



October 2021

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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.

2021 President's Congregational Address

Shalom chaverim! L'Shana Tova!

Thank you Rabbi Lotker for a beautiful service.

In the words of the Grateful Dead: "What a long, strange trip it's been!"

No phrase better sums up the past 18 months of my term as President. In March of 2020, the Temple board sadly decided to shut our Temple doors as a result of the COVID pandemic. We thought it would be a few months, and surely we would reopen by Rosh Hashanah 2020. Our Temple Annual Meeting was cancelled, our student rabbi contract was cancelled, in-person services were cancelled. It's OK.... see you in 5781, a better year. Madame COVID had other plans.

Finally, on June 25, 2021, student Rabbi Paige came to Amarillo to celebrate Preston's conversion and reopen the Temple.

And here we are....at the commencement of 5782. Barely a month after reopening, with a strict COVID policy, again. Cases spiking, people dying. Members fearful of attending in-person.

It may have been a year of absence, but it was not a year of stagnation. Our FEMA grant money was well spent on security upgrades: the fence, new lighting, security window coverings, and other security upgrades. The Temple has immense gratitude to the FEMA grant committee for their hard work. Our St. Paul neighbors have admired our projects, and are asking us for guidance, saying "We want that, too!"

The Sisterhood has beautified the rose garden. The front walkway is no longer treacherous. Our parking lot has been striped. The shed has been painted.

People may not have been in the Temple, but our beloved Temple has yet remained very active. The Temple Board has had more meetings than pre-COVID. More committees have been formed. We have new trustees with even more new ideas. I hope each of you says thank you to every board member for all their work, optimism, and faith in our future.

But all changes have not been good changes for us. Many of the membership gains pre-COVID were lost. Members moved, sadly some died.

Sometimes the light's all shinin' on me

Other times, I can barely see

Lately, it occurs to me

What a long, strange trip it's been

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Adult Education Classes

The group meets at 10:30 a.m. Central Time in hybrid fashion: You can attend in person in the Temple board room, or you can attend remotely with this link: https://www.gotomeet.me/Temple_Administration_Bnai_Israel

Currently we are reading, America's Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today by Pamela Nadell. Karen Schroeder is facilitating the group. All are welcome to join.

2021 President's Congregational Address (cont.)

My oldest son, Jason, a very successful business owner, once told me that he despises TTWWADI, as he views it as a path to certain failure. He had to explain to ignorant mom! It's an acronym for: That's The Way We Have Always Done It.

I hope this year is evidence that we are rebuking TTWWADI. Our first experiment is bringing in visiting rabbis to lead services. Forgive me Rabbi for alluding to you as part of an experiment. My teaser is: stay tuned; there's more to come in the upcoming months. The Board's wheels are turning...we have great projects in the pipeline.

The Board's visions will need to be funded. Recall that we have lost, not gained members. This makes me say the ugly F-word: Fundraising. And so we now have a Fundraising committee. Our first fundraising project: a garage sale in mid-October. We will celebrate Lucy and David Schneider's B'nai Mitzvah in October, and then fill the social hall with garage sale items! We will have a collection day for all your sale-able donations, so clean out your closets and garages and watch your weekly email for more information.

In one of our recent HHD communications, Rabbi Lotker sensed my frustration with the COVID situation. He told me that he wears a ring that signifies the story of King Solomon's Ring, a story I had never heard before. He said: King Solomon asked his minister to find him a ring that will elevate you when you are down, and humble you when you are too full of yourself. The King believed that this was an impossible mission. The minister looked everywhere, for months, for the perfect ring for the King. To the King's surprise, the minister was successful. On Sukkot, he handed the ring to King Solomon. It had 3 Hebrew letters: "gimel, zayin, yud," signifying the words: "Gam zeh ya'avov." This translates to "This too shall pass."

The impermanence of the bad in life is balanced by the impermanence of the good. We should be grateful for the things we have while we have them. If COVID has taught me anything, it is that things can be very different tomorrow. Embrace this moment that we are spending together, as a Temple family, so much sweeter after not being together last year.

I wish you a year of health, happiness, and blessings.

With all my love and gratitude to each of you,

L'shana Tova,

With love & gratitude,

Candy

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Shabbat Services and High Holiday Services

Services in October will be held in-person at the Temple and also will be available on Facebook.

Mark your calendars for the B'nai Mitzvah of Lucy and David Schneider October 8th at 7 p.m. with Rabbi Taub officiating.

We will welcome Rabbi Holly Cohn from Dallas for a weekend visit from Friday, October 29 through Sunday October 31. The schedule is: Friday night services at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday morning services at 10:00 a.m. immediately followed by a Torah discussion group; and, adult education discussion group on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Please check your email for service announcements and links to the services.



Temple Rummage October 21 and October 22

Please support our rummage sale on October 21 and October 22. Drop off your donations the weekend of October 16. Check your email for times and further information. If you would like to help with the sale, please contact the Temple at 352-7191 or email at bnaiisraelamarillo@gmail.com

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

General Fund

Anonymous

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Dorrie Carskadon

Cheri Harrison

For equipment expenses for Remote Services and Meetings

Alex Rimmel Toombs

Larry Batchlear

To Sponsor Rabbi Holly Cohn's weekend visits in October and December

Anonymous

High Holiday Donations

Harry and Harriette Tallert

In Memory of Roie Some

Harry and Harriette Tallert

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

October Birthdays

10/4 Allan Adelman

10/5 Dr. Michael Kohn

10/9 Jeff Yarvis

10/10 Joseph Kohn

10/11 Steven Kaplan

10/11 Nancy Seliger

10/13 Joan Altman

10/16 David Weir

10/16 Hunter Patrick Schaer

10/24 Anna Rose Kaplan

10/26 Judy Reese

10/28 Jason Herring

10/28 Elisheva Hunnicutt

10/31 David Schneider

10/31 Lucy Schneider

Note:

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

Tashlich Service at Medi-Park with Rabbi Mike Lotker



Temple Booth At Stamp Out Stigma Community Fair



Temple B'nai was well represented at the Stamp Out Stigma event on September 11th. The booth featured hamasa and chai decorating.

Sukkot at the Temple



Jewish News

Historic New Orleans Jazz Site Karnofsky Shop Destroyed by Hurricane Ida

An historic New Orleans building where a young Louis Armstrong once worked—that some say helped launch his career—was destroyed by Hurricane Ida.

Beginning in 1913, this was the tailor shop, with a residence above, of the Jewish family that provided a second home to the young Louis Armstrong. The Karnofsky family hired Armstrong to work on their junk and coal wagons, on which he would play a small tin horn. He would often eat meals with them, and they also loaned him money for his first cornet, helping to launch his career.

He recalled:

“After blowing the tin horn—so long—I wondered how I would do blowing a real horn—a cornet was what I had in mind. Sure enough, I saw a little cornet in a pawn shop window—five dollars—my luck was just right. With the Karnofskys loaning me on my salary—I saved 50 cents a week, and bought the horn. All dirty—but was soon pretty to me.”

Armstrong developed a close relationship with the family, learning a song called “Russian Lullaby” from Tillie Karnofsky, who sang it to her baby. As he remembered:

“My first Jewish meal was at the age of seven. I liked the Jewish food very much. Every time we would come in late on the little wagon from buying old rags and bones, when they would be having ‘supper’ they would fix a plate of food for me, saying you’ve worked, might as well eat here with us.”

Morris Karnofsky, the son of the family and Armstrong’s boyhood friend, went on to open Morris Music, the first jazz record shop in the city, and a place that Armstrong visited on his many returns after he moved away in 1921.

The building is on the National Register of Historic Places. Considering it alongside the Little Gem Saloon, the Iroquois Theater, and the Eagle Saloon, John Hasse, curator of American Music at the Smithsonian Institution, said “There is probably no other block in America with buildings bearing so much significance to the history of our country’s great art form, jazz.”



Before Hurricane Ida



After Hurricane Ida

Yahrzeits for October

Linda Saxe 10/1	*Sarah Bergman 10/14	Max Arnold 10/28
*Erwin Kohn 10/1	*A.D. Guggenheim 10/15	*Savannah Bentley 10/28
*Ben Abrahamson 10/2	*Kivah Axelrod 10/16	*Zachary B. Weir 10/30
*Frank Fisherman (Tishre 26) October 2, 2021	*Hansi Baruch 10/18	*Hattie G. Eberstadt 10/30
Roy Miers 10/3	Albert Plotnik 10/18	Norma Loewenstern 10/30
Israel Eli Berkman 10/4	Ruth Schaer 10/18	*Peter Unger 10/31
*Donald Goldberg 10/4	Ernest Baruch (Heshvan 12) October 18, 2021	Michelle Kohn 10/31
*Lillian G. Schwartz 10/4	Cindy Fletcher 10/20	Ann Viner
Maxine Bakwin 10/5	*Sam Anisman 10/19	Hilda Bloch
Elwyn Kroger 10/5	*Dr. David Geffen 10/21	Jose S. Garcia
*Henrietta Kohn 10/7	Israel G. Adelman 10/21	Yitzak Cohen
Pearl Wiseblood 10/7	Rose Goldstein 10/22	Morris Tonkin
Sam Stern 10/8	*Datie Levy 10/24	Irving Weston
*Sarah Mogelson 10/8	Henry W. Metz 10/24	Moshe Hormstein
*Lube Herring 10/8	Anna Berta Tankus 10/25	Hyman Ruback
Alice J. Brown 10/9	*Minnie Kessler 10/26	Lucille Leiberman
*Joseph L. Myers 10/10	Sue Simpson Stokes 10/26	Gilford Welch
*Dora K. Altman 10/10	John Kramer 10/26	Sol Feingold
*Rebecca Latman 10/10	Lucy Wheeler 10/26	Judge Robert M. Carp
*Nathan Solomon 10/11	Isaac Newman	Ruth Savlov
*Sydney Ralph Gilbert 10/13	*George Rudelson 10/27	Harry Cizon
Steve E. Goodman 10/13	Sarah Thompson 10/27	Ida Abrahamson
*Julia Melinger 10/13	Esther Stein 10/27	

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.