



## August 2022

### Community Chaplain

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

### 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:

[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

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The Temple has been having lay-led Shabbat services twice a month, in person, followed by a lovely oneg. If you have not been to services in a while, COME! Each service leader has a different style, so it is always new and fresh! Many people bring an item to the oneg, and we end up with a beautiful smorgasbord of food!

Due to the recent violence at Temples and churches, the Board approved security from an APD officer for every Shabbat service or any activity at the Temple where people come & go. Note that there will be a request in the upcoming dues statement for an additional contribution to cover these costs.

A group met this month to coordinate with the Amarillo Public Library for a presentation about Holocaust survivors. If you are interested in participating, contact Mary Blinderman: [marybli@outlook.com](mailto:marybli@outlook.com)

Other fun things at the Temple: MAHJONG! Everyone is invited, no previous experience needed! The Temple Mahjong experts will teach the novices. Everyone who attended our first mahjong night had a great time. Watch for details about the next game night.

Another fun Temple event this month: Temple night at the Sod Poodles! We had so much fun at this activity last year, we are doing it again!

The Board had our B3 (Board, Brunch, Brainstorm) meeting at Cask and Cork. Ideas for discussion from the meeting include:

- Sunday school and youth programs
- playground
- forming an ad hoc "Community" committee, chaired by Alex, to survey the Temple about their ideas and needs (the survey will be forthcoming, soon!) and to help facilitate activities of other committees
- rearranging and making changes to the Temple library
- Community Thanksgiving gathering, with a potential return visit from Rabbi Bloom
- a visit in March, for Purim, by Rabbi Sim, courtesy of the ISJL (Institute for Southern Jewish Learning)
- a garage sale fundraiser after the High Holy Days
- Sukkot
- Passover
- a Tu B'Shevat seder

## Adult Education Classes

We are on summer break. See you in September.

## President's Message (cont.)

Whew...that's a lot of activity for 1 month! We need you! Be sure to fill out and return the survey, be generous with your dues commitment, come to Shabbat services, lead a service, join a committee, be active at the Temple. As Tom Bodett says, "We'll leave the light on for you!"

See you at the Temple, SOON!

With love & gratitude,

Candy

## NEWS AROUND THE CONGREGATION



## Shabbat Services

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

#### ROSH HASHANA

Sunday, September 25	8:00 p.m.	Erev Rosh Hashana Oneg to follow
Monday, September 26	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Rosh Hashana morning service Tashlich Service – Medi Park

#### YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, October 4	8:00 p.m.	Kol Nidre
Wednesday, October 5	10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Yom Kippur Morning Service Yom Kippur Afternoon Service Yizkor Service Concluding Service Break-the-Fast to follow

Note: Sisterhood will sponsor the Rosh Hashana reception and will need folks to bake and make desserts and appetizers for the event. Please contact Mary Blinderman at [marybli@outlook.com](mailto:marybli@outlook.com) for details.

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## SOCIAL EVENTS

### MAHJONG AT THE TEMPLE

Back by popular demand is mahjong night!

Our first mahjong night was a great success.

Mahjong will resume on Thursday September 8th and we'll plan to meet the 2nd Thursday every month at the synagogue at 6 P.M.

Please RSVP to Alex Toombs at [alexandra.bnai@gmail.com](mailto:alexandra.bnai@gmail.com)

### GROUP OUTING AT SOD POODLE GAME

Our group had a great time at the ballpark as the Amarillo Sod Poodles collected 15 runs on 17 hits in a 15-2 victory over the Corpus Christi Hooks. We toughed out a 59-minute rain delay, but the wait was worth it as we saw the Sod Poodles score in six different innings and record their second highest hit total of the season. Way to go Soddies!



### BOOK CORNER

*Matzoh Ball Gumbo: Culinary Tales of the Jewish South* by Marcie Cohen Ferris

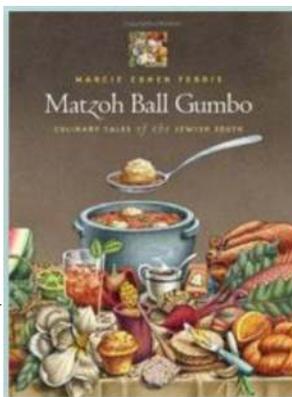
Review by Maron L Waxman

– November 10, 2011

Jews faced serious challenges in the American South, where pork and shellfish – the ultimate treyf foods – head every menu. In *Matzoh Ball Gumbo: Culinary Tales of the Jewish South* Marcie Cohen Ferris, associate director of the Caroline Center for Jewish Studies and assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, explores the ways Jews negotiated with their identities, often through the dinner table, in a region where religious and class distinctions run strong and Jews are few in number.

[...] Ferris' survey of the Southern Jewish foodways goes far beyond the kitchen as it documents Southern Jewish domestic, social racial religious, and business life over three centuries. Rich in anecdote and based on extensive interview, *Matzoh Ball Gumbo* records an important aspect of the American Jewish experience.

Note: If you have book suggestions that you think we should showcase please contact Alex Toombs at [alexandra.bnai@gmail.com](mailto:alexandra.bnai@gmail.com)



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

General Fund

### In Support of Temple B'nai Israel

*Anonymous*

### In honor of Mary Blinderman's never-ending patience

*Anonymous*

It is a wonderful way to:

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

## August Birthdays

8/9 Stuart Dowlen

8/15 Kimberly Noland

8/26 Alan Harrison

8/28 Devorah Noland

8/30 Jo Ann Holt

## August Anniversaries

8/14 Gayle and Pat Reily

8/27 Louise and Stan Adelman

## 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*

See attached flyer with information about a Honey fundraiser benefitting the Sisterhood of Congregation Shaareth Israel, our friends in Lubbock. Shipping to anyone in the US is included in the price! Please support our friends in Lubbock, as they always support us!

The flyer has an ordering link; order directly at that link.

Ensure that your friends and family have a sweet year by sending them Rosh Hashanah honey!

Note: Kim will be going to Lubbock in the near future and has offered to pick up any of our orders to bring to us. Place your order directly with CSI, but let Kim know if you would like her to pick up your order for you.

Thanks for supporting our Lubbock friends, as they always help and support us!

Candy

## Send a Sweet Message To Your Friends and Family!



**Erev Rosh Hashanah is September 25!** Send 100% pure, raw HONEY to your friends and family for a tasty, unique "Sweet New Year" greeting the "Texas" way.

Congregation Shaareth Israel Sisterhood offers you a delicious opportunity to send Rosh Hashanah greetings to friends and family. We will ship a festively-wrapped, 8 oz. jar of 100% pure, raw, and locally-produced Texas honey along with a personalized New Year's greeting and an explanation of the significance of the tradition for only \$15 per jar (includes shipping within the continental US).

We purchase locally-harvested, raw Texas wildflower honey from Round Rock Honey.

What is "raw" honey? Raw honey is honey that has not been heated, pasteurized or processed in any way. Each jar contains the vitamins, enzymes, antioxidants, pollen and floral essences that make it such a wonderfully healing and healthy food. (Scrumptious, too!)

**A sample of the note that is included with each gift:**

## Order Deadline is August 22

Your custom signature goes here

*Wishing You Health, Happiness & Honey for a Sweet New Year!*

**Love, Nonni and Papa**



Proceeds from this sale benefit CSI Sisterhood charitable endeavors.

As a tradition to herald in a sweet new year, we take an apple and dip it into honey, a tangible reflection of our trust and prayers that God will grant us all a sweet year.

We hope you enjoy this locally-harvested, raw,\* Texas wildflower honey from Round Rock Honey!

\*What is "raw" honey? Naturally Kosher, raw honey is honey that has not been heated, pasteurized or processed in any way. Raw honey contains the vitamins, enzymes, antioxidants, pollen and floral essences that make it such a wonderfully healing and healthy food.



Proceeds from this sale benefit Congregation Shaareth Israel Sisterhood charitable endeavors.

order 1-10 gifts online at

<https://tinyurl.com/CSIsHoney>

for orders of 11 or more, or more information contact Deborah Bahme at 806-559-2583 or dbahme@yahoo.com

## LOCAL NEWS

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### **AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST TRAVELING EXHIBITION COMING TO AMARILLO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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.

Beginning September 17th, weekly speaker presentations will be held at the Amarillo Civic Center's Heritage Room each Saturday afternoon at 2:30 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*

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 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. Films will begin at 7:00 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

## REFUAH SHELEMAH

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

Joan Altman

Bruce Kriegel

Andrew Alpar

David Altman

Alan Alpar

Neal Scott

Mike Hibbs

Caleb Bowles

Joel Kaplan

Larry Katz

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

## MEET YOUR NEW MEMBERS

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We welcome Chris and Martha Bailey and their family to our Temple family

Pictured are Chris, Martha, and Dorothy on back row. Tristen and Analicia on first row.

Chris and Martha have four grown children away from home: Cynthia, Anthony, Josiah, and Johnny Jr. Chris and Martha have 5 grandchildren.

Chris is a licensed insurance broker, and Martha is the product manager over CB Soundz Production a family-owned business here in Amarillo.

Martha and Chris and their family have been attending Shabbat services for several years. Martha contributes delicious food to the Onegs and Chris helps with the streaming equipment. Chris and Martha recently co-led a beautiful Shabbat service.



## Mazel Tov to Emily Howell on her Bat Mitzvah

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Emily and Candy



Janet and Emily



Emily

# MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

The newly formed Community Committee is looking to increase our community interactions and provide services and events that will interest our members. This month, folks should be receiving a survey with their dues letter that we ask you to fill out and submit so the synagogue can foster strong community ties. If you would prefer to fill it out digitally please send forms to Alex Toombs at: alexandra.bnai@gmail.com

Below is the form if you prefer to fill it out now and send to the Temple.

## Temple B'nai Israel Membership Survey

What kind of events would you like to see more of? Are there things we can do as a community that we aren't doing today? Below are some potential ideas we'd like to gauge your interest in. Please select any that apply.

### Social Events:

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| <input type="radio"/> Cooking Events/Classes (challah, hamantaschen, matzah balls, etc.) | <input type="radio"/> Shabbat Exchange (sharing Shabbat dinner with another member of the community) |
| <input type="radio"/> Community Picnic   | <input type="radio"/> Adult Education  |
| <input type="radio"/> Game Night (poker, mahjong, board games, etc.)                     | <input type="radio"/> Sisterhood   |
| <input type="radio"/> Group Outing (Ex. Sod Poodles baseball game)                       | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____   |

### Services:

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| <input type="radio"/> Food Services (Ex. weekly challah sale/delivery) | <input type="radio"/> Jewish Classes (please specify) |
| <input type="radio"/> Religious School                                 | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____                    |
| <input type="radio"/> Date Night (Temple provided babysitting)         |   |

### Community Support:

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| <input type="radio"/> Temple Beautification (cleanup, organize, etc.) | <input type="radio"/> Sponsor a Fundraiser |
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### Religious Services:

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| <input type="radio"/> Shabbat          | <input type="radio"/> Havdalah      |
| <input type="radio"/> Friday Night     | <input type="radio"/> High Holidays |
| <input type="radio"/> Saturday Morning | <input type="radio"/> Passover      |
| <input type="radio"/> Torah Study      | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____  |

\_\_\_\_ I would like to participate but I need assistance with transportation.

\_\_\_\_ I am interested in participating but require someone to come to my home.

\_\_\_\_ I am interested in virtual options for the events selected.

**Please fill out and return to the synagogue preferably by mail (4316 Albert Ave, Amarillo, TX 79106) or email. If sending via email please send forms to: [alexandra.bnai@gmail.com](mailto:alexandra.bnai@gmail.com) Thank you!**

For questions please contact Alexandra Toombs (Community Committee) at: (806) 316-8280

## Yahrzeits for August

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*Wolf Herring 8/2	Abe Brand 8/8	Louie Rimmel 8/24
Corinne Solomon 8/2	*B.M. (Bunny) Behrman 8/9	*Kate Shapiro 8/25
*Daniel Raffkind 8/2	Carlton Womack 8/10	Molly Heyman 8/25
Hanna E. Hellman 8/2	Ida Kischinovsky 8/11	Charles B. Alexander 8/26
*Pauline Weinberger 8/3	*Pauline Baer 8/13	Arthur Auslander 8/26
Dr. Jack Ziffer 8/3	Eleanor West 8/14	Paula Batchlear 8/26
Elizabeth Gardner 8/4	*David M. Schwartz 8/14	*Morris Spicer 8/26
Elizabeth Cambell Jacobi 8/4	Irving Rothstein 8/16	*Dr. Julius Levick 8/26
*Ben Solnick 8/5	Louise Auslander 8/16	Naomi Berkman Dennison 8/27
Sarah Klapman 8/5	Helen Seidel 8/18	*Rose K. Goldstein 8/29
Hyman Shebowich 8/5	Helen Feinblatt 8/19	*Blima Pelz 8/30
Henry Kranz 8/6	Yudes Skora 8/20	Esther Cohen
*Hugo H. Loewenstern, Sr. 8/6	Walter Tallert 8/20	David Cohen
*Heinz Reach 8/6	Ann Loewenstern 8/22	Philip Raub
*Abe Mogelson 8/7	Macaria Pena 8/22	Yetta Gilbert
Sheila Pearce 8/7	Lillian Ogilvie 8/24	Evelyn Mendel
Kenneth M. Axelrod 8/8	Beatrice Adelman 8/24	Albert Kempf

*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.