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The BA Bulletin

November 2019

The monthly newsletter of **Congregation B'nai Amoona**

From Rabbi Carnie Shalom Rose

Shalom BA Chaverot/ Chaverim!

I heard a beautiful Jewish Tale recently, which bears sharing with our Kehillah Kedoshah, our Holy Congregation, specifically now that we are making significant progress towards completing our *Atideynu* Capital Campaign:

In a bucolic mountain village in the European countryside, many centuries ago, there was a gracious nobleman who wondered what enduring legacy he might be able to leave for his beloved townspeople. After much consideration, he decided to build a Synagogue. None of the local townsfolks saw the plans for the structure until it was completely finished. When the people entered for the first time, they marvelled at its striking beauty and careful attention to detail. Then someone asked, "Where are the lamps? How will it be lighted?" The kind nobleman lovingly pointed to the brackets, which were on every wall of the structure. Then the nobleman gifted each family an exquisite lamp with strict instructions to bring these lamps with them every time they came to the Shul. "Each time you are not here," he said, "your place within the Synagogue will be unlit. This will be a reminder that, whenever you fail to attend, especially when the community needs you, some part of this beautiful House of God will be shrouded in darkness."

The message is clear. We are all connected, all part of one congregational family, and all very much needed. And the lamps we each bear are what help illuminate not only our newly enhanced edifice, but also our lives and the lives of all those who call B'nai Amoona their spiritual home. So, thank you – in advance - for taking up your torches to banish the darkness of isolation, alienation and loneliness that all too often threaten our existences. I pray that we will continue to be present for one another whether it be for a major festival, a Shabbat service, a daily Minyan, a birth, a Bat/Bar Mitzvah, a Wedding, a Shivah, or a social action initiative. And let us pledge to not only take up our personal lamps and do good, but also see it as our mission to identify those in the next generation to whom we can, when the time comes, pass the light that will sustain our community *LeOlam VaEd*, for eternity and in perpetuity! VeChen Yehi Ratzon! And may this be God's will as well as our own, Amen!

From your BA Klei Kodesh

Shalom BA Mishpachah! A huge Todah Rabbah to our many B'nai Amoona members who worked so hard to ensure a smooth and beautiful Holy Day Season. It truly does take a village, and we are blessed to have you as part of ours! Yeasher Kochacehm – may your strenght be magnified and enhanced on the merit of your generosity of time and spirit! With love and gratitide,

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How Our Congregation Got Its Name: B'nai Amoona...Children of Faith

The first mention of our name in print was in the Post-Dispatch on July 11, 1884 in an article about the founding of our congregation. That article spelled our name "Bnai Amune". A month later (Aug. 15, 1884) the Post-Dispatch spelled our name "Benei Emounah". Our Constitution, which was filed with the St. Louis City Circuit Court on Oct. 10, 1886, officially established our name as "Benai Amoona Congregation". On July 7, 1912, by unanimous vote, we changed our name to "Congregation Bnai Amoona" and that is how our name is currently registered with the Missouri Secretary of State.

But where did our name come in the first place, regardless of how it is spelled? For that answer we have to go back to the mid-1800s and to the city of Krakow which, at the time, was part of the Austrian Empire and not a city in Poland, as it is today. There was a good deal of political and economic unrest in the German and Austrian lands during the mid-1800s and many people, including many Jews, immigrated to the United States. For various reasons some of these Jews settled in the mid-west before the Civil War. A number of them from Krakow, who came to St. Louis, established the Sheerith Israel Synagogue, popularly called the Krakower Shul. Later, several of these members left Sheerith Israel in 1884 to form our congregation. Some of them had fond memories of a congregation back in Krakow that their families had belonged to, so they chose that congregation's name for the new congregation that they were establishing in the City of St. Louis, Missouri.

Below is a photograph (taken in 2007) of the building in Krakow that used to be the synagogue the founders of our congregation so lovingly remembered. Today it is known as the former Bne Emuna Prayerhouse. It is no longer used as a House of Worship and all Jewish identification has been removed but, if you look closely, you can still see the tablets of the Ten Commandments just below the roof line above the front entrance.

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November Shabbat Service Schedule

November 2	Noah Adult B'nai Mitzvah
November 9	Lech Lecha
November 16	Vayera Bar Mitzvah of Quinton Huet
November 23	Chayei Sarah
November 30	Toledot Bar Mitzvah of Jason Morse

Lifelong Learning

L'Dov V'Dor

Sometimes the line between Ema, Mom, and Educator get blurred. Okay. Reality check. MOST OF THE TIME! This month, the line is not just blurred; it's mostly gone.

As a family, we travel to Washington D.C. and Maryland often. It is where Mark's family lives, it is where we met, and we continue to have friends and family there. Each trip we try very hard to visit at least one touristy place. We aren't always able to make that happen, and many of the places we visited when our children were young they do not remember.

This November 7-10th, I have the honor of traveling to Washington D.C. with 14 of our teens in the Confirmation Class. Ellye is one of those teens. We will not be seeing family and friends on this trip. I am confident many of our teens with us also have been to D.C. This time, our reasons for being there are different. All of us will be traveling as tourists in a way; however, we will be seeing D.C. through a different lens.

The Confirmation trip is part of their yearlong curriculum, Hineini, Here I Am! This I believe. The focus of the year is their own personal Jewish identity. How it has been strengthened, and will continue to be a part of their scaffolding for their choices and actions as they mature. In Washington D.C. they will be visiting Congress for meetings with Representatives to share position papers of issues such as global warming and poverty. However, their statements will reflect their Jewish identity and how it has shaped how they feel about these global challenges. They will also tour the National Holocaust Museum, experience Shabbat at Hillel of George Washington University, and spend Shabbat morning at Keshet, a local Congregation, in Georgetown.

I will be blessed to experience this trip not only with our teens (and my own daughter), but through them. I will see, learn, and do with them. Through their eyes and their experiences. When they arrive back from their trip, I hope you too will speak to them. Ask them to share what they learned, and their vision of the work there is left to do, the work of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. They will be tourists, wearing a different type of glasses, ones with Jewish lenses.

While I'm sharing about family, I know how blessed I am to be one of 4 generations of women in St. Louis. My grandmother, our children's Great Grandmother stood on the Bimah as we passed the Torah to Micah. How blessed are we! My grandmother has given me many gifts over time. One of her gifts is that of a "Bissel of Yiddish!" She has taught me well; though I may not have learned so well. If you are interested in learning or practicing our Yiddish, even if you are a bit Skiddish about Yiddish, please join Rabbi Neal on Thursday mornings at B'nai Amoona for our new Yiddish Class. We begin at 9:45 am with coffee and then jump right into learning, laughing, and practicing a Bissel of Yiddish together!

On a similar note, I want to thank the Congregation for your support and love surrounding our son Micah's Bar Mitzvah. We may never stop Kvelling!

From generation to generation,
L'Dor V'Dor,

Liessa

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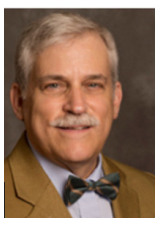
Junior Congregation is Back for Its 15th Year!



A Shabbat experience for 3rd to 6th graders, Junior Congregation is a lively service which is inclusive of all levels and abilities. We currently meet in the future Judaica Shop off the Gallery on the right as you enter, from 10:30 to 11:30 am.

We begin with a Jewish folktale from communities around the world, and follow with a Service guided by Siddur Lev Shalem used in the main Service, but illuminated with song, percussion instruments, movement and chants. New music is added to old JCong favorites, and students lead the Service from their appropriately-scaled Torah table in the Holy Space they create. They do the Morning Blessings and the Kedushah together, and each share what they are thankful to God for that week when we get to Modim. Ashrei is done together.

The Shema is chanted including the interpretative English second paragraph, an environmental challenge presented to us by our Jewish sources.

A short Torah service allows the students to learn to call each other to the Torah using their Hebrew names (and their parents', if you help us out and teach them) and do the blessings. They read Torah if they learn something in school or want to read a couple of lines during the year; let us know your interest. They do Hagbah and dress the Scroll.

Our kids become confident, joyful leaders and followers as they progress to the Main Sanctuary, camps, USY, school and college experiences.

Parents and other congregants are always welcome to peek in, sit in, or even grab a tambourine.

Please contact Liessa Alperin at 314-576-9990 x116 with any questions.

David

Dr. David Kantor
Adult Volunteer Leader

Early Childhood News

The Bimah was filled to overflowing with so many of our loving young families on Rosh Hashanah! Even this photo, taken by an inspired police officer, does not do it justice. *Am Yisrael Chai!*

LRECC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

NOVEMBER

1	Parent-Teacher Conference Day
21	Friendship Feast
27-29	Thanksgiving Break

BA YOUNG FAMILIES CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

NOVEMBER

9	Rhythm N Ruach – 11:00 am

DECEMBER

8	Jump Into the LRECC Fundraiser – 3:00-5:00 pm
13	Young Children's Pre-Shabbat Dinner – 5:45 pm

OUR ANNUAL LRECC FUNDRAISER HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED, PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF OUR NEW DATE:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
3:00 – 5:00 pm

JUMP FOR THE LRECC
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

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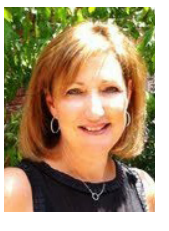

Lifelong Learning

Adult Education at BA

I often tell my own children that their years of learning now are less about WHAT they are learning…and more about learning HOW to learn! I share with them that the real joy of learning often doesn't come until college or beyond, when you are able to focus on your own interests and pursue them with passion and inquiry.

Although we strive with our Meyer Kranzberg Learning Center faculty to teach our students about Judaism; we also want them to be excited to continue their learning as they grow and mature. We are merely giving them a foundation and the initial ingredients to GROW Jewish learners! We are working to create positive Jewish learning experiences that cause them to want to learn more when they are adults.

This is the beauty of the Lehrhaus Institute of Jewish Adult Education at B'nai Amoona. It is an opportunity, as adults, to pursue all of our passions with teachers who are excited to help us learn, discover, and enhance our knowledge.

This is where I need your help! Please send me your ideas, questions and areas of which YOU want to explore. Contact me and tell me what classes, speakers, books, thoughts, ideas, YOU want us to offer at B'nai Amoona. I am presently working on the Spring class offerings and look forward to hearing from you!

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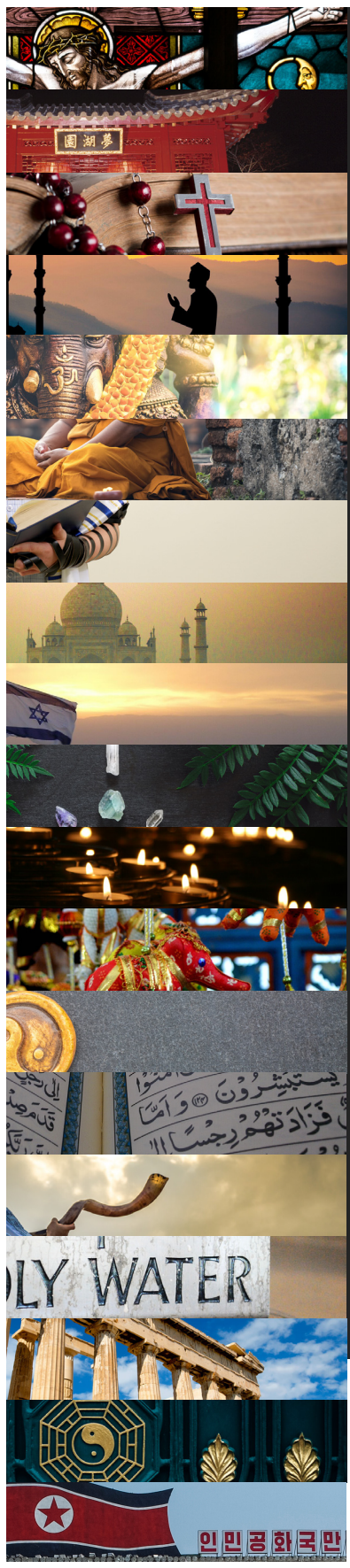
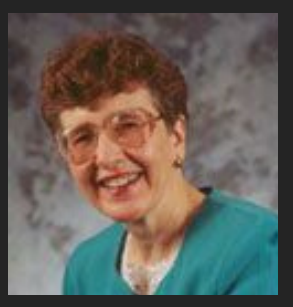
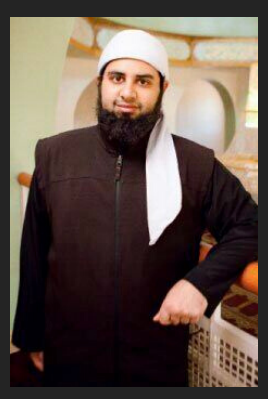


AN IMAM, A PRIEST AND A MINISTER WALK INTO A SHUL...

An Interfaith Torah For Today Study Series Facilitated by Rabbi Neal Rose



Sister Carla Mae Streeter - November 23
Sister Carla Mae Streeter, Professor Emerita of Systematic Theology and Spirituality at Aquinas Institute of Theology, is a Dominican of the Congregation of Catherine of Sienain Racine, Wisconsin. In addition to teaching theology and spirituality at Aquinas Institute, Streeter is active in numerous ecumenical and interfaith efforts, including the Interfaith Partnership of Metropolitan St. Louis.



Mufti Asif Umar - December 7
Mufti Asif Umar was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. At a young age, he completed the memorization of the Quran at the Institute of Islamic Education, where he also pursued higher Islamic education by enrolling in the *'Alim course.* Upon graduation in 2007, Mufti Asif continued his education by enrolling in a course to specialize in the field of issuing legal verdicts (iftaa) under the tutelage of the renowned jurist Mufti Ebrahim Desai (may Allah protect him). He later traveled to Egypt where he spent a few months studying spoken Arabic. He eventually returned to the US and started teaching Islamic sciences at Madinatul Uloom in Virginia before returning back to his hometown. Mufti Asif has served as the imam of the Islamic Foundation of Greater St.Louis since early 2012. He is involved in other organizations including the Imam Council of Greater St. Louis, the West St. Louis County Interfaith Discussion Group, and serving on the cabinet of the Interfaith Partnership of St. Louis.

Interfaith Torah For Today at B'nai Amoona is Generously Sponsored by:
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The Lehrhaus Institute of Jewish Adult Education - Fall & Winter 2019-2020

Lehrhaus means "House of Learning". Originally, it was the name of a Jewish studies school founded by Franz Rosenzweig in Germany in 1920. It sparked a Jewish intellectual revival, attracting intellectuals such as Martin Buber, S.Y. Agnon, A.J. Heschel, Gershom Scholem, and Erich Fromm.

Visit www.bnaiamoona.com for class descriptions and registration

SHABBAT

Torah For Today, 10:15 am

Torah at Twilight, Between Minchah and Ma'ariv (time changes monthly)

SUNDAY

Crash Course in Aleph Bet, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Thinking Person's Judaism, 10:15 - 11:30 am

Hebrew Reading From the Beginning, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Introduction to Judaism, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

MONDAY

Ulpan Ivrit - Advanced Modern Hebrew, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Ulpan Ivrit - Beginning Modern Hebrew, 5:00 - 6:20 pm

Ulpan Ivrit - Intermediate Modern Hebrew, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

TUESDAY

Advanced Hebrew Reading, 6:45 - 7:45 pm

Beginning Hebrew Reading for Tefillot and Blessings, 6:45 - 8:15 pm

Biblical Hebrew: Understanding the Language of the Bible, 7:45 - 8:45 pm

WEDNESDAY

Comparative Religions: An Exploration of Faiths, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Hebrew Reading for Tefillot and Blessings, 6:45 - 8:15 pm

Beginning Hebrew Conversation, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

THURSDAY

Yiddish Class: A Class for Beginners and All Who Enjoy a Bissel of Yiddish!, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Midtown Midrash, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Our Community

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

November 2, 2019

Adult B'nai Mitzvah of (from left to right) **Kevin Litt, Lynda Lieberman, Brian Emery, Sarah Stolker, Rachael Green Smith, and (not pictrued) Jessica Emery**

November 16, 2019

Bar Mitzvah of **Quinton Huet**

Son of Melanie and Cody Huet

November 30, 2019

Bar Mitzvah of **Jason Morse**

Son of Sheri Recoon and Howard Morse

Condolences

The Congregation extends heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

Rita Carol Balk

Richard Leaf

May their memories be a source of blessing!

As of 09/27/19

Mazel Tov to...

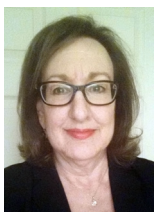
Lisa & Roy Kramer, Stephen & Felicia Cohen, Cookie & Ron Hollander, and **Gerald (Ilien, Z"L) Towbin** on the birth of their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Adelina Gail Barker. Parents are Dani & Roger Barker.

Dr. Godofredo Herzog on the birth of his great-grandson, Carson Everet Herzog. Parents are Jennifer and Richard Herzog. Grandparents are Dr. Jacques and Nancy Herzog and Dr. Gary and Toni Swanson.

Ken & Jane Tzinberg Rubin, Al & Julie Solarz, **Shirley Tzinberg** and Maurine Rubin on the birth of their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Ella Rose. Proud parents are Jessica Rubin and Ben Solarz.

As of 09/27/19

On the Development Side



Did You Know?

Through these articles, I often thank our members for their generosity – whether it be sponsorships, Kapparah Gelt, the High Holy Days greetings, the intergenerational prayer book bookplates; these are all recent examples. However, what isn't often talked about is what inspires giving? And for those who give readily, and often, do we inspire donor fatigue or donor gratification?

A quick story. I participated in a meeting the other day with Rabbi Rose and a member couple. We discussed a variety of topics, mostly about engagement in the Shul, with an emphasis on the fact that engagement is a two-way street. It involves actual participation in order to enjoy the benefits – whether spiritual, learning-based, social, entertainment, or meditative. For active Shul participants, donating is often a way to give back. But it is not a given – there is no expectation that because one receives value or knowledge or enjoyment or religious fulfillment, one must reciprocate by giving. What the Rabbi emphasized is that giving should give the giver pleasure, a sense of doing something noble. It should not be an expectation of repayment but rather a celebration of doing good, Tikkun Olam. Conversely, active participation is not always a sign of connection as we each connect in different ways. Some participate through streaming, some through adult education, some through the socialization of Mah Jongg in a Jewish setting, and others in a variety of other ways that may not bring them directly into the Sanctuary. That is the beauty of religion and how people choose to practice; similarly, it is the beauty of giving. Giving can also be realized in a variety of ways – giving of money, giving of time, giving of expertise.

The key to all of this is that people feel moved to give, not necessarily why they give – as for some, that is a private reason, for others, it is the public recognition that brings value. For some, public recognition serves to help to inspire others, to model behavior, to publicly announce the joy and purpose of the gift in the hope that others will follow in their footsteps. And yet for others, their gift is quiet and anonymous, bringing an introspective sense of satisfaction.

In my position as Director of Development, I sometimes struggle with the decision when is enough enough? When have we asked too much of members? When will the newest, latest "ask" not resonate with good will but with frustration? My answer is that not every "ask" will resonate with every member and the one that does is the one that will bring joy and fulfillment. "Asking" offers a smorgasbord of opportunities to give with the hope that one request will be "the one" that completes a Mitzvah, soothes the soul, provides happiness, or fulfills a sense of obligation in a joyous manner. Thus, as the Rabbi wisely noted in our meeting, the act of giving is a noble act, full of inspired responsibility and thoughtful mindfulness. And we say, in return, "thank you!"

Gail

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Did You Know...

By using just one little word, "Smile", Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to our very own B'nai Amoona? Simply sign in to Smile.Amazon.com instead of Amazon.com, choose Congregation Bnai Amoona (note no apostrophe) as your charity of choice. Your shopping experience remains the same and B'nai Amoona reaps the benefit. Amazon Prime members retain all their perks. Thank you for helping Amazon Prime support B'nai Amoona.

Get Involved

Sisterhood News

Torah Fund 2019–2020

Our Silent Fund event "Torah Fund**sgiving**" is almost here!

Soon you will be asked to participate in Torah Fund**sgiving,** an opportunity to make a donation to Torah Fund. It is the perfect time to count our blessings and have an opportunity to spread "Chesed" (kindness). Let's give thanks to the seminaries of the Conservative/ Masorti Movement which are helping to "build" *(Livnot U'Lehibanot– to build it and be built by it.)* future generations. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

To receive a pin:
Benefactor $180
Guardian (with a pearl) $300
Associate (with a ruby) $600
Patron (with a diamond) $1200

To donate, please mail your payment to:
Andrea Cantor
12510 Conway Holmes Court
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Please make your checks payable to **Torah Fund**

For information please contact co-chairs:
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Love Mah Jongg?

Sisterhood plays on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. In the Banquet Hall behind the Sanctuary. No requirement of a commitment. Bring a current card and come to have fun and make new friends!

Questions? Contact Lisa Samis at

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Book Club

Did you know that B'nai Amoona and Kol Rinah Sisterhoods have a joint book club that meets at St. Louis County Library, 1640 S. Lindbergh 10–11:30 am. Upcoming books

Nov: Jewish Book Festival (no meeting)

Dec 26: **Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor** – Yossi Klein Halevi (204 pages)

Contact Enid Weisberg-Frank at eyetutor8@yahoo.com or 314-853-3643 for more information about the Book Club.

St. Louis Jewish Book Festival

The 41st Annual St. Louis Jewish Book Festival runs from November 3 –15, 2019. B'nai Amoona Sisterhood is a proud co-sponsor of the November 13 author event at 7:00 pm featuring Lori Gottlieb, bestselling author, psychotherapist, and national columnist. A discussion of her book, **Maybe You Should Talk to Someone**, will be moderated by Carly Sparks. Tickets are $20 for the evening or free for those with a Premier Pass ($110 for the two-week run). Visit www.jccstl.com to purchase tickets.

COMING JANUARY 16, 2020..... Sisterhood invites you to breakfast with Hedy Lamarr and NY Times best selling author Marie Benedict

Join us for a delicious continental breakfast and the captivating life story of the stunning beauty, and famous movie star, who started life in 1930's Austria as Hedy Kiesler, before escaping the Third Reich for a future of Hollywood glamour, international intrigue, and scientific invention.

The Only Woman in the Room, the fictionalized biography of Hedy Lamarr, is the NY Times best-seller from Marie Benedict, author of **The Other Einstein, Carniegie's Maid** and the forthcoming **Lady Clementine**.

Lamarr is remembered as one of the most glamorous Oscar-nominated movie stars of the 1940's, but her greatest legacy might be her groundbreaking, yet little known contributions as a scientist. Lamarr was the unsung inventor behind advances in communication technology that led to our modern-day cell phones, Wi-Fi, GPS, and Bluetooth technology.

Tickets for the January 16 event at B'nai Amoona: $10 in advance and $12 at the door. Seating is limited, tickets and registration required.

Tickets may be purchased through the B'nai Amoona website.

Doors open at 9:00 am and the presentation will begin at 9:30 am.

Following her presentation, Marie Benedict will take questions from attendees and there will be a book signing. All of Benedict's titles will be available for purchase at the event.

This program is presented by B'nai Amoona Sisterhood and Meet Me Saint Louis.

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Social Action

Cheshvan is adopted as "Social Action Month" since there are no Jewish holidays. We will be collecting pull tabs from cans to help Ronald McDonald House and use this as part of our Mitzvah Day project. We will also start collecting toys, gloves, and hats for the Carver House Wrap in December. Look for our announcements in the next bulletin, Ennouncements, and Shabbat Sheets to see what the Social Action Committee is doing. We always welcome new members and new ideas.

Please check the new Social Action Collection Center to the right of the receptionist's desk near the main entrance. Remember, hunger is a year-round problem, so please bring non-perishable food, paper goods, and toiletries to our collection center whenever you come to Shul.

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OPERATION ISAIAH
THANK YOU to everyone who helped make such a successful Operation Isaiah! We had amazing volunteers and were honored to welcome the new CEO of JF&CS, Miriam Seidenfeld. The Social Action Committee sponsors this collection every year, with important help from Men's Club and BAUSY for distributing and helping with bags of food. Helping others is the way to put the lessons of the Torah into action.

Upcoming Events

Please Join Us For Our Annual

CHANUKAH BAZAAR

Our annual Chanukah Bazaar is back and better than ever! Our vendors specialize in everything from Judaica to jewelry, clothing to crafts, home decor & more!

Located At:

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10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
IN OUR NEW GALLERY

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B'NAI AMOONA
MEN'S CLUB

INVITES YOU TO

DEMOLITION BALL

1875 S Old Hwy 94
St Charles, MO 63303

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
7:30 – 10:00 PM

$18/PERSON
Price includes admission, pizza & soft drinks

ADULTS ONLY

Men's Club invites you to join them for an action-packed evening of Demolition Ball, a fast-paced, raucous game involving bumper cars, basketball hoop goals, track ball scoops, and a wiffle ball!

For more information and to register, please visit bnaiamoona.com

www.bnaiamoona.com

Twelfth Annual Eleonore and Dr. Herman Blumenthal Memorial Concert to benefit the Social Action Committee at Congregation B'nai Amoona
Fred Blumenthal, piano, assisted by Friends
Sunday afternoon, November 17th, 2019 at 2:00 pm
A donation of $18 to the Social Action Committee is suggested in lieu of ticket purchase

Dr. Fred Blumenthal, who is founder of Meshorerim, a Jewish men's singing group, will perform a concert in memory of his parents, Eleonore and Dr. Herman Blumenthal, at Congregation B'nai Amoona on Sunday, November 17 at 2:00 pm. The performance will include vocal solos, piano solos, and music for women's and men's choruses. Admission is free, but a donation of $18 to the Social Action Committee at B'nai Amoona is suggested. This year's concert will have added poignancy in that it also observes the passing of Dr. Daniel S. Blumenthal, Fred's brother, and of Dr. Salvatore Riggio, father of Nick Riggio, one of the basses in the Meshorerim quintet. There is, contained in the memorial prayers, a vow to do acts of charity in memory of the deceased, and so the concept for these concerts was formed. "I wanted to do music not only as a memorial for the departed, but also as an act of charity. The Social Action Committee at B'nai Amoona is dedicated to *Tikkun Olam*, or healing the world. It supports projects that feed the hungry, recycles materials, and supports the needy. It collects food for the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry, used books for children, and money for gift cards distributed by Rabbi Rose. It hopes to educate its members and the Congregation on issues facing the synagogue, community, and the world", says Dr. Fred Blumenthal.

Fred Blumental continues, "Dr. Herman Blumenthal was born in New York City, grew up in New Jersey, and attended Rutgers and the University of Pennsylvania before receiving a Ph.D. in pathology and MD from Washington University. After serving in the US Army in World War II he worked briefly in Louisville, Kentucky before returning to St. Louis to become Associate Professor of Pathology at St. Louis University School of Medicine, and later pathologist and Director of Laboratories at Jewish Hospital and the Veterans Hospital at Jefferson Barracks. In the early 1960s he founded Midwest Medical Laboratory, and conducted research throughout his career, specializing in arteriosclerosis, diseases of aging, and topics in public health. He passed away November 5th, 2007 at the age of 94. Eleonore Gottlieb Blumenthal was born and grew up in Pleasanton, Kansas, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Kansas. She was working as a bacteriology technician at St. Louis City Hospital when she was introduced to my father. She was also the mother of my brother Daniel, a pediatrician turned medical school teacher. She died of cancer in 1972."

Fred Blumenthal is a native of St. Louis who attended Ithaca College and Washington University, earning a Ph.D. in musicology at the latter. In addition to working with Meshorerim he was choir director at Brith Sholom Knesseth Israel for 17 years, and has taught public school, written music criticism, announced classical music on the radio and repaired pianos, plus writing and arranging music. He has been a vice-president of the Guild of Temple Musicians, and is vice president and past president of the St. Louis Circle of Jewish Music. For further information contact B'nai Amoona at 314-576-9990 or Fred Blumenthal at 314-772-2171.

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