

TheBA Bulletin

January & February 2022

The monthly newsletter of Congregation B'nai Amoona

Tu B'Shevat Wisdom From Rabbi Carnie Shalom Rose



Yedidim/Yedidot Yekarim
VeYekarot (dearest friends)
Shalom!

My teacher and cousin, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach (Z"L), once said that it is quite easy to tell which are the most profound Jewish Holidays. They are, he suggested, the ones that are observed by the smallest number of individuals. His statement is not only poignant, but it is also tremendously accurate - especially as it relates to the holiday which we will celebrate in just a few days, Tu B'Shevat – The New Year of Trees. Sadly enough, for the most part, this day passes annually without much notice and without much recognition.

Now, we might believe that the reason the observance of this day has disappeared from our individual and communal radar screens has something to do with the fact that it is anachronistic and antiquated. Maybe its messages are no longer relevant? Perhaps Tu Beshvat no longer speaks to us in the way it spoke to past generations of Jews? After all, we are living in postmodern times. We are “more

evolved” and “more sophisticated”. We know far more about the world around us than our ancients could ever have hoped to know.

I think not! In fact, Tu B'Shevat may be even more relevant today than ever before in our history. So why and how is it that Tu B'Shevat goes unnoticed and unrecognized by so many of us?

I believe there are several layers to this mystery. First, the holiday of Tu B'Shevat is not mentioned in the corpus of the Torah itself. It is mentioned only later in the Mishnah (c. 200 CE), and despite the fact that Judaism, as we know it today, is a Rabbinic religion (established by the Rabbinic Sages), the fact that it is not mentioned in the Bible may have contributed to its relegation to a “tier 2” holiday in the minds of some Jews.

Second, though the Holiday is mentioned in the Mishnah, no specific ritual observances are mentioned in connection with this day. And as we all know, disembodied religion (religion sans ritual) has little if any ability to maintain viability.

Finally, Tu B'Shevat seems to have

been observed most fastidiously by two groups of Jews—Sephardim & Kabbalists (mystics). And clearly, most of us are neither Sephardic nor are we initiates in the esoteric mystical traditions of our people. Hence, the holiday seems to have fallen out of favor—at least for the majority of Ashkenazi Diaspora Jews.

Yet despite all these valid reasons to downplay Tu B'Shevat, if we pause to reconsider this holiday and its focus on trees and what they have to teach humans, we might discover some tremendously valuable and spiritually uplifting meanings.

Two brief examples, which I hope, will wet your appetite for additional exploration:

1) The Rabbi of Ger taught: Tu B'Shevat is a special time. It is the season when we are called upon to pay heed and provide care for the trees. We tend to them and hope they will imbibe and absorb the nutrients that we lovingly provide for them. So too, is it a special time for the human to absorb the teachings of the Torah, which are nourishment to the soul. Tu B'Shevat

calls on us to open ourselves up anew to absorbing the waters of Torah and, in this way, become refreshed and renewed.

2) The Bialer Rebbe taught: The strength of the tree is in its roots. Without these roots, the tree cannot flourish—it cannot survive. So too, it is for the Jewish People. We must have strong roots. And these roots bind us not only to the past, but also to one another. When together we celebrate Tu B'Shevat, we join our roots to the roots of the primordial tree—the quarry from which all souls are hewn.

As we grow and deepen as individuals and as an Am Kadosh (Holy Community), I pray that we will together merit to celebrate this beautiful and profound holiday. May this be God's will - and our own! Amen!

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Join Us For Shabbat Shirah, The Shabbat Of Song!



Every morning in services, our liturgy includes a beautiful section of Torah, recalling Moses and the Children of Israel singing to God, Miriam leading the women with drums and dances in celebration, singing songs and dances of freedom, leaving oppression and degradation behind and looking toward a new beginning as a people. Through chanting this section each morning, we have the opportunity to reenact a celebration of freedom, placing ourselves at a moment of rebirth, perhaps reminding ourselves that each day is a chance for renewal, for us as a people and as individuals.

The section is from Parashat B'shallach and the passage begins, “Then Moses and the Children of Israel will sing this song to God, and they declared saying: I will sing to God for God is exalted above the exalted.” It is the first person, “I will sing” that catches one's attention. Each person takes responsibility for this song; responsibility for celebration in this moment. I'm sure not everyone crossing the sea felt they were great singers, but they knew they needed to participate in this moment.

Each year, we have a Shabbat of song and celebration called Shabbat

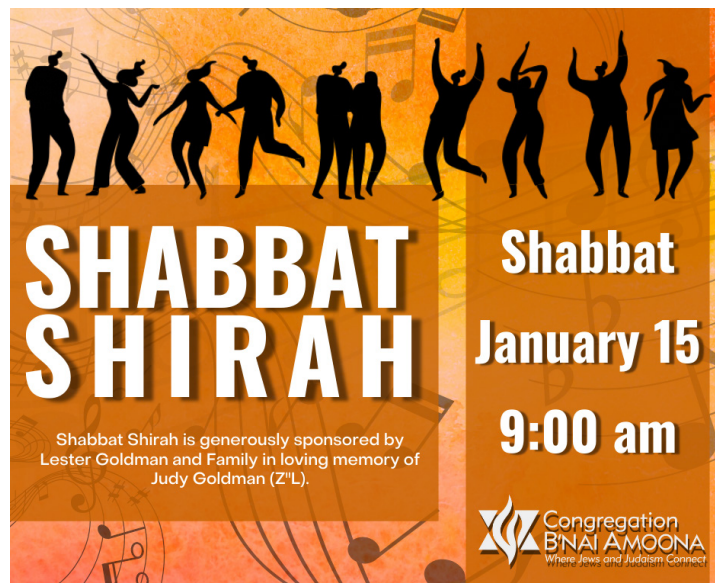
Shirah. It is the Shabbat when we read Parashat B'shallach, the Song at the Sea. Each year we introduce new music into our community for this musical celebration. (Check your B'nai Amoona emails for information on how to listen to the melodies.) Those who have participated in years passed know it's not a performance. I cannot do it alone. Shabbat Shirah is a true celebration because the people of this singing community learn the songs and sing. This year, our Artist-in-Residence, Eitan Kantor has gathered a beautiful selection of melodies for us to learn and sing together. Do mark your calendars for this special Shabbat and for the beautiful song sessions that lead up to it. This is for those who consider themselves singers and for those who don't. And if you don't feel comfortable joining in person, please join the communal celebration by learning the melodies and joining virtually. Each of you deepen the musical and spiritual experience for your community when you say, “I will sing.” I look forward to embracing the promise of communal and individual renewal that we can experience through song.

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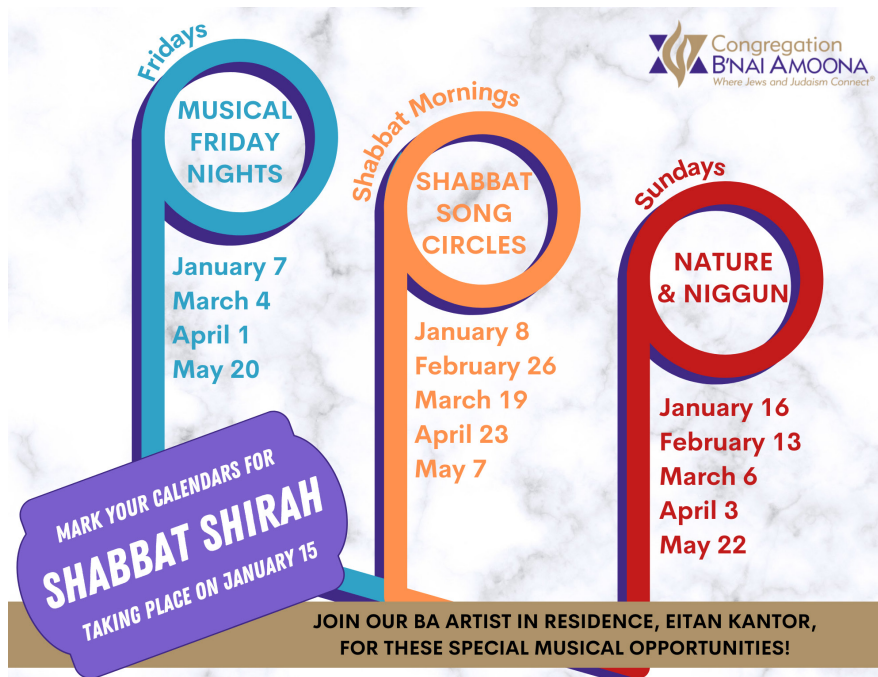


SHABBAT SHIRAH

Shabbat Shirah is generously sponsored by
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Judy Goldman (Z"L).

Shabbat
January 15
9:00 am

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SHABBAT SHIRAH TAKING PLACE ON JANUARY 15

JOIN OUR BA ARTIST IN RESIDENCE, EITAN KANTOR, FOR THESE SPECIAL MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES!

Fridays
MUSICAL FRIDAY NIGHTS
January 7
March 4
April 1
May 20

Shabbat Mornings
SHABBAT SONG CIRCLES
January 8
February 26
March 19
April 23
May 7

Sundays
NATURE & NIGGUN
January 16
February 13
March 6
April 3
May 22

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On the Development Side

Development, at B'nai Amoona, has three tiers. The obvious, fundraising, is a large and exciting piece of my role at BA. The second tier, bringing in funds, relative to payments that need to be made, or reminders about due dates or monies owed, is also important, although less exciting! There is, however, a third tier that encompasses a silent, but highly relevant process and involves all our members. It is the tier where our members, by a simple sign-up or click of a link, can dedicate a percentage of their purchases back to B'nai Amoona. We advertise quite a bit about the AmazonSmile link – I recently received an email from Amazon Smile letting me know that we will be issued a donation of \$407.01 from the AmazonSmile Foundation. It's the old adage – "every penny helps!"

With thanks to Cheryl Perl, we are also reaching out to Schnucks to review a program by which, instead of claiming a Schucks' cash reward against a grocery

bill, the reward money can instead be credited back to B'nai Amoona if a customer so designates when shopping at the store. If we can get this up and running, it will be another easy and thoughtful way to support B'nai Amoona! It's always encouraging to know that our members will reach out to me with ideas that can benefit B'nai Amoona in a variety of ways.

A special shout-out also goes to our Benefactors. These are our members who generously contribute above their dues level and whose contribution serves to sustain the operating budget which dues alone cannot cover. This year, we created a new \$360 level – "Aliyah" – for our younger supporters (age 34 and under) in order to help them to develop their giving legacy at an amount more sustainable for younger members. Our annual Benefactor "Thank You" event is Sunday, January 30, 2022 at noon at B'nai Amoona, prior to the grand opening of the Gallant Family Judaica

Shop at 1:00 pm. It is never too late to become a Benefactor!

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE PURPLE INFORMATION BOX BELOW: To join the celebratory Levin Weekend Homecoming Fundraiser (now in June) as a Sponsor, to purchase tickets for Max's book talk, or to pre-purchase his book *Under the Stretcher*, be sure to go to www.bnaiamoona.com and click on Upcoming Special Events. This is our major fundraiser for the 2021-2022 fiscal year with a level of support for everyone – whether as a Sponsor at \$613 or more, a book talk attendee with a ticket purchase at \$18 or \$36, or simply by purchasing Max's book at \$18 and enjoying an inspiring, emotional, enlightening and empowering read.

We will still celebrate on Sunday, January 30 at 1:00 pm the grand opening of the Gallant Family Judaica Shop. I am pleased to introduce a new feature - we are highlighting local artists! Please be sure to check out our current

artists, Ilanit Markenson, a ceramicist from Craft Alliance, and Cindy Larimore, a wonderful artist featuring reverse painting on glass and lucite, who also shows at Artisans in the Loop. Their work is fresh, uplifting and with a beautiful approach to Judaica.

As I have written before, my greatest pleasure in being a part of the team at B'nai Amoona is getting to know and establish relationships with our members. My personal wish for 2022 is that I'll have the opportunity to give a hello, catch up, or meet a member I haven't met before, in person, and that for all, a little less stress, good health, and great happiness come your way

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Caring about the health and safety of our community and our special guests, Max Levin, Judy Levin, and Eial Ovin is of the utmost importance. Accordingly, the Levin Weekend Homecoming Fundraiser planned for January is now rescheduled to June when Omicron and the Covid viruses may be less virulent, Israel will allow open travel, and all can travel safely.

The new date for the Levin Weekend Homecoming is June 11 and 12, 2022. At that time outdoor options would also be quite viable! As we approach June, if conditions continue to be unfavorable or worsen, we will then hold this event via Zoom, from California and Israel to St. Louis. Please mark your calendars for June 11 and 12, 2022 at Congregation B'nai Amoona.

We will continue to celebrate our Benefactors on Sunday, January 30, 2022, at noon, followed by the Gallant Family Judaica Shop grand opening at 1:00 pm (note time change for the grand opening). As always, our attending members must be fully vaccinated and our social distancing/safety precautions will remain in place.

Member Spotlights: Cindy Schuval and Michael Samis



Cindy Schuval moved to St. Louis in 1992 with her husband David and joined Congregation B'nai Amoona shortly thereafter in 1994. She described that after sitting in services just once, they joined because they liked Rabbi Cytryn as well as the warmth of Rabbi Unger. Cindy celebrated her Bat Mitzvah as an adult in December 2007 because growing up in an Orthodox shul did not provide her with that opportunity. Her three children, Matthew, Michelle and Jaime attended Hebrew and Religious school at B'nai Amoona and likewise celebrated their B'nai Mitzvah at the Shul. Both Matthew and Michelle also worked as Teacher Assistants in Hebrew School and all three attended Camp Ramot Amoona and participated in USY.

Cindy explained that upon joining the Shul, she became involved by working on a program called, "Mitzvah" through the suggestion of Enid Weisberg-Frank. She said this experience led her to become involved in Sisterhood, the Gift Shop and she was engaged as a Board member as well. Cindy progressed on the Board and was President from 2013-2016. She said she really liked being President very much and actively involved the Board to create an engaging atmosphere. Looking back, she feels that she helped facilitate volunteers, working as a team, and feels she was approachable and a good listener. She said she worked diligently to make sure she got back to

anyone who contacted her and believes she kept open lines of communication. Cindy has continued to hold leadership positions in our congregation where she spearheaded the first Interfaith Initiative (that was unfortunately put on hold because of the COVID pandemic) and she chairs the Nominating Committee. In addition, Cindy is leading a task force that will examine scholarships for the ECC, Camps and Religious School.

When asked about her favorite aspect of membership, Cindy described her close friendships that all stem from Shul. Her love of our Senior Rabbi Carnie Shalom Rose and Cantor Sharon Nathanson allow her entire family to continue to feel very connected to B'nai Amoona.

Professionally, Cindy has worked as the Office Manager for David's practice for 29 years. Recently, however, David became an employee of SLUCare and her position was eliminated. Although she will continue to work on various aspects of the practice, the change will allow her to devote her free time to her grandchildren and volunteerism at B'nai Amoona.

Cindy and David love to travel, which she identified as a hobby. They have travelled to Israel and Morocco with Rabbi Rose and have an annual family trip to Orlando coming up. Although COVID has caused them to travel less, they have continued to explore the US and visit family.



Michael Samis and his wife Lisa moved to St. Louis in 1977. His career in the retail/apparel business took him to Omaha in 1991 for five years, then back to St. Louis. He worked for companies such as HoneyBee, Casual Corner and Walden Books. In 2006, he began the second chapter of his professional career when he accepted a position as Executive Director for BSKI. After a short time at BSKI, he was approached by a friend about becoming the Executive Director at B'nai Amoona, which he did in 2007.

When Michael became Executive Director of B'nai Amoona, Rabbi Carnie Rose was also new to the Shul and they worked closely together to implement policies and procedures for running the organization. Michael managed the staff and they worked as a team to move the congregation forward. He worked in that capacity for ten years until he retired in 2017. Upon his retirement, Michael began to support the existing Executive Director and staff in providing guidance, coaching and support for running the Synagogue. Michael continues to remain active in the leadership of our congregation and is currently on the Board of Trustees. He is also the Co-Chairperson of the Reopening Committee which was formulated in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

When asked about the most satisfying aspect of his B'nai Amoona membership, Michael explained that both he and his wife love the friendships they have

created over the years. He said that they very much enjoy the social and community aspect of our congregation.

In his spare time, Michael is a docent at the St. Louis Zoo which he began doing approximately three years ago. Active in our community and always ready to participate in helping others, Michael said that he is on the lookout for other volunteer opportunities. With their two grown children living out of town, Michael and Lisa travel to visit their children and grandchildren as often as possible.





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1. Visit bnaiamoona.com/scrtp to purchase your gift cards before your shopping trips
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Our Community

Mazel Tov to...

Stephen and Felicia Cohen, Lisa and Roy Kramer, Lesley Barker and David Barker on the birth of their grandson, James Oliver, on October 5. Proud parents are Dani and Roger Barker. Great-grandparents are **Ron and Cookie Hollander and Gerald (Z"l) and Ilie (Z"l) Towbin**. Big sister is Adelina Barker.

Denny and Carl Greenberg on the birth of their twin grandchildren. Proud parents are Bryan Greenberg and Jamie Chung.

Lynn and Bud Wittels on the birth of their granddaughter, **Sloane Isla**. Proud parents are Danny and Mia Wittels.

Mark and Judy Hoffman and Ricardo and Irene Munster of Rockville, Maryland on the birth of their grandson, Ariel Elias Munster. Proud parents are Rena and Roberto Munster.

Michelle and Jeffrey Reiser on the birth of their son, **Judah Alexander Reiser**. Proud big brother and sister are **Aviva and Ira Reiser**. Grandparents are Tracey Smith and Charlie Smith, Jr., and Larry (Z"l) and Trude Reiser. Great-grandparents are Frances Reiser, and Lester and Betty Bertels.

Beverly Stuhlman on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Evelyn Roemer. Proud parents are Laura Beth Goldin Roemer and Josh Roemer. Grandparents are Marla and Jim Goldin.

Faith and Bruce Waxman, Robin Harvey, and Mitchell Cohen on the birth of their grandson, Yonah Lev Waxman. Proud parents are Rebecca Waxman and Noah Cohen. Big brother is Caleb Cohen Waxman. Proud great-grandparents are **Marvin and Sandy Greenberg**. Yonah is the nephew of **Sarah Beth and Gavriel Matt** and Leah and Brayan Marin.

As of 12/20/21



HaMakolet (The Market) is our free food pantry at B'nai Amoona! We understand that these are hard times, and want to support our community. Hamakolet's purpose is to address food insecurity and provide people with an additional outlet to seek assistance. We have food items (including several protein options) and some household goods as well. Our food products include both dry goods as well as refrigerated perishables and are all certified Kosher. Our Jewish tradition teaches us to fight hunger, and we invite you to aid in this Mitzvah. To place an order, please contact Amy Maupin at 314-576-9990 x131 or email amy@bnaiamoona.com. You may also contact Chef Jon Hoffman with questions at 314-576-9990 x111 or email jon@bnaiamoona.com.

Grants from the St. Louis Jewish Federation have helped Congregation B'nai Amoona in a wide variety of ways. In 2020-21, we received grant funding for the Chesed Fund, support from the Staenberg Family Foundation for both our Seder and necessary technology, support for older adults, closed captioning from the Joslin Fund, and COVID assistance including technology, two food investments, and additional Chesed Funds. We are deeply appreciative of the support and necessary assistance these Grants provided. Todah Rabbah!

Condolences



The Congregation extends heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

Sharon Bitterfield
Leah Cohen
***Maurice "Maury" Eichler**
Skip Erwin
Audrey Gershenson
***Gertrude Hulbert**
Kenneth A. Kraus

Rabbi Clifford Librach
***Robert W. "Bob" Lueg**
Salomón Milgron
Deborah "Debbie" Poslosky
Karen Lee Techner Silverman
Cynthia Marilyn Tober
Sheldon Samuel Weinhaus

As of 12/20/21

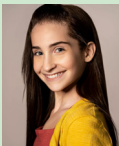
*A tree is planted in Israel through the generosity of the **Plant a Tree for Life Fund** in memory of our B'nai Amoona members of blessed memory listed above.

May their memories be a source of blessing!

January & February B'nai Mitzvah



January 22, 2022
Bar Mitzvah of Omri Snir,
son of Osnat & Eli Snir



February 19, 2022
Bat Mitzvah of Ayden Nelson,
daughter of Amy & Eric Nelson

JANUARY & FEBRUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Morning Minyan: 7:00 am, M-F;
9:00 am, Sun
Zoom, Livestream, Facebook Live & In-Person

Evening Minyan - 6:15 pm, Sun - Thurs
Zoom, Livestream, Facebook Live & In-Person

Friday Evening Services - 6:00 pm
Zoom, Livestream, Facebook Live & In-Person

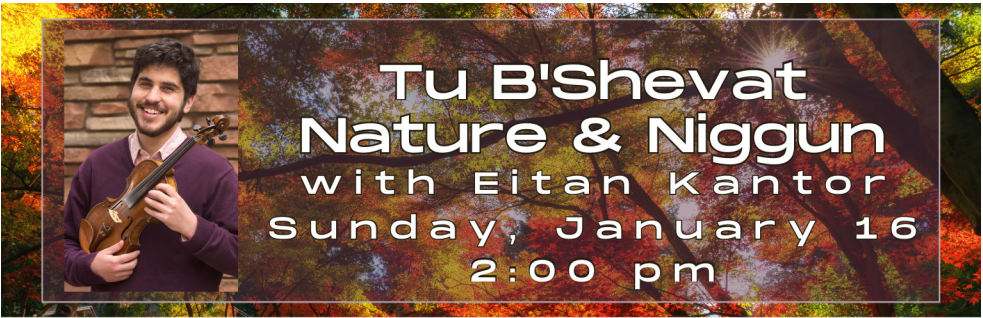
Shabbat Morning Services - 9:00 am
Livestream, Facebook Live & In-Person

Saturday Evening Services
January: 4:00 pm
February: 4:30 pm
Zoom, Livestream, Facebook Live & In-Person

Havdalah -
Immediately Following Saturday
Evening Services
Zoom, Livestream and Facebook Live

SHABBAT & PARASHAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 1	Vaera
January 8	Bo
January 15	Beshallah
January 22	Yitro
January 29	Mishpatim
Shabbat Rosh Chodesh	
February 5	Terumah
February 12	Tetzaveh
February 19	Ki Tissa
February 26	Vayachel
Shabbat Shekalim	
Shabbat Mevarchim Hachodesh	



Minyan Matters

Did you know B'nai Amoona's Minyan Program has been in existence for over 25 years? In other words, Minyan Services at B'nai Amoona are a "Tradition" in the St. Louis Jewish community!

Each day - morning and evening - B'nai Amoona's amazing Minyanaires gather for daily Minyan Services. Our family and friends join the daily Minyanim wherever they are through Zoom, FB Live and Livestream.

So, you may ask, "What is a Minyanair?" A Minyanair is one who commits and dedicates themselves to at least one hour a week at a time and day of their choosing to attend a Service. Yes! That's right! For ONLY sixty minutes each week, YOU can become a Minyanair. Don't Wait! Make your commitment TODAY!

YOU are the 10th one! YOU are counted on as one of the necessary ten individuals needed to provide a Minyan. YOU help ensure a comfortable and welcoming place for those in our community who wish to recite the Mourner's Kaddish for their loved ones, observe a Yahrzeit, pray for healing or just to feel a sense of community.

Your presence along with the cadre of dedicated others help ensure our ongoing "Tradition!" Email minyan@bnaiamoona.com or call 314-629-8099 to indicate your desire to become an amazing Minyanair.

B'Shalom, Co-Chairs
Beverly Chervitz and Laura Shapiro

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Lifelong Learning

Why We Do What We Do

I began Religious School in 1st grade, and since then, my attachment to synagogue life has never faltered. Being in a synagogue is like a second home to me. More importantly, a synagogue is where my belief system became firmly planted. The idea is Jewish in roots; however, it's greater than religion alone.

I remember the first time I was taught the words B'Tzelem Elohim (created in the image of God). I was sitting on the steps of the Bima at United Hebrew and Rabbi Grollman took out the Torah to show us these words among the many in the scrolls. He chose these words instead of any others. Not the 10 Commandments. Not the Shema. These words. I could not read the Hebrew; however, it didn't matter at all. I understood the words as if they were being directed specifically to me. Instructed right then and there about the divine spark that was in all of us. Each created from the same, holy place.

When asked where my passion for

inclusion comes from, THIS is the moment that readily comes to mind. I know this much is true.

Each of us has gifts. Each of us has something to offer. Each of us is human. With this gift of humanity we are EACH deserving of dignity, hope, love, compassion, support, kindness, and inclusion. No one is to be separate from the Kehillah, community.

And why is this? THIS is because each of us is created B'Tzelem Elohim; created in God's image.

The Month of February is Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month (JDAIM). The mission is to unite Jewish communities worldwide to raise awareness and support efforts to foster inclusion.

The work of inclusion is a great passion of mine; however, I find it challenging that we name a month about it. I have come to realize that it is important to name things that are important. If not, it is easy to ignore them.

This being said, Inclusion is much

more than creating a situation of us/ them and finding ways to bridge the two. Inclusion is about the greater circle. Making space from the beginning. Challenging the narrative where we need programs which are inclusive. Instead, being inclusive is just that... a state of being. Always present. Always part of the normative way of life.

There are so many labels that can be given to someone...Someone with mental illness, physical disabilities, emotional challenges, or even intellectual deficits.

What if we disregard the labels? What if the narrative is changed so instead we focus on B'Tzelem Elohim. The HUMAN piece. Each with their own challenges, triumphs, blessings and incredible gifts. This is what I believe is the most important work I do at B'nai Amoona. Every day I am blessed to be present with congregants; engaging with and witnessing all the ways each person is B'Tzelem Elohim.

Please join me on Saturday, February 5th, during Shabbat services when we

speak passionately about the reasons we should create circles where every human has a place among the community.



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Camp Ramot Amoona

Registration is now open for Camp Ramot Amoona Summer 2022! Please visit the website listed at the bottom of the page to save your child's spot and to learn more about the wonderful things that Camp Ramot Amoona has to offer! We are also looking for enthusiastic counselors, lifeguards and swim instructors - all are welcome to apply! Feel free to contact me with any questions!

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Thank you to all who came out to our
Splashing Summer Spectacular Event!



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CAMP RAMOT AMOONA

Looking to Make a Difference?

We Need You!

Camp Ramot Amoona is looking to hire counselors, lifeguards, and swim instructors entering 9th Grade and older for a memorable summer of fun and leadership development. Contact Kyla at, kyla@bnaiaamoonna.com

Ready To Register? Visit:

<https://www.bnaiaamoonna.com/form/cra22registration>

Lifelong Learning

Early Childhood News

What Is New In The LRECC?!



Since March 2020, when Covid-19 began escalating in the US, we have been using evidence-based best practices to keep our families and teachers safe. Love and support are at the center of every decision we have made for the children, parents, families and teachers. This school year, we are happy that vaccinated parents have been welcomed back for some activities. Our “welcome back to school” in August was successful because we used short staggered times for parents and children to see classrooms and meet each other. Our Boker Tov Chanukah

program (Good Morning Chanukah program) was scheduled with each class having a different day to participate so we could be distanced and stay in our pods to celebrate. We have also welcomed a few special guests as it fits in with classroom’s themes and in our library. These events are not “back to normal” but one step closer. Based on the feedback, we are definitely on the right track. Our community of parents and teachers have done what it takes to keep everyone as safe as possible. We are in this together – BaZeh B’Yachad.

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Chanukah Fun

We celebrated Chanukah ALL week long. Boker Tov Chanukah – Good Morning Chanukah was celebrated by each class on a different day of the week. This smaller gathering allowed students and their special guests to safely celebrate together.

Donut holes, light tables, Sivivon (Dreidels), Chanukkiot (Chanukah Menorahs), bean bag toss and more...



CALLING ALL ECC Alumni, Teachers, Families & Supporters

The BA ECC, currently LRECC, is turning 50!!!

We are forming a committee to help with the celebrations. Our special events are aimed for the Fall of 2022. Please contact Anita Kraus at anita@bnaiaamoon.com or call 314-576-3688 to say you’d like to help!



2022 Camp B’nai Ami Registration will open in January. Not currently a student in the LRECC? Want your child to attend during the summer? Call Anita if you want early information for your preschooler to attend during June or July!

Watch for the LRECC 2022-23 Registration to open mid-January.



NEW THIS YEAR are our **EKS (Early Kabbalat Shabbat)** events on Friday evenings before Shabbat and **Mini Minyan** on Saturday mornings. Families have enjoyed singing and listening to stories with Rabbi Jeffrey Abraham along with his puppet friends.



January 29
February 26
April 2



February 11
March 11
April 22
May 13

Get Involved

Men's Club News: Boys Night Out Recap!



November:
Peel Pizza

December:
Uncle Julio's



Sisterhood News



Share the joy of Purim with a gift of Mishloach Manot delivered to all Sisterhood members' homes by a Sisterhood member.

The book of Esther teaches us that during Purim we are commanded to feast, to send food to each other, and to give gifts of food or money to the poor.

How Do I Participate?

1. Every Sisterhood member will receive a Mishloach Manot gift.
2. Be a sponsor and your name will be included on the card for all Sisterhood members and the Klei Kodesh.
3. Purchase extra Mishloach Manot gifts for friends and family.
4. Participate in a contest for the selection of the Klei Kodesh costumes.

For more information and to register:
www.bnaiamoona.com/form/sister22mm

Questions? Contact Barb Rosenfield
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**DEADLINE to ORDER:
February 13, 2022**

Shushan \$36 - Mordechai \$72 - Esther \$180 - Whole Mishpacha \$360+

This Purim Fundraiser is also our 2021-22 Mitzvah project.

Your generous donation enables Sisterhood to provide funding to many of B'nai Amoona's programs.

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WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH PROGRAM

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LADIES LOVING LEARNING

Upcoming Kolot Rosh Chodesh Dates - Be Sure To Mark Your Calendars!

Rosh Chodesh Shevat

Wednesday, January 5th at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Would You Like Wine With That? Wine & Other Important Tales of Israel

Steve Kerbel is an independent education consultant in the Greater Washington DC area, and has been involved in Jewish education for the last 30 years. As your host, Steve will lead a session and share information about the history and geography of winemaking in Israel and other fun wine facts. Kolot welcomes all members of our congregation to this event!

Rosh Chodesh Adar I

Wednesday, February 2nd at 7:00 pm In Person and Zoom

JDAIM Program with Erin Pernikoff and Joyce Opinsky

In honor of Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month KOLOT participates will come together to do a Mitzvah project with Erin Pernikoff and Joyce Opinsky. Erin and Joyce will also share their experiences raising daughters with disabilities and other support needs.

Rosh Chodesh Adar II

Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm In person and on Zoom

Why Moms Make Great Advocates

Cynthia Changyit Levin is the author of "From Changing Diapers to Changing the World: Why Moms Make Great Advocates and How to Get Started." A rare breed of non-partisan activist who works across a variety of issues, Levin coaches volunteers of all ages to build productive relationships with members of Congress. She advocated side-by-side with her two children from their toddler to teen years and crafted a new approach to advocacy based upon her strengths as a mother.

Sisterhood Presents Evening Mah Jongg and other games

Weekly beginning
in February
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Sisterhood Book Group 2022 Books

January 27, 2022 - *Rashi's Daughters, Book I, Jocheved: A Novel of Love and the Talmud in Medieval France* - Maggie Anton

February 24, 2022- *The Beauty of What Remains: How Our Greatest Fear Becomes Our Greatest Gift* - Steve Leder

March 24, 2022 - *The Art of Leaving: A Memoir* - Ayelet Tsabari

April 28, 2022 - *Lilyville: Mother, Daughter, and Other Roles I've Played* - Tovah Feldshuh

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