



Community Chaplain

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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:

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.

October 2022



Rosh Hashanah 2022/5783 President's Congregational Address

Shalom chaverim! L'shana Tova!

Thank you to Rabbi Bloom for traveling from Louisville, KY to lead us in our High Holy Day services. Thanks to our musicians: Gretchen and Ella Packer, Jamie Parchesky, and Mary Blinderman. Thank you for making our services beautiful!!!

I ask you: is the glass half full or half empty? It all depends on your perspective, right? An optimistic person sees it as half full, waiting to continue being filled. A pessimistic person sees it half empty, the best part being gone, and the rest soon to follow. Are you a glass half full person, or a glass half empty person?

Rosh Hashanah is the perfect time to decide which person you are! This is the start of a new year, a new beginning. We ask forgiveness from those we have wronged. It is the time to take stock of our positive attributes, and ditch the negative ones.

Personally, I am a "glass half full" person...although I would prefer that the glass be half full of a dark purple zinfandel...but that is a conversation to have during an oneg!

Our little Temple has had its share of challenges over the past few years, but we are still here...and that is because of each of you! Your commitment to the Temple has kept it open. Your hours of work, from your heart, have kept it alive.

My past few years as President have seen the demographics of the Temple change. What was once predominantly a senior membership and Board of Trustees has acquired a younger complexion. (Yes, we are using our retinol creams, but that is not the only reason!) For many years, there were not enough children involved at the Temple to have children's programming. I love now seeing young families with their children at Shabbat, at onegs, at cooking events. Happily, it is finally time to resurrect our children's programming, including a Sunday school. Chaverim, know that this is one of the Board's priorities now! I know all the children enjoyed the classes Rabbi Bloom led while he was here!

Adult Education Classes

Adult Education is back in session and reading *Yiddishkeit: Jewish Vernacular and the New Land*. I encourage anyone who would like to join us to order a hardback copy of the book if they can.

The dates for October are:

October 2nd – Discuss Preface – pg. 40

October 9th – Discuss pgs. 40-90 (Discussing Modern Yiddish writing history)

October 16th – Discuss pgs. 40-90 (Discussing Modern Yiddish writers)

October 23rd – No Adult Education

October 30th – Discussion pgs. 90-115

After a brief decline, membership is beginning to increase. This year, we have welcomed new members Yogi and Dora Barrea, and Chris and Martha Bailey & family. Sadly, we bid farewell to Janet Meller and Joel Kaplan as they move to Chicago, and we say a huge thank you to them for their years of friendship and service to our Temple. Best of luck to you, and we hope you stay in touch!

This past year we began welcoming visiting rabbis to our bimah. Last year we enjoyed Rabbi Lotker and Rabbi Cohn, as well as Rabbi Taub who officiated the Schneider B'nai Mitzvah. This year we welcome Rabbi Bloom for the High Holy Days (and our Thanksgiving gathering?). Additionally, we have partnered with the ISJL, the Institute for Southern Jewish Learning. Their objective is to serve small congregations, like ours. Rabbi Caroline Sim is their director of Rabbinical services, and we are blessed to welcome her from Jackson, Mississippi to our bimah March 3-5 for Purim weekend. So mark your calendars for that! Although we have not looked ahead to Passover, we do hope to revive our community Seder for this year. Note: if you would like to see more rabbinical visits, you can tag a donation to the Rabbinical fund. Additional rabbinical visits are not included in our budget, and must be funded solely through fundraising or your donation to the Rabbinical fund. If you would like more rabbinical visits this year, send us a note...specifically, green ones, with presidents on them!

Our friendship with Rabbi Goldmann and Congregation Shaareth Israel in Lubbock has continued. We are grateful to Rabbi Goldmann for her constant willingness to assist us with Bar & Bat Mitzvah training and conversion candidates. Thanks to Rabbi Goldmann for her part in Emily Howell's Bat Mitzvah this summer! Additionally, we thank our chaplain Larry Batchlear and Rabbi Lotker for their assistance with conversion candidates, one of whom was Kyla Bowles who we welcomed to Judaism this summer. Through the assistance of Rabbi Lexi Erdheim and student rabbi Paige Lincenberg, we recently also welcomed Preston Doerfler and Alexis Roberts to our Jewish tribe. Thanks to everyone who helps us build our Jewish community here in the Texas Panhandle.

Lay led services are being held every other week, and we are invited to join Rabbi Goldmann and CSI for "Zoom" Shabbat on our off weeks. Our Religious Practices committee, led by Preston, is grateful for volunteers to lead or help lead services. They are happy to mentor anyone who would like to learn how to lead a service, and we always appreciate anyone who just wants to participate in leading. Just let Preston know you are interested, and he will happily guide you from there. We are also happy to welcome back Mincha services on Saturday, led by Archie Hunnicutt.

Unfortunately, escalation of violent events towards religious organizations is causing great concern. As a result of this situation, the Board has recommended that we have an APD officer at any Temple event where people are coming and going. This includes High Holy days and Shabbat services, and special events

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such as the Thanksgiving gathering. Thank you to each of you who made a donation to this very important addition to our budget.

One nice problem we have had: we have so many things going on at the Temple now, we had to create a calendar of events! We have loads of needs, and ideas, and several new committees have been created. We have now added a permanent Grant committee looking at various grant opportunities. Thanks to Alexis and her team for all their hard work! Sisterhood had their kickoff meeting and brunch last month. And we have added a new event on the first Thursday of each month: mahjong! No experience necessary; the mahjong experts are great teachers! A nosh is your entry ticket!

So, my friends, you can see that the glass is indeed half full, waiting to be filled to the top. I look forward to continuing to serve this Congregation, along with a fantastic Board of Trustees who I am lucky enough to call friends. If you are looking for ways to be a better person in 5783, serving our Temple is a great place to start! We need every one of you to offer ideas, to volunteer, and to be present.

With all my love and gratitude, I wish you L'Shana Tova. I hope to see each of you at the Temple, often, this year!

Candy

NEWS AROUND THE CONGREGATION

Shabbat Services



Please watch for Candy's emails announcing Shabbat services at Temple B'nai Israel and zoom services at Congregation Shaareth Israel in Lubbock.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah are October 9-18. The seven days of Sukkot —celebrated by dwelling in the sukkah, taking the Four Kinds, and rejoicing —are followed by Simchat Torah. Please watch for emails announcing services for these events.

25th THANKSGIVING GATHERING



Date: Sunday, November 13th

Time: noon to 3 p.m.

Place: Temple B'nai Israel Social Hall

Theme: A Place at the Table

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

General Fund
In Support of Temple B'nai Israel
Anonymous

For High Holidays

Fran McLean

It is a wonderful way to:

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

October Birthdays

10/5 Chris Bailey
10/11 Nancy Seliger
10/13 Joan Altman
10/16 David Weir
10/16 Hunter Patrick Schaeer
10/26 Judy Reese
10/28 Jason Herring
10/28 Elisheva Hunnicutt
10/31 David Schneider
10/31 Lucy Schneider

REFUAH SHELEMAH

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

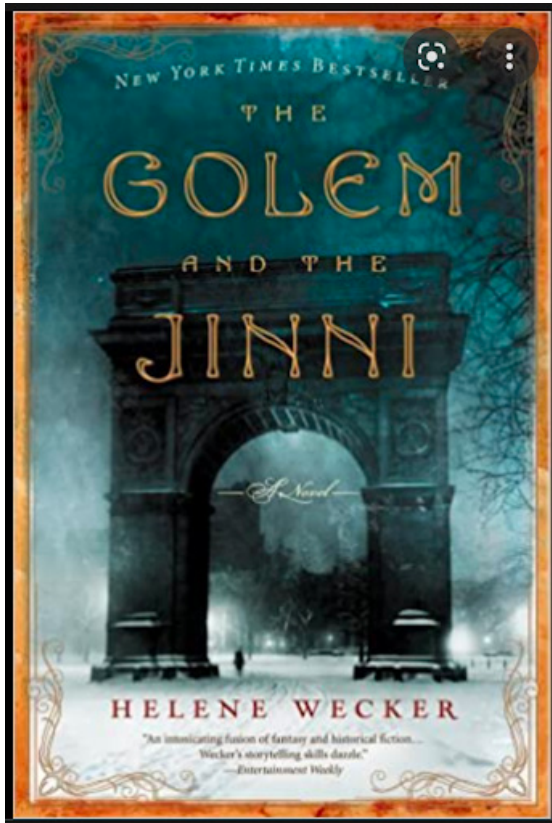
Joan Altman
Andrew Alpar
Alan Alpar
Mike Hibbs
Joel Kaplan
Larry Katz
Bruce Kriegel
Mabel Knox
David Altman
Neal Scott

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

Note:

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

BOOK CORNER



The Golem and the Jinni By: Helene Wecker

Chava is a golem, a creature made of clay, brought to life by a disgraced rabbi who dabbles in dark Kabbalistic magic, created to be the wife of a man who dies at sea on the voyage from Poland. Chava is unmoored and adrift as the ship arrives in New York harbor in 1899.

Ahmad is a jinni, a being of fire born in the ancient Syrian desert, trapped in an old copper flask, and released in New York City, though still not entirely free.

Ahmad and Chava become unlikely friends and soul mates with a mystical connection. Marvelous and compulsively readable, Helene Wecker's debut novel *The Golem and the Jinni* weaves strands of Yiddish and Middle Eastern literature, historical fiction, and magical fable, into a wondrously inventive and unforgettable tale.

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

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

NEW CLASS FORMING

In October we are going to have a class!! The title is "The Hebrew People, Their God, Faith, and Responsibility to Humankind." Part 2.

The course may run for about three months, (depending on the class participation) cost for non-members of the synagogue, will be a donation of \$72.00. and for members of the synagogue a donation of \$54.00. The first class will start on Sunday, October 9th -- starting at 2:00 pm and going to 4:00 pm. The Q&A may take us up to 5:00 pm if desired. If interested please contact the synagogue's phone at 806.353.7191 and leave a message and I will return your call. Or email bnaiisraelamarillo@gmail.com Attention: Chaplain, Larry Dov' Batchlear... Looking forward to seeing you in class. B' Shalom L.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Mah Jongg at the Temple

Join us on the 2nd Thursday of the month (October 13th) at 6:00 PM for a fun and exhilarating evening, first time players are welcome!! Please RSVP to Alex Toombs at alexandra.bnai@gmail.com

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood membership luncheon meeting was held on September 10th. We had not met in person for two years, so it was great to reconnect again at the Temple. Our 2022-23 membership campaign is underway. We are off to a good start with 12 renewals. Your dues help us with projects for Temple improvement. Membership is open to any woman who is committed to the goals and objectives of the Sisterhood, its congregation, B'nai Israel, and the Jewish community.

Thank you for your support.

Temple B'nai Israel Sisterhood

Sisterhood Dues – 2022-2023

_____ 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.

The act of giving or donating \$18 or a multiple is commonly referred to as “giving chai.” Our due’s structure is based on this Jewish tradition. We have three levels of dues:

- 1. Chai membership at \$18 per year;*
- 2. Double Chai membership at \$36 per year; and,*
- 3. Royal “Chai”ness at \$72 per year.*

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.

JEWISH TRIVIA FOR OCTOBER

OUR MISSION

The American Zionist Movement works to promote and defend Zionism in the United States; to deepen and expand the active relationship of the American Jewish Community to Zionism in a contemporary context; to facilitate dialogue and collaboration among Zionist organizations through and with the AZM, and to be the central hub for Zionist resources in America.

AZM PRINCIPLES OF ZIONISM

Through action and deed, we support these principles, as adopted by the AZM National Board in 2018.

- The sovereign state of Israel's unconditional right to exist as the Jewish democratic homeland;
- The right of the people of Israel to live in peace and security;
- Pride in the common history, culture, destiny and religious heritage of the Jewish people;
- Pride in Israel's rich contributions to the world and its aspirational role to be an exemplary society for all of humanity; and
- Israel's centrality to Jewish identity and life.

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American Zionist Movement
התנועה הציונית האמריקאית

The American Zionist Movement (AZM) is comprised of 41 national Jewish Zionist organizations and works across a broad ideological, political, and religious spectrum linking the American Jewish community together in support of Israel, Zionism, and the Jewish people.

The mission of the American Zionist Movement (AZM) is to bring the American Jewish community closer to Zionism.

Known as AZM since 1993, it is the Zionist federation in the United States affiliated with the World Zionist Organization (WZO). The AZM and its constituent organizations represent American Zionists within the National Institutions of Israel, including the WZO, The Jewish Agency for Israel and the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael – Jewish National Fund. AZM is the successor to the American Zionist Federation (founded in 1970) and to the American Zionist Council which started in the 1940s.

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resources in America.

Zionism Forward is the AZM's campaign to:

- Strengthen support for Israel, the Jewish people and Zionism.
- Celebrate the ideology and cause of Zionism.
- Help strengthen Israel's position in the global family of nations.
- Improve the dialogue on Zionism in America and participate in a new effort to guide the American Jewish people to speak in a unified and informed voice in support of Zionism's core principles.
- Provide the forum that fosters our diverse constituent Zionist organizations' respectful coalescence around our commonality.

In 2018 the AZM National Board adopted the following Statement of Principles of Zionism:

The American Zionist Movement (AZM), through action and deed, supports these principles:

- The sovereign state of Israel's unconditional right to exist as the Jewish democratic homeland;

- The right of the people of Israel to live in peace and security;
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- Israel's centrality to Jewish identity and life.

The AZM and its constituent organizations fully support

and endorse The Jerusalem Program of the WZO, the global statement of the beliefs of the Zionist movement. Twice in each decade, AZM organizes and sponsors the United States election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress, a process in which tens of thousands of American Jews participate and vote. AZM sponsors the American Zionist Youth Council, which aims to bring young people from national youth movements and organizations across religious, cultural, denominational, political, and social circles.

Le' Rummage Sale is Back! This year's sale will be mid-late October. Please note the following guidelines if you are preparing items for donation.

Donation Guidelines

- **Single Items must be priceable for at least \$5**
- **Pricing is done by volunteers only**
- **items must be in clean, good condition**

All items are accepted subject to the discretion of volunteers.

We do not accept the following:

- Toys
- Clothing/Shoes-ALL AGES
- Baby Bedding/Cribs/Car seats/Strollers
- Mattresses/Bunk Beds
- Building Supplies
- Sectional Sofas/Sleeper Sofas/Futons
- Desks
- China Cabinets/TV Entertainment Cabinets
- Coffee Mugs
- Plastic Food Storage Containers
- Electronics (kitchen electronics are ok, i.e. mixers, waffle makers...but must be in clean and working order)
- Exercise Equipment
- Medical/Dental Supplies
- Patterns/Sewing Notions
- Curtain Rods
- Christmas Trees

Please note: pricing of items is at the discretion of our hardworking volunteers. Once you donate an item for sale, it becomes property of Temple B'nai Israel and will be priced to sell by Temple Volunteers. All unsold items will be donated to a local charity.

Yahrzeits for October

Linda Saxe 10/1	Steve E. Goodman 10/13	Sarah Thompson 10/27
*Erwin Kohn 10/1	*Julia Melinger 10/13	Esther Stein 10/27
*Ben Abrahamson 10/2	*Sarah Bergman 10/14	Max Arnold 10/28
*Frank Fisherman (Tishre 26)	*A.D. Guggenheim 10/15	*Savannah Bentley 10/28
October 21, 2022	*Kivah Axelrod 10/16	*Zachary B. Weir 10/30
Roy Miers 10/3	*Hansi Baruch 10/18	*Hattie G. Eberstadt 10/30
Israel Eli Berkman 10/4	Albert Plotnik 10/18	Norma Loewenstern 10/30
*Donald Goldberg 10/4	Ruth Schaer 10/18	*Peter Unger 10/31
*Lillian G. Schwartz 10/4	Cindy Fletcher 10/20	Michelle Kohn 10/31
Maxine Bakwin 10/5	*Sam Anisman 10/19	Ann Viner
Elwyn Kroger 10/5	*Dr. David Geffen 10/21	Hilda Bloch
*Henrietta Kohn 10/7	Israel G. Adelman 10/21	Jose S. Garcia
Pearl Wiseblood 10/7	Rose Goldstein 10/22	Yitzak Cohen
Sam Stern 10/8	*Datie Levy 10/24	Morris Tonkin
*Sarah Mogelson 10/8	Henry W. Metz 10/24	Irving Weston
*Lube Herring 10/8	Anna Berta Tankus 10/25	Moshe Hormstein
Alice J. Brown 10/9	*Minnie Kessler 10/26	Hyman Ruback
*Joseph L. Myers 10/10	Sue Simpson Stokes 10/26	Lucille Leiberman
*Dora K. Altman 10/10	John Kramer 10/26	Gilford Welch
*Rebecca Latman 10/10	Lucy Wheeler 10/26	Sol Feingold
*Nathan Solomon 10/11	Isaac Newman	Judge Robert M. Carp
*Sydney Ralph Gilbert 10/13	*George Rudelson 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.