



November 2021

Community Chaplain

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

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

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

Shalom chaverim!

As we enter the final months of the secular calendar, I feel tremendous pride at the accomplishments we, as a Temple community, have achieved this year.

At the time of this writing, we are busy readying the Temple for our garage sale fundraiser this week. The money we raise will be used toward funding more rabbinical visits in 2022. A thousand thanks to the ladies on the fundraising committee, and for the Sisterhood ladies who are always willing to lend a hand. Thanks also to everyone who cleaned out closets and garages and brought items to sell.

The Thanksgiving committee is meeting this month to plan our beautiful Community Thanksgiving, scheduled for November 14. Last year was the first year that we did not have this event, due to COVID, and we are all eager to resume this lovely interfaith tradition. A big thank you goes to Bob Blinderman who has been the organizer of this event for decades.

So far this year, we have enjoyed visits from student Rabbi Paige Lincenberg in July to reopen the Temple and perform Preston's conversion; Rabbi Mike Lotker in September for High Holy Days; and Rabbi Joshua Taub in October for the Schneider B'nei Mitzvah. The tradition continues as Rabbi Holly Cohn comes to Amarillo to lead services at the end of October. She will then return for our Thanksgiving Celebration weekend in November and again for Hanukkah in December.

We still maintain a close relationship with Rabbi Goldmann and our friends at Congregation Shaareth Israel in Lubbock, and join them for Zoom services when we do not have a lay leader at our Temple.

The Temple Board meets on a regular basis, and Adult Ed also continues to meet on most Sundays.

The Temple is busy, and what we need is you! We need your presence, your participation, and your contributions. We want to continue all this fantastic programming, and expand it! We would love to start discussing a program for children. We need volunteers to assist in all of these events. Know someone who may want to be a part of our Temple community? Ask them to contact me or any Board member. COVID separated us. Now is the time to come back together, to reform our Jewish community.

I look forward to seeing you soon, at the Temple!

With love & gratitude,

Candy

Adult Education Classes

The Temple adult education group completed the book, [America's Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today](#) by Pamela Nadell. Thank you Karen Schroeder for facilitating the group. We continue to meet via GoToMeeting and in person at the Temple on Sunday mornings, at 10:30 CDT. Your choice! Now is the time to check us out as we choose a new book to discuss. If you would like to join the class, let Bob know at bobbli@arn.net and he will send you a link.



TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL COVID POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to welcome you to Temple B'nai Israel. We have a shared responsibility for the health and wellbeing of all who come to B'nai Israel for worship and study.

- ★ Masks are requested, but not required
- ★ COVID vaccination is requested, but not required
- ★ Social Distancing - Requested seating:
 - Alternate row seating in the Sanctuary (see marked rows)
 - No Masks: Seating on south side of Sanctuary (by piano)
 - Masks: Seating on north side of Sanctuary (by entry)
 - Groups not living together: sit separately
- ★ Note: The rules are subject to change to accommodate visiting Rabbi's requests.



APPROVED BY PRESIDENT OF B'NAI ISRAEL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REFUAH SHELEMAH

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

Joan Altman	Bruce Kriegel
Andrew Alpar	Mabel Knox
Alan Alpar	David Altman
Mike Hibbs	Neal Scott
Joel Kaplan	Rev. Nell Newton
Larry Katz	Emilio "Yogi" Barrea
Carrie Delaney (Yael bat Avraham Avinu)	Ernest Diaz
	Melanie Bailey

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

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Shabbat Services and High Holiday Services

Please check your email for upcoming services and other Temple activities.

Mark Your Calendar



24th Thanksgiving Gathering

Date: Sunday, November 14th

Time: 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Place: Temple B'nai Israel Social Hall

Theme: Reconnecting with Love

Beneficiaries: High Plains Food Bank for monetary donations and Code Blue Warming Station for donations of caps, socks, and mittens

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you to all our donors for your continued support! (as of October 26, 2021)

General Fund

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Dorrie Carskadon

In Honor of Joan Altman's 90th Birthday

Anonymous

Bob and Mary Blinderman

For equipment expenses for Remote Services and Meetings

Alex Rimmel Toombs

For the Adult Education Group tzedakah collection

Cleon and Lily Roberts

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



• Hanukkah begins Sunday, November 28

• and ends Monday, December 6

Light the first candle November 28th.

Please welcome Rabbi Holly Cohn December 3 through December 5 for Hanukkah at the Temple.



Sisterhood Dues – 2021-2022

_____ I would like to join the Temple Sisterhood at the Royal "Chai" ness 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.

For IRS tax purposes, the Sisterhood is a 501c (3) subdivision of Temple B'nai Israel.

November Birthdays

11/4 Dr. Stan Adelman

11/8 Christine Schaer

11/12 Hunter Baker

11/16 Bernard Cohen

11/19 Sara Irvine

11/21 Pam Zenick

11/22 Kay Schachter

11/24 Barbara Chelf

11/28 Henry Schneider

11/29 Ephraim Pan

Note:

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



Mazel Tov to Joan Altman on her 90th birthday



Mazel Tov to Lucy and David Schneider on their bat/bar mitzvah



Jewish News

Elie Wiesel Dedication

The Washington National Cathedral formally dedicated a new stone carving of Holocaust survivor and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel in a ceremony Wednesday, Oct 13th.

The carving, which was completed in April 2021, shows Wiesel's likeness inside the Cathedral's Human Rights Porch, which features carvings of leading human rights defenders throughout history. The dedication was a collaboration between the Cathedral, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity.

“From surviving the Holocaust to becoming one of the world’s leading lights in preserving the memory of that unspeakable tragedy forevermore, we owe a great debt of gratitude to Elie Wiesel,” said Cathedral Dean Randy Hollerith in a release. “It is an honor to have his memory and his legacy included in our Human Rights Porch so he can serve as a reminder of the consequences of hate, as well as the resiliency and indomitability of the human spirit. We are blessed to have Elie with us, and with the dedication of his carving, we continue the work of combating indifference and intolerance. May his memory be a blessing.”

Wednesday’s ceremony featured remarks from former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and author John Meacham, who is Canon Historian of the National Cathedral. The Wiesel family was also in attendance, and Elie’s son Elisha also spoke.



A survivor of Auschwitz and Buchenwald camps, Wiesel told his story to millions through his autobiographical novel *Night*, bringing the horrors of the Holocaust into stark focus for the world. The carving was done in place by Cathedral stone carver Sean Callahan, and was conceived with the involvement of the Wiesel family, the Cathedral said.

“Throughout his life, Elie devoted himself tirelessly to preserving the memory of the victims of the Holocaust and working to ensure that other communities do not suffer the same fate,” said Marion Wiesel, widow of Elie Wiesel and vice president of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity in a press release. “Not only does his presence in the National Cathedral memorialize his life and honor his commitment to human rights; it also ensures that new generations will learn from his teachings and carry the lessons of his life forward into the future.”

Wiesel joins the likenesses of, among others, Rosa Parks, Mother Teresa, Jonathan Daniels and Eleanor Roosevelt on the Cathedral’s Human Rights Porch.

Yahrzeits for November

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

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.