



July 2022

Community Chaplain

Chaplain Larry Batchlear is available for Jewish Life-cycle events and can be reached at 806-352-7191

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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

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Shalom chaverim!

What a gloriously busy month June has been at the Temple! It has been wonderful to see many of you again!

After much planning, we had a "double header" at the Temple! Preston led a beautiful Shabbat service, and we welcomed Kyla Bowles to our Jewish community as we celebrated the completion of her conversion. The following day, Janet led the service and Torah reading for Emily Howell's Bat Mitzvah, and we were treated to the beautiful choral sounds of Christina and Mike from the Lubbock/Congregation Shaareth Israel choir. We are so proud of Emily and Kyla for studying hard and preparing for these Jewish milestones! We look forward to witnessing more of their Jewish journeys. Thanks to the Sisterhood for helping with the Bat Mitzvah oneg, and to Kim for the beautiful decorations in the social hall.

As I write this, the Temple Board is preparing for the Annual meeting. We hope that members will bring us new ideas for events, fundraisers, and social gatherings. We look forward to welcoming new officers. We are also welcoming new lay leaders to the pulpit this month.

Although September still seems far away, plans are being finalized to bring Rabbi David Bloom in from Louisville, KY to lead us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. There is also discussion about the Community Thanksgiving gathering. Bob worked hard for 25 years to bring us this special event, and I hope you will join me in my commitment to continue this beautiful tradition, in his honor. Watch for more details in the future; please volunteer your help to keep our

Thanksgiving gathering continuing as a "Bob" tradition.

Volunteers are needed to serve on committees, lead Shabbat services, help with onegs, contribute to the newsletter, help with the Temple grounds.....the list goes on & on. Do you have a skill or something you enjoy doing that could translate to Temple help? Please let us know! We would love to have you!

Enjoy summer! See you at the Temple soon!

With love & gratitude,

Candy

JEWISH TIDBITS

Adult Education Classes

Adult Education will take a summer break and resume meeting on Sunday, September 11th at 10:30 a.m. at the Temple. Also we will continue the virtual format.

A big shout out to Alex Toombs for volunteering to be the facilitator. Have a great summer and see you in September.

DAF YOMI

Daf Yomi is an international practice, first started in 1923, to study the entire Babylonian Talmud (Talmud) by reading one page a day. The Talmud is the main text of rabbinic Judaism. A page a day is quite a challenge. First, there are a lot of pages, and second, at this rate of study the Daf Yomi will span seven and half years! Each page is a double-sided maze of content, with multiple sections of intergenerational rabbinic commentary to be sifted through and puzzled over (Jewish Boston).

The Talmud is divided into 37 volumes, each exploring different aspects of Jewish law (halacha). You'll find anything relevant to Jewish life in these tractates, from what time to say the Shema, the central prayer of Judaism, to how to avoid any demon skulking around abandoned buildings near you. Every page assumes knowledge of other pages, and of the rabbinic personalities and voices within. It's the ultimate intertextual study.

There is an explosion of interest in Daf Yomi with Facebook groups of every type – from traditional Orthodox men to Orthodox feminist Daf Yomi groups, a queer Daf Yomi Slack channel, Twitter and Instagram accounts dedicated to talking about the Daf.

There's a feeling of excitement among a diverse, global group of people taking on this huge commitment to Jewish learning and engaging in a radical act of Jewish unity. Other ways to access Daf content include daily reading on Sefaria (website of open access to Judaic texts), podcasts and even commuters who meet every day on the Long Island Railway.

But the most humorous and interesting example that has gained my attention is the TikTok posts by Miriam Anzovin. Raised in an Orthodox family, and now a mid-thirties, divorced atheist, Ms. Anzovin is dedicated to increasing her knowledge of Jewish literacy – her knowledge of Talmud and her connection to the Jewish world. She celebrates her intellectual heritage and her place in the continuum of the story of the Jewish people. She summarizes with the belief that “Together, we are stronger than those who ate us.”

So – find TikTok and follow @miriamanzovin. I am happy to play a few episodes for you after Adult Study on Sunday!

Definitions:

Babylonian Talmud: Compendium of Jewish law and lore developed by the Rabbis from the first centuries of the Common Era (C.E.). Codified circa 500 C.E.

Contributed by Kim Hooker

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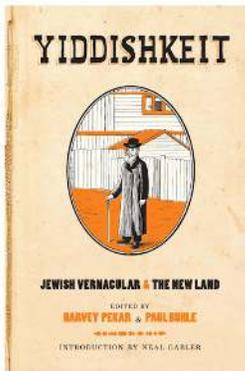
Shabbat Services

Please join us for services this month.

- July 1 7:00 p.m. – Shabbat services at Temple B’nai Israel led by Alex Toombs
- July 8 7:00 p.m. – Shabbat services at Congregation Shaareth Israel in Lubbock “Virtually”
- July 15 7:00 p.m. – Shabbat services at Temple B’nai Israel led by Janet Meller
- July 22 7:00 p.m. – Shabbat services at Temple B’nai Israel led by Alex Toombs
- July 29 7:00 p.m. – Shabbat services at Congregation Shaareth Israel in Lubbock “Virtually” led by Rabbi Goldmann

Weekly emails will be sent to remind you of services.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE



NEW FEATURE --Showcasing a Book A Month

Starting this month the Library committee will be highlighting a book of intrigue offered up by the committee, Adult Education group or other members for your enjoyment. A copy of each title will be available for checkout from the library for those interested. Please look forward to future recommendations!

The following book is being featured this month:

Kiddishkeit: Jewish Vernacular and the New Land by Harvey Pekar & Paul Buhle, eds.

Review by Wendy Wasman
– November 18, 2011

More than a little nosh, this comics anthology is a veritable feast for fans of Yiddish language and culture. [...] Not to make a tzimmes, but this book features original stories by acclaimed writers and artists, such as Pekar, Barry Deutsch, Peter Kuper, Allen Lewis Rickman, Spain Rodriguez, and Sharon Rudahl. The graphic novel medium is the perfect venue to showcase the themes of assimilation, culture, and the revival of the Yiddish language. As defined in the introduction, the word Yiddishkeit means “Jewish sensibility,” but as the authors in this volume so masterfully show us, Yiddishkeit must be felt in order to be understood. There is no better way to accomplish this task than to become immersed in the rhythms of the language.

Note: If you have book suggestions that you think we should showcase please contact Alex Toombs at a.k.remmel@hotmail.com

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

General Fund

In Support of Temple B’nai Israel
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In Honor of Emily Howell’s Bat Mitzvah
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In Memory Of Joe Kohn
Jerry Aderton

Chaplain’s Fund
In Honor of Larry Batchlear for His Service to the Jewish Community
Mary Blinderman
Susan Blinderman

In Honor of Rabbi Goldmann for her teaching and Guidance in preparing Emily for her Bat Mitzvah
Carie Howell

It is a wonderful way to:

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

July Birthdays

- 7/8 Karen Schroeder
7/9 Andrew Alpar
7/9 Harriette Tallert
7/10 Mary Schneider
7/12 Eileen Pan
7/14 Laura Duman Yarvis
7/15 George Raffkind
7/17 Katie Campbell Wilkenfeld
7/18 Adam Schaer
7/20 Jonathan Tallert
7/22 Lisa Hunnicutt
7/29 Simone Laura Kohn

July Anniversaries

- 7/3 Dyana and Barry Duman

Note:

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

SOCIAL EVENTS

Take Me Out To the Ball Game

It's been too long since Temple B'nai members and friends went to the ball game.

Let's plan to have a large group cheer on the Sod Poodles at Hodgetown. See the attached information and

let us know if you're interested. Once we know that we have a group, we will proceed to get some dates for the event.

Send email to bnaiisraelamarillo@gmail.com



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- ★ GROUP RECOGNITION ON THE HODGETOWN VIDEO BOARD
- ★ GROUP SEATING TOGETHER IN SAME SECTION
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2022 GROUP ADD-ONS

MAH JONGG AT THE TEMPLE

Do you like the thrill of besting someone at cards but can't stand the feeling of card stock? Have you felt like you want to learn a new game but don't know where to start? Well then look no further than Mahjong night at the Temple! Join us on Thursday July 7th at 6:00PM for a fun and exhilarating evening, first time players are welcome!!



CONCESSION VOUCHER

\$6 Group Price
1 hot dog, 1 bag of chips, &
1 small Pepsi Product
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AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST TRAVELING EXHIBITION COMING TO AMARILLO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Amarillo Public Library is one of 50 U.S. libraries selected to host *Americans and the Holocaust*, a traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that examines the motives, pressures, and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war, and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s.

The touring library exhibition — based on the special exhibition of the same name at the Museum in Washington, D.C. — will travel to U.S. libraries through November 2023. Twenty-five university libraries and twenty-five public libraries were selected from a pool of over 250 library-applicants from across the country. Amarillo Public Library is the only public library selected in the state of Texas.

“The Amarillo Public Library is delighted to provide our community with access to this extraordinary exhibit. In conjunction with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, we will be offering amazing presentations and documentary showings on a variety of topics related to this crucial time in American and world history. We anticipate that not only will we have our neighbors from the Panhandle region coming to see the exhibit, but also visitors from farther away, as we are the only public library in Texas to be selected as a host site for *Americans and the Holocaust*.”

Americans and the Holocaust will be on display at the Amarillo Public Library's Downtown location, 413 SE 4th Avenue in Amarillo, Texas from Saturday, September 17 to Sunday, October 23, 2022 during library hours. The exhibit is self-guided, and admission is free, as are all the related programs being held by the library.

Based on extensive new research of that period, *Americans and the Holocaust* addresses important themes in American history, exploring the many factors — including the Great Depression, isolationism, xenophobia, racism, and antisemitism — that influenced decisions made by the U.S. government, the news media, organizations, and individuals as they responded to Nazism. This exhibition will challenge the commonly held assumptions that Americans knew little and did nothing about the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews as the Holocaust unfolded.

Drawing on a remarkable collection of primary sources from the 1930s and '40s, the exhibition focuses on the stories of individuals and groups of Americans who took action in response to Nazism. It will challenge visitors to consider the responsibilities and obstacles faced by individuals — from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to ordinary Americans



— who made difficult choices, sought to effect change, and, in a few cases, took significant risks to help victims of Nazism even as rescue never became a government priority.

During the time that the Amarillo Public Library will be acting as host to the *Americans and the Holocaust* exhibition, the library will also be holding a number of programs related to the themes contained within the exhibit.

Beginning September 17th, weekly speaker presentations will be held at the Amarillo Civic Center's Heritage Room each Saturday afternoon at 2:30 PM (doors will open at 2:00 PM). The series, *Modern Perspectives on the Holocaust*, will include:

Saturday, September 17:

Who Are the Liberators? And What Did They See?

Presented by Michael Hirsh, author of *The Liberators: America's Witnesses to the Holocaust*

Saturday, September 24:

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Actions: The Rescue Mission of Mr. and Mrs. Kraus

Presented by **Steven Pressman**, author of *50 Children: One Ordinary American Couple's Extraordinary Rescue Mission into the Heart of Nazi Germany*

Saturday, October 1:

Americans and the Holocaust

Presented by Rebecca Erbelding, author of *Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America's Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe*, historian/archivist at United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and chief historian for the *Americans and the Holocaust* exhibition.

AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST TRAVELING EXHIBITION COMING TO AMARILLO PUBLIC LIBRARY (cont.)



Saturday, October 8:

Eyewitnesses to the Nazi Rise to Power

Presented by Andrew Nagorski, author of ***Hitlerland: American Eyewitnesses to the Nazi Rise to Power, and Saving Freud: The Rescuers Who Brought Him to Freedom***

Saturday, October 15:

Auschwitz & Birkenau: Amarillo College Students Share Their Experience

Presented by Amarillo College and WTAMU Student Presenters

Each week, on Thursday evenings at the Southwest Branch Library (address) a documentary series, titled Americans and the Holocaust in Film will feature a different documentary film related to one or more aspects of the Americans and the Holocaust exhibition, followed by a brief audience discussion. The series is made possible, in part, by the support of Panhandle PBS, and the Friends of the Amarillo Public

Library. Films will begin at 7:00 PM, and doors open to the public at 6:30 PM.

Thursday, September 22:

American Experience: The Boys of '36 (60 min.)

Thursday, September 29:

American Experience: America and the Holocaust (90 min.)

Thursday, October 6:

Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War (90 min.)

Thursday, October 13:

GI Jews: Jewish Americans in World War II (90 min.)

Thursday, October 20:

Witness -A Special Screening by Panhandle PBS (60 min.)

Moderated by Producer/Host Karen Welch of Panhandle PBS, with special guest Steve Walton

For more information about Americans and the Holocaust and related programming at Amarillo Public Library, visit www.amarillolibrary.org. To learn more about the exhibition, visit ushmm.org/americans-ala.

Americans and the Holocaust: A Traveling Exhibition for Libraries is an educational initiative of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association.

Americans and the Holocaust was made possible by the generous support of lead sponsor Jeannie & Jonathan Lavine. Additional major funding was provided by the Bildners — Joan & Allen z"l, Elisa Spungen & Rob, Nancy & Jim; and Jane and Daniel Och. The Museum's exhibitions are also supported by the Lester Robbins and Sheila Johnson Robbins Traveling and Special Exhibitions Fund, established in 1990.

REFUAH SHELEMAH

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

Joan Altman

Andrew Alpar

Alan Alpar

Mike Hibbs

Yogi Barrera

Abram Barrera

Miriam Goldmann

Joel Kaplan

Larry Katz

Bruce Kriegel

David Altman

Neal Scott

Caleb Bowles

David Sirmon

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

Weekly Parsha ~ July

Korach: Numbers 16:1 – 18:32

July 1, 2022

Korach and his followers, Dathan and Abiram, lead a rebellion against the leadership of Moses and Aaron. G-d punishes the rebels by burying them and their families alive.

A plague is stopped by Aaron's offering of ketoret (incense). Aaron's staff miraculously blossoms and brings forth almonds, to prove that his designation as high priest is divinely ordained.

The Kohanim (priests) and Levites are established and assigned the responsibility of managing the donations to the Sanctuary.

Chukat: Numbers 19:1 – 22:1

July 8, 2022

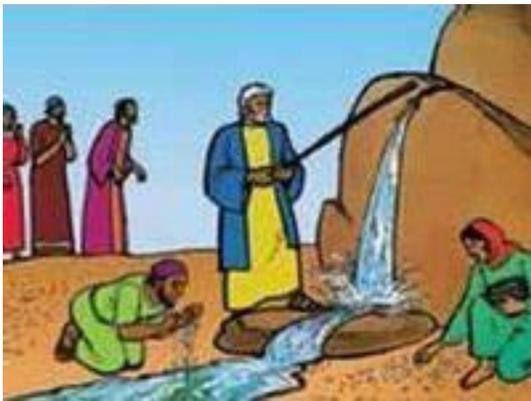
The laws of the red heifer to purify a person who has had contact with a corpse are given.

The people arrive at the wilderness of Zin. Miriam dies and is buried there.

The people complain that they have no water. Moses strikes the rock to get water for them. God tells Moses and Aaron they will not enter the Land of Israel.

Aaron dies at Hor Hahar and is succeeded in the high priesthood by his son Eleazer.

After they are punished for complaining about the lack of bread and water, the Israelites repent and are victorious in battle against the Amorites and the people of Bashan, whose land they capture.



Balak: Numbers 22:2 – 25:9

July 15, 2022

Balak, the king of Moab, summons the prophet Balaam to curse the Israelites so that he can defeat them and drive them out of the region. On the way, Balaam is berated by his donkey, who sees, before Balaam does, the angel that G-d

sends to block their way. Three times Balaam attempts to pronounce his curses; each time, the Israelites are blessed instead.

G-d punishes the Israelites with a plague for consorting with the Moabite women and their god. The plague is stayed after Pinchas kills an Israelite man and his Midianite woman.

Pinchas: Numbers 25:10 – 30:1

July 22, 2022

Aaron's grandson Pinchas is rewarded for killing the Israelite and the Midianite woman who cursed G-d.

Israel fights a war against the Midianites.

A second census is taken.

The five daughters of Zelophehad petition Moses that they be granted the portion of the land belonging to their father, who died without sons: G-d accepts their claim and incorporates it into the Torah's laws of inheritance.

Joshua is chosen to be Moses' successor and to lead the people into the land of Israel.

The sacrificial ritual for all festival occasions is described in detail.

Matot-Ma-sei: Numbers 30:2 – 36:13

July 29, 2022

Moses explains to the Israelites the laws concerning vows made by men and women.

Israel wages war against the Midianites.

The laws regarding the spoils of war are outlined.

The tribes of Reuben and Gad are granted permission to stay on the east bank of the Jordan River.

The itinerary of the Israelites through the wilderness from Egypt to Jordan is delineated.

Moses tells Israel to remove the current inhabitants of the land that G-d will give them and to destroy their gods.

The boundaries of the Land of Israel are defined, along with those of the Levitical cities and the cities of refuge.

G-d makes a precise distinction between murder and manslaughter.

The laws of inheritance as they apply to Israelite women are delineated.

Yahrzeits for July

Hymie Shiller 7/1	Milton Schneider 7/14	*Minnie Leder 7/26
*Rebecca Steinberg 7/2	Anna Metz 7/15	Dr. Harold Jacob Reese 7/27
*Sophia Heend 7/2	*Rebecca Kurtzman 7/16	*Hilda Mayer Seliger 7/30
*Gladys Guggenheim 7/2	Elaine Gelbart (7 Av) July 21, 2022	Marion Feldinger 7/30
Edythe Lipman Schwartz 7/2	Dr. George Lipshy 7/17	Stephen Gens 7/31
Jack I. Bakwin 7/3	* Nathan Jacobson 7/18	Louis J. Alexander
*Grace Anisman 7/5	*Dr. Arthur Blum, Rabbi 7/18	Bobby Rasor
Norman Levick 7/6	Dr. Herbert Wiseblood 7/19	Vera Wolinski
*Rachel Wartell (26 Tamuz) July 25, 2022	Lillian Saxe 7/19	Herman Gold
*Nettie Unger 7/7	Eva S. Reese 7/20	Nancy L. Faris
*Sam Goldstein 7/8	Vera Louise Wilson 7/20	Israel Taylor
Joseph Sisson 7/8	*Louis Feferman 7/22	Abraham Mogelson
Albert Sidney Chism 7/9	Tommy Assiter 7/22	Sid Raub
Maurice B. Brown 7/10	Anne Klein 7/22	Isabelle Strumsky
*Lena Silverman Glass 7/11	*Charles Wolfson 7/23	Rosina Kinzit
Evelyn Berg 7/11	Ethel Solomon 7/24	Morris Ruback
Fannie Ellis 7/12	Leon Schiffman 7/25	Jake Bagelman
Stanley Hammer 7/12	Sadie Blank 7/25	

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.