



April 2022



Begins Friday, April 15
Ends Saturday, April 23

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)

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:

bnaiisraelamarillo@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

Do you remember the excitement of the last day of school? The freedom to do things you have not been able to do for a whole year, to see friends and family you have not seen, to go places you could not go....

Well, that was how I felt this past month! Finally, our COVID numbers had decreased enough to start living some semblance of NORMAL! We had in-person services TWICE! Sisterhood had a hamentaschen bake-fest and about 20 women came...and had a great time!

Unfortunately, we had to make a decision about our community Passover Seder during the peak of COVID cases, and we felt it was prudent to cancel it. It was, however, the impetus for trying something new: Seder kits: everything you need to guide you to a successful home Seder. Every cloud has a silver lining! Hopefully this is something we can continue to offer for those who want or need to do a home Seder but need guidance and the necessities.

We had no idea how good we really had it 2 years ago! The world is just a crazy, crazy place now. Perhaps this will instill in us renewed gratitude. It's tough now, but it could sure be worse! I think of the displaced people in the Ukraine, and I feel very blessed. My home is intact, my family and friends are safe. That alone is a blessing.

When life causes anxiety, I find the most peace at the Temple. Before COVID,

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Adult Education Classes

Please join us on SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH, at 10:30 a.m. in person at the Temple and virtually via Go to Meeting. We are trying a new format. We will meet monthly. We will choose a book to read and then discuss it at the meeting. At our last meeting the group chose the book *Why the Jews?* by Joseph Telushkin and Dennis Prager for April. The assignment is to read the entire book and be prepared for a lively discussion. You have plenty of time to purchase the book so join the Adult Education Group in April. We will have lots of material to discuss. To attend virtually click the following link: https://www.gotomeet.me/Temple_Administration_Bnai_Israel

Notes from Why the Jews?

The very word Jew continues to arouse passions as does no other religious, national, or political name. Why have Jews been the object of the most enduring and universal hatred in history? Why did Hitler consider murdering Jews more important than winning World War II? Why has the United Nations devoted more time to tiny Israel than to any other nation on earth?

Clear, persuasive, and thought provoking, *Why the Jews?* is must reading for anyone who seeks to understand the unique role of the Jews in human history.

In this study, Dennis Prager and Joseph Telushkin attempt to uncover and understand the roots of antisemitism—from the ancient world to the Holocaust to the current crisis in the Middle East. *Why the Jews?* offers new insights and unparalleled perspectives on some of the most recent, pressing developments in the contemporary world, including:

- The replicating of Nazi antisemitism in the Arab world
- The pervasive anti-Zionism/antisemitism on university campuses
- The rise of antisemitism in Europe
- Why the United States and Israel are linked in the minds of antisemites

(President's Message cont.)

our Temple was growing, and people were becoming more active. Habits become lifestyles. Become active again in the Temple. You will find it to be a place of peace in this crazy world. You will make new friends or restore old friendships. Come to Shabbat services, or participate/ lead a service. Volunteer for a committee. Give tzedakah. Give your time. Make it a habit to be present at the Temple, and the Temple will call you to want this habit to become a lifestyle! We have a lot to be grateful for, and giving back is the best “thank you” we can offer!

I hope to see you at the Temple soon!

With love & gratitude,

Candy

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	Rosa Roberts
Larry Katz	Alexis Roberts

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

Shabbat Services

Please join us for services this month.

- April 1st** 7:00 p.m. -- Temple B'nai Israel in person and on Facebook -- Services led by Preston Doerfler
- April 8th** 7:00 p.m. – Congregation Shaareth Israel in Lubbock “Virtually” –by Rabbi Deborah Goldmann
- April 15th** Passover begins -- No Services
- April 22nd** 7:00 p.m. -- Congregation Shaareth Israel in Lubbock “Virtually” -- Service led by Rabbi Deborah Goldmann
- April 29th** 7:00 p.m. – Temple B'nai Israel in person and on Facebook – Services led by Kim Hooker and Larry Batchlear

Candy will send a weekly reminder via email.

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Spring in Amarillo



Condolences

We mourn the passing of Carrie A. Chism Delaney who died March 26, 2022. Carrie was a member of Temple B'nai Israel. May her memory be a blessing.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you to all our donors for your continued support! (February 25, 2022)

General Fund

In Support of Temple B'nai Israel

Anonymous

In memory of Bob Blinderman

Joan Altman

For the Hamentashen Baking Event

Neal Scott

Harriette Tallert

For equipment expenses for Remote

Services and Meetings

Alex Rimmel Toombs

Kim Hooker and Larry Batchlear

It is a wonderful way to:

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

April Birthdays

4/9 Olivia Rachel Yarvis

4/11 Aaron Pan

4/11 Jennifer Hathcoat

4/13 Ben Schachter

4/20 Mary Blinderman

4/20 Paige Lincenberg

4/21 Jason Baum

4/22 Jeff Duman

4/23 Candy Alpar

4/30 Alex Rimmel Toombs

April Anniversaries

4/1 Janet Meller and Joel Kaplan

4/6 Lisa and Archie Hunnicutt

4/13 Jennifer and Chuck Hathcoat

4/27 Judy and Leslie Reese

Note:

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

Attn: Newsletter Editor

Meet Your New Member

We are pleased to welcome Elizabeth Gordon to our congregational family. Elizabeth is looking forward to attending services once again and to her upcoming conversion.



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Your Voice in Israel

Jewelry Sale for Ukrainian Cause

Kimmie Selinger Noland hosted a Jewelry Show and Sale at the hamentashen baking event. \$700 was donated to the Jewish National Fund to go towards their Ukrainian relief effort. Thank you Kimmie for contributing your jewelry sale proceeds to this fund on behalf of the Temple Sisterhood.

Sisterhood Gives Donation to Kind House Ukraine Bakery



**Kind House /
Ukraine Bakery**

The KHUB is a nonprofit bakery that has been raising money for Ukraine since 2014. The proprietor is Glenda Moore. Before the Russian invasion they used the funds they raised to meet people's basic needs with humanitarian aid. But now, the Russian invasion is changing how they meet the needs of Ukrainians. The bakery has raised \$75,000 in the last several weeks to support Ukraine. According to Moore, about 98% of their baking ingredients are donated, and they do not put a price on their baked goods. Instead, donations are accepted. Most people donate above bakery prices. They know the money goes to help people in the war zone. The "want" list for their bakery includes flour, sugar, butter, evaporated milk, powdered sugar, paper and cleaning supplies. Our Sisterhood recently purchased goods that were on the KHUB "want" list and delivered them to the bakery which is located at 2100 SW 60th Street. The bakery operates out of Glenda's home. She is presently looking for a commercial kitchen.

Hamentashen Baking Event

Thank you to Kim Hooker for making the dough and to everyone who brought filling for the hamentashen. Everyone enjoyed baking, kibitzing, and noshing some hamantaschen!

Mishloach Manot were delivered by Mary Blinderman and Victoria Thompson.



If you would like to place an order, go to:

kindhousebakery.org

2100 SW 60th Ave, Amarillo, TX 79118

(806) 220-8115

There is a three-day notice on orders. They bake it, put it on the porch with your name on it, and welcome a donation for your baked goods. Right now, Kind House has about 65 volunteers helping to bake, clean and package. If you would like to volunteer, call Glenda at the above number.

Yahrzeits for April

*Sam Raffkind 4/2	Kathryn Shapiro 4/9	Donald Paul Katz 4/24
Rose Weinstein 4/2	Leon Cizon 4/10	Edmund Stern 4/26
Eva Novick 4/2	Irving Jacklin 4/10	Glenna Scott 4/27
Paul Gens 4/2	Dr. Nathan Welcher 4/12	*Otto Josef Baruch 4/29
Kalman Kaplan 4/3	Henry Rochmill 4/15	*Benjamin Gimp Raffkind 4/30
*Ethel Abrahamson 4/3	Carl Lessing 4/15	*Janet Reach 4/30
*Philip Klapman 4/4	Ted Shapiro 4/15	Marjorie Paisley 4/30
Sam Solnick 4/5	*Blanche Levy 4/17	Louis Cowen
*H.S. (Benny) Benjamin 4/7	Esther Baer 4/17	Sara Replin
*Alfred Cohen 4/7	*Bernard Jacob Weinberger 4/18	Mary Goodman
*Hermine Ruth Lachman 4/7	Isadore Weinstein 4/19	Gussie Newman
*Hannah Bluhm 4/8	Betty Goldstein 4/20	Marion Gerber
*Anna Latman 4/8	*Morris Solomon 4/20	William Ruback
Harriet L. Chorney (26 Nisan) April 27, 2022	Harold B. Culley 4/21	David Teller
*Maurece Saxe 4/9	*Ramon (Ray) Lloyd Ashley 4/23	Ralph Kramer
Lillian Saxe 4/9	*Ruth Siegel 4/23	Sig Anisman
Louis Pilver 4/9	Bertha Harellick	
	Rabbi Kurt Reach	

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.