magic Ingredient is Love!

That's what I told my granddaughter Lizy as we were "arguing" about which grandmother makes the best pancakes. I said I think the best pancakes are the ones you are eating, at the moment you are eating them, because they were made with the magic ingredient: Love!

That is a powerful statement, that whatever you do with love will come out the way you want it to!

The Temple Board had a very long meeting last night, due to the fact that the Temple is EXPLODING with activity right now! We have a farewell picnic, in person, next week for Harry Leventhal. Then we have a picnic...IN PERSON!...with Rev. Nell and our friends at the Unitarian Fellowship on June 12. Student Rabbi Paige returns on June 25 to lead our first in-person service in over a year. During her visit, she will also officiate Preston Doerfler's conversion. We will have a full weekend of activities with Paige. The weekend will conclude with our Temple Annual Meeting on June 27.

In addition to all of these events, our FEMA security updates are progressing. A new fence was erected this month, and the final project, new lighting, will begin soon. Many thanks to all the "garden gnomes" for all their sweat and hard work resurrecting the rose garden and getting our Little Free Library mounted.

The Temple survived COVID, the roses have the biggest blooms I have ever seen in our rose garden, we have fencing, lighting, and a new walkway. The components are being ordered to live-stream our services.

A hug and huge thank you to all the people who have given countless hours of service, simply due to the love they have for our precious Temple. It is evident that they did everything with love, because the results are spectacular!

I look forward to seeing you very soon, and I am eager to see what you choose to do for the Temple out of LOVE! I know the results will be amazing!

With love and gratitude,  
Candy

## Adult Education Classes

Temple Adult Education class in May started reading and discussing the book *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.

The classes are held by remote attendance. However if the Temple Board decides to re-open the Temple building for indoor gatherings this month, 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

We will continue “virtual” services for June 4th, June 11th, and June 18th. Check your email weekly for Candy’s announcement on the “virtual” time and place for Shabbat services. **In-person services will resume on June 25th with the return of Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg.**

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

## Mazel Tov

James Bunce, great grandson of Freddy Gens,  
Premier High School Class of 2021 graduate

## Farewell to Harry Leventhal



Congregants and friends of Harry met in the Temple courtyard Sunday, May 30th for a farewell picnic sponsored by the Sisterhood.

Harry joined the Temple in 2019. We have enjoyed his participation in Temple activities and his leadership in Shabbat services. Best wishes to Harry as he retires and returns to his home in Fort Worth.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING JUNE EVENTS

# Join us for an Interfaith Gathering

**When:** Saturday, June 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM

**Where:** 4901 Cornell St., Amarillo, TX 79109

**What:** Picnic Supper with burgers & hot dogs  
(veggie options available), icy drinks &  
desserts

The evening will begin with a Havdalah prayer  
(prayer marking the end of the sabbath)

RSVP: [rsvpTempleBnai@gmail.com](mailto:rsvpTempleBnai@gmail.com)



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## TEMPLE RE-OPENING EVENTS

Student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg will return to Amarillo to lead us in prayer and celebration for the weekend of June 25th through June 27th.

**SHABBAT SERVICE** will be Friday, June 25th at 7:00 p.m. Services will be in-person and virtual for those who are not able to attend in-person.

**HAVDALAH** will be Saturday, June 26th, at 6:00 p.m. in the newly renovated Rose Garden. A ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate the “Little Free Library” will follow.

Book donations are welcome to help fill the library.

**TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL ANNUAL MEETING** will be Sunday, June 27th at 12:30 p.m. in the Temple Social Hall.

**Check your email for more information on these events.**

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

### General Fund

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

*Anonymous*

*Anonymous*

*Dorrie Carskadon*

*Dora and Emilio Barrera*

#### In loving memory of

**Sally Chartoff**

**Ellen Atha**

*Bob and Mary Blinderman*

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

*Alex Rimmel Toombs*

#### 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

## June Birthdays

6/4 Robert Holt

6/5 Joel Kaplan

6/16 Susan Adelman Bortnick

6/16 Kel Seliger

6/20 Rachel Elizabeth Shay

6/22 Matthew Bunce

6/23 Bob Blinderman

6/25 Josephine Weir

6/29 Freddy Gens

6/29 Richard Chelf

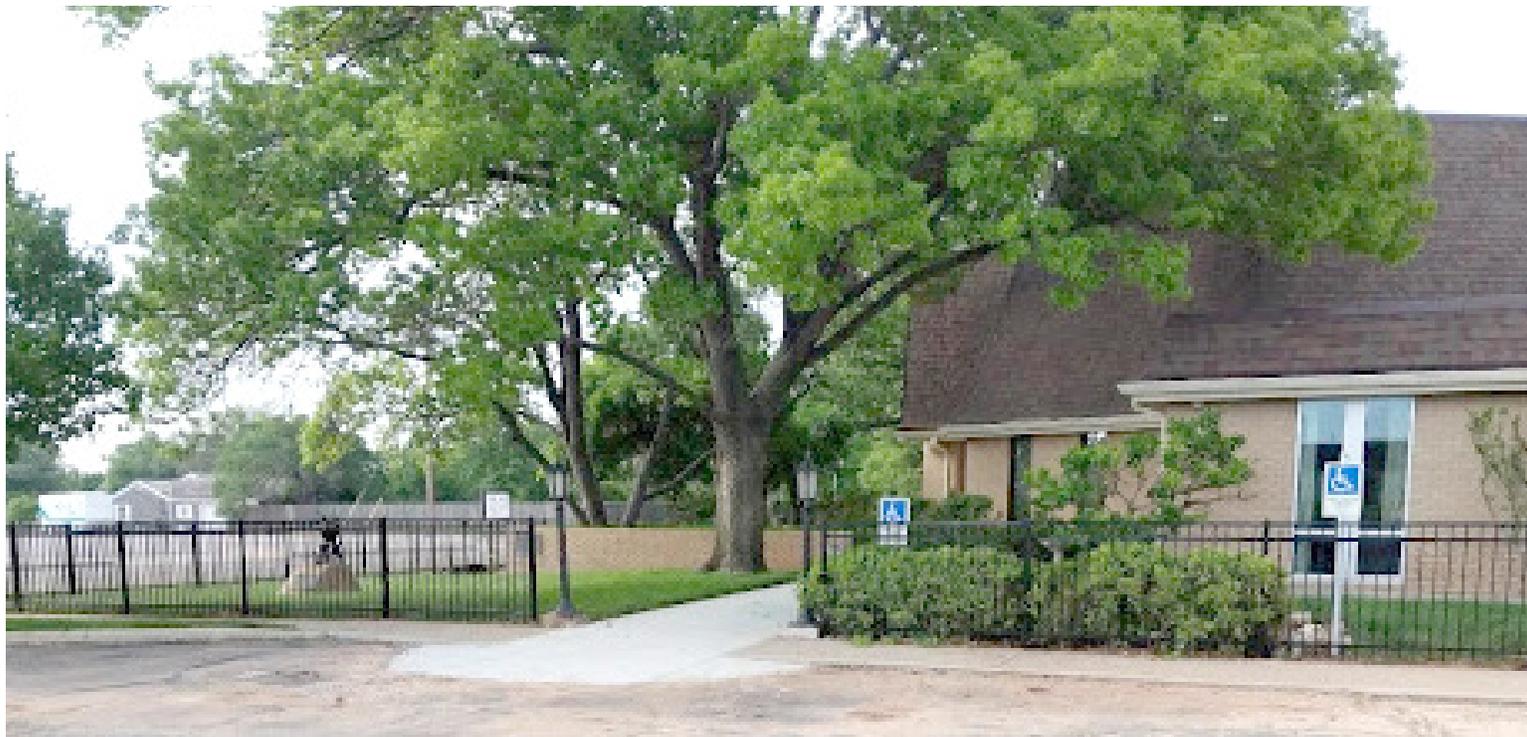
## June Anniversaries:

6/23 Eileen and Paul Pan

6/25 Linda and Nick Goldstein

### 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



In the coming months as we hopefully return to in-person services and meetings, congregants will notice some changes around the Temple. Over the past year many security upgrades have been made around the property and within the building. While most of the upgrades will not be noticeable, one change will be immediately obvious, the addition of a fence around the premises. These upgrades were made possible thanks to a Homeland Security grant received through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

## Little Free Library Installed

Have you seen the new “Little Free Library” in the Temple Rose Garden? Thank you to Kim Hooker, Bob and Mary Blinderman, Karen and Gary Schroeder, Preston Doerfler and William Viles for making and installing the Little Free Library. Plan to be present for the ribbon cutting ceremony following Havdalah on Saturday, June 26th.



## REFUAH SHELEMAH

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

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

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

# Jewish Trivia for June

Courtesy of Kim Hooker



## What's in a Name – Camp Cohen Waterpark

### The City of El Paso opens Camp Cohen Waterpark on Memorial Day

The waterpark is part of the City's capital development of the Cohen Entertainment District which is a 57-acre master planned sports and leisure entertainment destination with mixed-use venues for pedestrian-friendly promenades, active fields and open spaces.

The Cohen family came to El Paso in the early 1900s. Andy and Syd grew up above the grocery store their family owned on Yandell Street. Andy is known as "Mr. Baseball" playing in high school and leading his high school basketball team to a state championship title, winning a football scholarship to the University of Alabama and later drafted by the New York Giants.

Later in life, both Andy and Syd returned to El Paso and were instrumental in establishing and coaching the Texas Western College (UTEP) baseball team for 17 years (with no compensation for most of that time).

Additional tidbits about the Cohen brothers.

Andy: A July 1928 profile published in The New York Times calls him "Andrew Jackson Cohen," citing his insistence on retaining his name despite pressure to change it, saying that "he had done pretty well up to then as Andrew Jackson Cohen and he would continue under that name," besides it would hurt his mother to play under an assumed name.

Playing 2nd base for the Giants, vendors sold "Ice Cream Cohens" in honor of his success. He was part of a vaudeville act, with Shanty Hogan, an Irish teammate from the Giants who played catcher for the team. After the 1928 season they performed in the Loew Circuit. In a 1960 interview, Cohen reminisced that "if we didn't kill vaudeville, we sure helped."

Syd: Also attended the University of Alabama, and signed to play professional baseball with the San Francisco Seals of the West Coast League. He pitched for the Washington Senators from 1934-37. He managed in the Minor leagues for many years.



## Yahrzeits for May

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*Louis Altman 6/3	Albert Sidney Chism, Jr. 6/18
Bessie Rasor 6/3	Ida Bendalin 6/19
*Sam Herman 6/4	Rose Raizes 6/20
*Minnie Lee Solnick 6/6	Samuel Stern 6/21
*Louis Gold 6/7	*Leo Latman 6/22
Rhoda Shapiro 6/7	*Abe Wolfson 6/25
Tillie Kaplan 6/7	Lenore Miller 6/25
*Jack Duman 6/8	Faye Reisin 6/25
Heinz D. Jacob 6/8	*Mary Ann Herring 6/26
Sally Chartoff 6/9	*Chasheh Leah Axelrod 6/27
*Sylvia Rudelson 6/9	Gloria Medoff 6/28
Mae Moskowitz 6/10	Ellen Atha 6/29
Henry Saxe 6/10	Marion A. Dresner 6/30
Carolyn Geyer 6/12	Eloise Wolf
*Mamie Axelrod 6/12	Max Bassman
Manuel Ramos 6/14	Sam Replin
Frank Blackburn 6/13	Esther Tonkin
Shirley Tessler 6/13	Sadie Gelder
Caroline Haskell 6/14	Max Aronson
Sol Metz 6/15	Dr. N.E. Springer
*Baile Bagelman 6/15	Mary Bender
*Sylvia Seid 6/16	Hannah Bergelofsky

*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.