

TheBA Bulletin

The newsletter of Congregation B'nai Amoona

Fall 2023

Building Community Together



It is not a new concept to state that Judaism is a liturgical religion. The very basis of our worship is a set order of prayers at fixed times of day, every day. Even with that said, there is considerable liberty for the interjection of personal petitions in the weekday Amidah. Our deeply rooted belief in Olam Habah, The World to Come, comes about as the result of an earthly life of moral, intellectual and spiritual acquirement.

This approach promises that living a life of Kedushah, holiness, will in effect give us a forshpeiz, foretaste, of the world to come. It is a difficult and challenging effort, but who said it should be easy? I will never forget the comment from my chavruta, study partner, early in my first year at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He was

a fourth-year student. I was in awe of him and mentioned one afternoon that I had to leave before mincha (the afternoon service) to meet someone. He said, "Getting to heaven is just like a baseball game. You may get in the ballpark, but the 'better' you have been, the better your seat." Our job and reason for being here is the constant struggle of getting closer to God. That is the most simplistic essence of Judaism.

The piercing blast of the shofar is heard throughout the month of Elul, the month leading up to Rosh Hashanah, and even more so during the High Holy Days as we approach the end of Yom Kippur. At the end of the Ten Days of teshuva, repentance, the Aseret Yimei Teshuva, we hear that extremely long blast as we return to the routine of day-to-day life. Normalcy is delayed for a short moment by especially pious ones known as the medakdekim. Who

knows if there is even one among us? As Rabbi Jacob Halevi (1365- 1427), known as the Maharil, iterated, these are the ones who immediately after Ma'ariv (following Yom Kippur) take the first step in the construction of the Sukkah, thereby proceeding from one mitzvah to another.

Each of us is especially called upon during the Ten Days of Repentance to contemplate the meaning and purpose of his or her own life, with the goal of directing it along the route leading to God and correspondingly, godly conduct. A few short days after Yom Kippur comes Sukkot. As one of the foremost Conservative thinkers, Rabbi Max Artz, stated, we have just examined the "awesome consideration of our failures and shortcomings turning to a sharing of joy of Sukkot with the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow that are within thy gates. That joy is Simcha Shel Mitzvah—the joy of

performing the will of God." It is not as daunting as it seems and certainly worth the effort. I do not simply want all of us to just get into the ballpark; I aspire to obtain a seat (for you and me) between home plate and first base, in the front row! Together, we can each support one another as we continue to build our BA community. Just like a baseball game, it takes each of us to put our best foot forward to help our BA team strive to be our best selves and "root each other on together." I look forward to praying and creating a meaningful High Holy Day experience with all of you!

L'Shanah Tovah U'Mitukah, To A Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year!

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A Message from the President

Shalom B'nai Amoona Family,

We are a Congregation of busy people! For me, the past few months have been especially busy as I've taken my practice swings in the on-deck circle and entered the presidential batter's box. The view from home plate can be spectacular, but of course, there's an occasional curve ball just to keep me on my toes.

Aside from the brownie points I might earn from Rabbi Abraham for using a baseball analogy (Ha! as he would say), the most inspiring aspect of leading the B'nai Amoona team is getting to know the crowd. Our crowd certainly isn't one of spectators, and we can get noisy when we're in action.

In my brief time as President, I've already experienced firsthand the vibrancy that is Congregation B'nai Amoona. All summer long, our building was filled with happy campers. From the preschoolers at B'nai Ami to the older children at Ramot Amoona, the sound of children's voices in song and laughter was the backdrop for meetings, Mah Jongg, and the everyday business of our community.

Now it's August and our new year

is just around the corner. While the High Holy Days are a time of reflection and introspection, they also are a time of renewed opportunities and a cause for celebration. When we gather to observe holidays and milestones together, we become stronger as individuals and as a community.

We are privileged to have Cantor Nathanson's extraordinary talents to enjoy throughout the year, and will have another reason to kvell as we officially install Rabbi Abraham as our new Senior Rabbi during the weekend of November 10-12. Mark your calendar now; more information will be coming your way soon.

At our Congregational meeting on the first of August, members voted to honor Rabbi Abraham's and Rebbetzin Lauren's request to buy the house on Pinehurst Estates Drive. There they will have extra space to welcome guests for holiday meals and celebrations, something they do with joyous hospitality.

Our Shabbat mornings have been enhanced and enlivened by the Abrahams' gift of Mini Minyan – a multi-generational gathering filled with puppets, stories and learning for our

youngest members and their grown-ups.

Behind every good thing that happens at B'nai Amoona you'll find our outstanding Staff! The programs, communications, accounting, and educational opportunities; the scheduling, planning, and coordinating; the Linda Rotskoff Early Childhood Center and the Meyer Kranzberg Learning Center – all reflect the dedicated work of these amazing professionals.

Our Staff work closely with the countless volunteers who serve as a driving force behind the Minyanaires, committees, front desk helpers, the Mitzvah Corp and more...there are countless ways to connect, belong, and engage in something meaningful inside our building or in the larger community.

Our Board of Trustees – which includes a wealth of past presidents who remain actively involved – is a dedicated group elected by the Congregation and committed to tackling issues important to all of us, including financial concerns. You have entrusted us with the care and financial welfare of B'nai Amoona, and we take

this role seriously.

Whether you are one of our many new members – welcome! – or a more "seasoned" member, I encourage you to find your place in this remarkable community: engage, connect, be inspired, share your skills; attend a class or a program; bring a friend and make new friends.

My hope for the year ahead is that each of you feels a sense of belonging and connection at B'nai Amoona. We will build our strongest, most enduring community when we participate together in making a great place even better. Together we can ensure a place for future generations to pray, learn, and grow.

I look forward to meeting you if we haven't yet met, and seeing you again soon if we're already acquainted.

I wish each of you a happy, healthy, prosperous new year.

L'Shanah Tovah!

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HIGH HOLY DAYS 5784

Building Community Together

See page 8 for details!

On the Development Side

In my previous bulletin article, I announced how close we were to reaching our 2022-23 fundraising goal. It is now my pleasure to share that we met our mark! So many thanks to the generosity of all of our donors, sponsors, and volunteers for making the “From Play to Pray Fundraiser” a resounding success! Contributions earmarked specifically for our LRECC will help to fund amazing things for our preschoolers.

It is unusual that we finish one annual fundraiser only to immediately launch another. However, this year, the installation of Rabbi Jeffrey Abraham as our Senior Rabbi heralds our 2023-24 annual fundraiser **“Connecting Our Community: Celebrating the Installation of Rabbi Jeffrey Abraham”** the weekend of November 10, 11, and 12th with a series of engaging events. Due to the early date, we have begun fundraising with a variety of ways to celebrate Rabbi Abraham and meet our budgeted fundraising goal of \$150,000. Our co-chairs for this auspicious weekend are Tracey & Jeff Singer and Rachel & Alan Taxman. By the time you are reading this, the Save the Date should have arrived and you will have already marked your calendars!

Our celebratory weekend begins Friday, November 10th with a special sponsors’ Shabbat dinner honoring Rabbi Abraham for those contributing at the \$1800 “Care” level. These sponsors will also receive two complimentary tickets to our brunch and “Who Knows One” entertainment with Micah Hart on Sunday. Saturday, November 11th our Congregation and greater community will share in the installation of our Senior Rabbi and celebrate with a festive Kiddush after the service. Sunday, November 12th, we will continue our celebration with a brunch followed by entertainment engaging our community with Micah Hart and “Who Knows One” – an interactive Jewish geography game show taking the art of Jewish geography to the next level. Please visit www.whoknows1.com for a fun description of what to expect (hint: Jewish geography on steroids). Tickets for the Sunday brunch/show are \$54 per person with tables of ten available to sponsor for \$720.

Gifts for our annual fundraiser, “Connecting Our Community”, may be sponsored at these levels:

- \$360 “Connect”** – two brunch/show tickets
- \$540 “Collaborate”** – two brunch/show tickets
- \$720 “Congratulate”** – four brunch/show tickets
- \$1800 “Care”** – two Friday night dinner tickets; two brunch/show tickets
- \$3,600 “Community”** – two Friday night dinner tickets; four brunch/show tickets
- \$7,200 “Celebrate”** – four Friday night dinner tickets; four brunch/show tickets
- \$18,000 “Cornerstone”** – four Friday night dinner tickets; one table of ten for brunch/show

It is my enormous honor, as of this writing (August 1), to announce we have three! Cornerstone sponsors. We deeply appreciate Fran and Harvey Cantor & Family, giving “in great appreciation for our Rabbi Jeffrey and Lauren Abraham” for their most generous contribution. With the same deep appreciation, it is also an honor to announce Tracey and Jeff Singer as Cornerstone sponsors. And finally, we acknowledge and honor a most generous Anonymous Cornerstone sponsor. All have long been ardent supporters of our Shul. It is my hope that others will be moved to emulate their love for and dedication to B’nai Amoona and our new Senior Rabbi through their giving.

Don’t forget to mark your calendars and come prepared to connect to our community (reflective of our theme for this year), in any manner you can. We look forward to a weekend of joy and engagement, a congregational and community celebration, and a milestone occasion for all to “Connect Our Community” in honor of Rabbi Jeffrey Abraham!

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CELEBRATING THE INSTALLATION OF
SENIOR RABBI
JEFFREY ABRAHAM
NOVEMBER 10-12, 2023

Watch for more details
and formal invitation
coming soon!

What’s Happening in the LRECC

Camp B’nai Ami ‘23 was an amazing 8 weeks of summer fun. Highlights included Wheels Day (this year we added a tow truck and a K-9 unit), Yom Yisrael (nothing beats a whirlwind trip to Israel) and our end of camp Foam Dance party. The amazing staff worked hard to make camp fun and filled with unforgettable memories!

Our fantastic 2023-2024 school year has begun. We have almost 70 students enrolled! As a Reggio-inspired school we place great importance on being child-led and play-based. The Reggio philosophy is a learning style that encourages teachers to use the environment as a “3rd teacher” and incorporate the interests of the students into their lessons. We find that when children feel heard, they are more active participants in their educational journey and typically feel a sense of ownership and belonging in their school experience.

With the High Holy Days fast approaching we jumped right into teaching our young friends the importance of this time of year. Apples, honey and pomegranates are aplenty in our classrooms. Morah Sally Stein

is our music specialist who teaches the children joyful songs with lots of movements to keep them engaged. Our yoga specialist, Renee Kohn, reads stories about the holidays and finds creative poses that connect to what the children learn. In some art centers in various classes you find various versions of shofars, apples and honey on a tray. These prompts give the children thoughtful opportunities to create independently with different art media.

One of my favorite moments of this time of year is our Sukkah VIP. Our children invite the special grown-ups in their lives to come to school for a fun morning focused on Sukkot. We do things like make our own pomegranate juice, build a Sukkah using fruit, cream cheese and graham crackers for snack and spend time with Rabbi Abraham and his puppets. Children love showing their school to their special people and the adults always enjoy the opportunity to play!

Life here at the LRECC is busy, especially at the start of the school year. We are forming new friendships and learning is in full swing, with the

goal to help each child feel heard, loved and valued. The best part is hearing the laughter and squeals of bliss throughout our school. Those sounds mean we are doing our job right!

Wishing all Shanah Tovah.

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From the Director of Congregational Life & Engagement

We were all going around the room saying things we “liked”. Amy liked ice cream. Josh liked camp. Alex liked the beach. Julie liked Broadway shows. And I liked....People! I could have predicted the questioning looks that were immediately focused my way. I’ll admit, I knew it may catch people off guard. However, I was answering the question honestly. What I really like... are People!

When looking back, my childhood was filled with people from all over. Having two parents who are born and raised St. Louisans probably had something to do with it. You see, everywhere we went they seemed to know someone or someone knew them! Grocery stores. Target. The local pharmacy; it really was everywhere. And...if they DIDN’T know someone; give them 10 minutes and then they did. Each of my parents are “people” people too! Standing in line for anything was always an opportunity to strike up a conversation and make a new friend. Then, within another few minutes, they

would find something in common with each other....and so it began!

As a child I will admit that sometimes it felt embarrassing. Uncomfortable. Often wanting to melt into the ground or pretend they were not my parents. Slowly, as the years went by, I realized that this trait of theirs was actually something I admired. It even made standing in line kind of interesting. Most people like to talk. To share their stories. To commiserate over something happening in the world. The six degrees of separation between people also became part of the game. It almost always worked! My parents would know someone...who knew someone...who knew someone...who each of the people knew! Schnucks became the place to find your childhood neighbor from long ago!

I remember the day well. My children Ellye and Micah were respectfully 10 and 8. We were standing in line at Target and I began to talk to the mom and her child in front of us. I could actually FEEL their eyes rolling

behind me. Oh no! Had I just become my parents? Were they now the ones witnessing me in the role of “talker”!?! When we left the store both kids mentioned how I seemed to talk to everyone; wherever we go. Micah commented that I always knew someone and that shopping trips took SO much longer because of this. Over time I have become my parents. I enjoy talking to people, everywhere and anywhere. I love hearing their stories and making connections. It’s part of my DNA and I just don’t even try to deny it. Never really caring if I’m embarrassing my kids. Who knows, one day they may take on this trait as well.

Over the last few months many people have congratulated me on my new position at B’nai Amoona. The reality is there isn’t really anything “new” except for the title. As Brad “Chots” Chotiner joins us as the new Director of Youth Education and Engagement, I will be blessed with more time and opportunities to do

what I love; connecting with people of all ages at B’nai Amoona. The joy will not only be in meeting with individuals; it will be in the greater connections I can make between congregants. I look forward to finding ways to greet and meet congregants and bridge relationships to each other and the greater Kehillah. I’m excited to hear more stories, listen to what our congregants are looking for in their lives, and support our congregation. We will continue to be a place where Kehillah, Community, and Connection matter! Together, all of us, will be the voices and do the work of truly creating a sacred community.

L'Shanah Tovah U'Mitukah,

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Meet Brad “Chots” Chotiner



My name is Brad “Chots” Chotiner, and I am thrilled to be joining the B’nai Amoona family as the Director of Youth Education and Engagement. I am a third-generation Jewish Communal educator following both my mother and grandmother in this field. I was born in Pittsburgh, PA and grew up in Houston, TX. I settled in St. Louis in 2012. Shortly after moving to Houston, at 9 years old, my mother heard of a Jewish camp in the Ozarks. Thinking she was getting me out of the Texas heat and humidity, she sent me to Camp Sabra to instead experience Missouri heat and humidity. Camp Sabra was my first experience at a Jewish Summer camp, it created a strong connection to both Jewish education and St. Louis.

I have worked in various aspects of Jewish education all over the country. I have worked in youth groups, Hillels, as a religious school teacher, at resident camps and most recently spent ten years running the J Day Camps here in St. Louis. I am extremely excited to be working with B’nai Amoona’s youth groups. Youth groups provide an excellent platform to help inspire our next generation of leaders. I have heard how excellent Ramot Amoona is and am looking forward to working with Kyla and being a part of this amazing camp. I think I am most excited to be leading MKLC. Running a religious school will be a new challenge for me. I cannot wait to both teach and learn from all the students and faculty.

Anya Corson Chotiner & I got married this past November. Anya is the Chef-Manager at Saul Mirowitz Jewish Community School and has become a key member of the kitchen team at B’nai Amoona. Both Anya and I, along with her children Miriam (12) and Davi (10) are excited to be members of B’nai Amoona and will be celebrating Miriam’s Bat Mitzvah here in February 2024.

I look forward to meeting everyone and to get started learning,

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Have you filled out our Youth Engagement Form yet?



Camp Ramot Amoona

Shalom! Ramot Amoona summer 2023 was one for the books! We continued many of our traditional Ramot Amoona traditions and had some amazing new activities!

We had our traditional activities like Omanut (art), Teva (Nature), Sports, Rikkud (Israeli Dance), Drama, Tarbut Israel (Israeli Culture) and Beeshul (cooking) and they seemed better than ever! We also had some newer activities to camp like Chess, Tzilum (Photography), ASL (Sign Language), STEM, and Mindful Movement. Our campers really enjoyed these newer activities this summer and expanded their knowledge about all different topics.

Our Friday activities this year were a blast! We had Yom Game where we played lifesize Candyland, Hungry Hungry Hippos, Guess Who and Mouse Trap. We had a ruach filled Maccabia of Mario (Red) vs. Luigi (Green). Both teams showed lots of ruach and good sportsmanship. We had so much fun with the bounce house and face painting at the camp carnival and saw so many amazing talents at the talent show. We had a WONDERFUL Yom Yisrael where we visited the Kotel and the Shuk, swam in the Kinneret, milked a cow at Yotvata and even made

face scrubs at the Dead Sea. During Yom Mitzvah we learned about helping others in our community as well as outside our community as we focused on helping Ukrainian Refugees. Finally, we had such a fun filled Zimria Rikudia.

Summer 2023 has been really special! Thanks to an amazing staff we have had our most ruach filled tefillah in many summers. This year we also had all camp Shiur where the entire camp came together and learned about our Jewish theme of the week. The camp then got divided into Kehilot groups with campers of all ages. Within these groups campers had discussions about the themes of the week and made some really cool projects. This year we also were able to have 2 overnights and 2 undernights. It was our first overnight since before 2020 and it was a blast! We went to the Science Center and the City Museum and then came back and participated in some fun activities before eating S’mores and going to bed.

This year our Teens For Tikkun Olam (CIT) program soared to new heights. They decided that their Tikkun Olam focus this year would be Ukrainian Refugees. Ramot Amoona had the opportunity to host a family of Ukrainian Refugees this summer, one of which

was a CIT. The teens planned an incredible school supply drive for Yom Mitzvah and facilitated a meaningful conversation about the topic. With 18 teens over the course of the summer, I know we have a lot of amazing future counselors coming!

I cannot wait to see all of you for summer 2024!

Save the dates:
Session 1: June 10-June 28
Session 2: July 8-August 2

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THE ART GALLERY AT B'NAI AMOONA
PROUDLY PRESENTS:

The Stunning Artworks of:

Max Scharf z"l
Impressionist
Painter

Faith Berger
Painter and Rug
Designer

Lester Goldman
Ceramic Sculptor

Rabbi Dale
Schreiber
Graphic Designer

Frank Enger
Landscape Painter

Exhibit

August 20 - November 30

There is a new exhibit in the art gallery featuring the marvelous impressionist paintings of Max Scharf z"l, the evocative landscapes and figurative acrylics of Franklin Enger, the phenomenal abstract art of Faith Berger, the imaginative midrashic graphics of Rabbi Dale Schreiber, and the unique ceramics of Lester Goldman. The exhibit runs through November 30th.

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B'NAI AMOONA

SISTERHOOD

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer and is gearing up for the High Holidays!

- Sisterhood has been very busy planning for a great year of educational and social programming as well as our successful Mishloach Manot fundraiser. We introduced Minyan and a Meal this past spring and have had a great turnout each time. We meet at B'nai Amoona for Minyan and then head to a local restaurant for dinner and a schmooze. All of Sisterhood is welcome and we hope to see you on Tuesday, August 29th and Wednesday, October 18th. Look for more information as we get closer to the dates.
- By now you should've received your Membership renewal for 2023-24. Our "Thank You for Joining" brunch will be on Sunday, November 5th at B'nai Amoona. Thank you to those that have already joined. If you haven't already, please do so!
- Sisterhood tribute cards are available for purchase, 5 cards for \$15. This is a great way to honor or memorialize a loved one or

friend. Please contact one of us if interested. Another way to help support Sisterhood is when you make an on-line donation, please specify the Sisterhood Fund.

- We were fortunate to attend the Women's League of Conservative Judaism (WLCJ) International Convention last month in Schaumburg IL. Over 250 amazing women leaders from all over North America convened, learned and shared ideas and listened to inspirational speakers. We hope to share some of the ideas with our Sisterhood.

Wishing you and your family a Healthy and Happy New Year!!

Your Co-Presidents,

Diane & Elise

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Congregation B'nai Amoona is excited to announce our newest program:

HAZAK

Strength Through Community

Special programming for our 65+ crowd

THIS WILL INCLUDE:

- Monthly lunches with guest speakers and programs
- Health Care worker on site to answer questions

Supported by a grant from the Women's Philanthropy of the St. Louis Jewish Federation

FIRST PROGRAM

October 5

keep a lookout for more information!

Adult Education

New & Updated Classes
for Fall 2023

Jewish Mysticism for Enlightenment and Personal Growth

Mondays, 10:00 am - 11:00 am,
Facilitated by Rabbi Neal Rose

People of the Book Pt 1

Mondays, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm,
Facilitated by Tanya Spivey

Intro to ASL

Mondays, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm,
Facilitated by Forest Booth

Prayerbook Hebrew 101

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm,
Facilitated by Marci Thal

Beginner's Hebrew (Aleph Bet)

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm,
Facilitated by Cantor Sharon Nathanson

Introduction to Judaism

Wednesdays, 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm,
Facilitated by Senior Rabbi Jeffrey Abraham

Continuing Classes

- A Thinking Person's Judaism
- Israel and the Jewish People
- Yiddish & Yiddishkite
- The Big Read 5784
- Sex, War, and Betrayal Part II
- Midtown Midrash
- Torah for Today (also via Zoom)

New classes begin in October.
For descriptions and to register visit:
www.bnaiamoona.com/adultedu.html

Indicates an In Person Class. All others via Zoom.

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Minyan Matters

WE’VE COME A LONG WAY BABY!

As we know, B'nai Amoona was caught in a once-in-a-century Pandemic, Covid 19. Yikes! Panic! How are we going to provide Minyanim?

What is going to happen if we can't meet together physically for Minyan? How are we going to keep the B'nai Amoona tradition of providing a Minyan, morning and evening, alive? How will people be able to say Kaddish, if we can't pray in person at Shul?

Well, the dust settled and everyone took a deep breath. It was discovered we would morph into holding digital Shiva Minyanim in the Age of Covid 19.

We rolled up our sleeves and joined the age of videoconferencing through Zoom. Zoom became B'nai Amoona's educational and social life for virtual meetings, classroom lessons and activities.

Minyanaires, masks and all, showed up in person to an empty Chapel and continued their weekly Davening through the Zoom "camera on the wall".

The new role of Zoom Angels was created to admit people to the service through mobile phones, iPads and computers. We realized the measure of a community's strength is not how we gather for celebrations, but, how we show up for each other in moments of sadness and pain. How we connect and commit to one another.

WE’VE COME A LONG WAY BABY!

We have returned to in person Minyanim. It's a great feeling to once again read from the Torah at Minyan. We need YOU to "become a Minyanair" and be that 10th person needed for a Minyan. Help keep the tradition of B'nai Amoona's daily Minyanim alive.

We are taught the importance of prayers offered in a Minyan create a stronger effect.

Email minyan@bnaimoona.com and let us know your desire to join our dedicated Minyanaires and "Become a Minyanair!"

B'Shalom! See you in Shul!

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Our Volunteers

We all know that Covid-19 and the pandemic affected our lives in many ways, not only personally, but Congregationally. For the most part, we have emerged from the stresses and problems of those months to better times. And as B'nai Amoona "opened back up," a new program evolved and has flourished these past 3 years: the VOLUNTEERS.

As you approach the front doors for Shacharit, or Minchah/Ma'Ariv services every weekday morning, some afternoon/evenings, and Shabbat mornings, you are welcomed into the Chod Family Gallery by a Greeter. After Shacharit, attendees are treated to the Morning Minyan Nosh, prepared by that morning's Volunteers. The front desk and reception area is staffed by several of our Volunteers, as well as the Gallant Family Judaica Shop. And let's not forget the wonderful kiddushes we enjoy after Shabbat and some Yom Tov services. We have a strong and dedicated core of Volunteers who prepare the kiddushes on Fridays and an even larger number of Volunteers who serve them.

Our Volunteers range in age from 9 to 90!!! They are B'nai Amoona's ambassadors to what is good and fun about being engaged in our Community. As we prepare to enter 5784, consider what additional value you can add to BA by Volunteering in some capacity. Let's talk about it.

L'Shanah Tovah U'Mitukah,

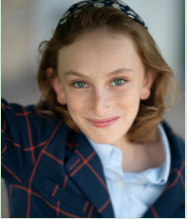
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Our Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah



September 2, 2023
Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Averbukh,
Son of Anastasia and Mikhail Averbukh



September 30, 2023:
Bar Mitzvah of Benny Abraham,
Son of Lauren and Rabbi Jeffrey Abraham



October 14, 2023:
Bat Mitzvah of Hailie Klaven,
Daughter of Sarah and Jeremy Klaven



October 21, 2023:
Bat Mitzvah of Sloane Silberman,
Daughter of Heidi and Ian Silberman

Mazel Tov to...

Benjamin Kruger and Dani Wasserman who were chosen as 2023 Bronfman Fellows. The Bronfman Fellowship, the flagship program for outstanding young Jews, taps 26 North American teenagers at a formative point in their lives, the year before college, when an intense, immersive experience will have the most impact. The Fellowship is an opportunity unlike any other: a space where young people who want to see the world through a lens broader than their own can explore issues with depth, candor, and joy, while forming friendships to last a lifetime.

Lou and Debby Callen & Marc and Gina Wallis on the birth of their grandson, Jackson Reese Callen. Proud parents are Keith and Hannah Wallis Callen. Harper Callen is very excited to be a big sister. Great-grandmother is Aileen Wallis.

Brooke Lashley and Bradley Weinstein on the birth of their son, **Oliver Noah Lashley**. Proud grandparents are Bonnie & Richard Weinstein, and Jayne Lashley and Jordan Horowitz.

As of 8/1/23

Condolences

The Congregation extends heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

Abraham Anatoliy Abbott
Kevin S. Berjer
Adam M. Burkemper
Evelyn Mae Goldberg
Milton Hieken
Sara Ellen (Potashnick) Kessler



Marilyn Kincaid
Aaron J. Komen
Carl H. Nelson
Andrew Sol Pultman
Francis Smego
Necia Weitkamp

May their memories be a source of blessing! As of 8/1/23

Have a recent simcha you'd like to see in our Bulletin?

Contact Laurie Cohen at 314-576-9990 x103 or laurie@bnaimoona.com

In Tribute

Yahrzeits

In Memory Of

Theodore Flom
Sheila & Richard Flom

Chuck Sandroff, Clara Enger
Betsy & Tovah Enger

Sol Scissors
Mark Scissors

Ethel Gale, Seymour Sokolik, Abe Sokolik, Rose Sokolik
Ilene & Sheldon Pokres

Ruth Hirschberg
Aimee Bachar

Gizela, Irene & Henry Jakob
Herman Jakob
Oskar Jakob

Robert Simon, Bernard & Myrtle Kornblum
Carol Simon

Minnie Axelbaum, Martin Axelbaum, Annie Rothman
Stewart Axelbaum

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HIGH HOLY DAYS 5784

Building Community Together

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Selichot - Sept. 9

Behind the Magical Curtain:

What's happening with the Conservative Movement Law Committee Right Now?



Speaker

Rabbi Dr. Pamela Barmash
chair of CJS

Schedule

8:45pm Guest Speaker
9:45pm Desserts and Coffee
10:00pm Musical Selichot Service
(Service runs 10:00-11:15 pm, starting with Havdalah)

COMMUNITY-WIDE Family APPLE PICKING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
9:00 am - 12 pm



Join us at **Eckert's Millstadt Fun Farm!** We will have our own tent with Rosh Hashanah activities and all you need to do is pick your own apples!

\$10/Person
Children under two are free



Capacity is limited and online registration is required. Scan this code to register!

HIGH HOLY DAYS at a Glance

SELICHOT
Saturday, September 9

EREV ROSH HASHANAH
Friday, September 15

ROSH HASHANAH I
Saturday, September 16

ROSH HASHANAH II
Sunday, September 17

KOL NIDREI
Sunday, September 24

YOM KIPPUR
Monday, September 25

EREV SUKKOT SERVICES
Friday, September 29

SUKKOT I
Saturday, September 30

SUKKOT II
Sunday, October 1

HOSHANAH RABBAH
Friday, October 6

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Saturday, October 7

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH
Saturday, October 7

SIMCHAT TORAH
Sunday, October 8

Celebrate Sukkot & Simchat Torah at BA

Salsa in the Sukkah




FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
7:00 PM

Our Congregational Sukkot Celebration

SUSHI IN THE SUKKAH

YOUNG COUPLES NIGHT OUT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 7PM

BA Youth Sushi in the Sukkah



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 7:00

Erev Simchat Torah

ALL CONGREGATIONAL DINNER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 5:15 PM

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OCTOBER 14



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