



*Story Adventure Club's Little Chef Adventure:
baking Hanukkah cookies*



*Shabbat Candlelight Vigil in support of the
National Vigil for All Victims of Gun Violence*

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

January 1 2019 – May 31, 2020*

*This annual report extends beyond 2019, given the pandemic and the impact it has had on B'nai Havurah activities. The one exception is the Finance Report found on the final page.

Letter from our Co-Chairs of the Board of Trustees, Dorothy and Ron Lepoff



We have been honored to serve as your co-chairs since July 1, 2019 and will continue to serve on the Board for the coming term. This has been a challenging and very busy year, in many respects.

The following are a few highlights that come to mind:

- B'nai Havurah continues to be very involved with Coloradans for the Common Good, with 14 members on its core leadership team. CCG has been extremely involved in advocating for people who have been struggling with the on-going effects of the pandemic.
- The leadership continues to actively explore alternatives to our current building, pursuing many different leads.
- This past winter, many of us enjoyed an excellent film series regarding events surrounding the Holocaust. The films were all of very high quality and the series was well-attended.
- We enjoyed our involvement with the Community Outreach Task Force whose purpose it was to better understand the needs and desires of our members. The information gathered will help leadership develop a strategic plan that addresses our opportunities and challenges in the coming years.
- In mid-March 2020, when the dangers of the pandemic became evident, the Executive Committee and staff acted decisively and immediately to close the building. Since then the Board and staff have stepped up and created a variety of interesting, thought-provoking, and even fun virtual programs. We're very proud to be part of this creative group. Presently a new COVID Response Advisory Team will determine how and when the synagogue will proceed towards re-opening.

We enjoyed getting to know our fellow Trustees and wish Ethan Waldman, our incoming Chair, smooth sailing!

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Eddie Davis, Office Administrator

A Word from the Incoming Chair, Ethan Waldman



Earlier, we described feedback received from our community through the Community Outreach Task Force (COTF) efforts of 2019. The priorities learned have already informed and influenced the work of several committees, volunteer teams, and staff within B'nai Havurah. Elsewhere in this Annual Report and at our Annual Meeting, we describe efforts underway that have either been reinforced by or initiated by the feedback we received. In addition to those efforts, the Board of Trustees has engaged an experienced professional working with non-profit organizations to assist the Board and work with the staff in the coming months to develop new frameworks to address all that we have learned from our community.

With all this, the year 2020 also brought the unexpected challenges of how to engage as a community while forced to remain physically distanced from one another.

The very nature of community has been challenged, including:

- How can a congregation "congregate"?
- How can children learn in classes?
- How can adults pursue their own educational interests?
- How can we look out for and care for one another?

What remains of 2020 will continue to be marked by how we respond to these challenges. Perhaps these conditions will change our previous views of priorities, or perhaps they will simply further strengthen those same priorities.

Both despite and because of the COVID-19 crisis, we continue to look forward to reviewing our strengths and addressing our areas of need over the remainder of 2020 and into 2021. I, personally, have been deeply moved and inspired by much of what I have heard from community members in 2019 and look forward to working with our new incoming Board of Trustees, as well as our very special B'nai Havurah community, as we face what comes, together.



Simchat Torah, 2019

Rabbi Evette Lutman



Shalom B'nai Havurah congregants and friends. The big news this year is the final quarter, our survival of the Covid19 virus. Weathering this tsunami can tend to overshadow the preceding months, indeed the preceding years. That's why annual report articles are great – they help us remember so much more than what we're suffering through now.

Reflecting back – during the past 10 years we have accomplished many things of which we can be very proud. With our Inclusivity Committee we've made sure that congregants of all abilities and challenges feel welcome in our congregation. We have reached out to the deaf and hard of hearing community, the LGBTQIA community, interfaith families, singles and various other family structures.

We can be proud of our school. Judaism isn't a spectator sport, and our kids get that by the engaging way in which we teach students and families. Our children are taught to grapple with concepts, to learn a standard approach *and* to challenge it. Because of our innovative curriculum this year, when the virus hit we didn't skip a beat. While other schools closed we were *already* teaching using today's technology.

I'm proud of the bar and bat mitzvah program we've built too. With an eye toward inclusion we take each child where he or she is, capitalize on their strengths, and make them shine regardless of Hebrew ability or educational challenges. Each child feels valued and gets to design a mitzvah project that speaks directly to his or her sense of justice.

We should all be extremely proud of our engagement at B'nai, lay leadership in services, in government, and in tikkun olam. Judaism requires of us to *rodef* - to pursue justice. It's a mitzvat asei - a positive commandment. With our involvement in Coloradans for the Common Good and CFCU – Colorado Faith Communities United Against Gun Violence, B'nai Havurah leads the Jewish community in social justice advocacy.

So bring on the next year. We're ready!

Eddie Davis, Office Administrator



It is difficult for me to believe that I have been your office administrator for almost one year. Before coming to B'nai Havurah, I was an alliance coordinator and later a product manager with a large window covering manufacturer. What I enjoyed most about my role with the company was the opportunity to make connections with a wide variety of people, and I am fortunate to have that same opportunity here at B'nai.

In my free time, I enjoy listening to music (a little of any genre), working on the home and yard I share with my spouse, Mike. I look forward to the time when it will be safe to travel. Until then, I will satisfy myself by reading about the architecture and history of places I have been fortunate to visit, and others I hope to visit.

I've enjoyed meeting many of you, in person or over the phone, and look forward to meeting more of you soon. I have come to admire the sense of community and your commitment to social causes at B'nai, and I am grateful to be a small part of it.

Becky Epstein, Executive Director



Have you ever eaten an exquisitely tasty dish at a friend's home and asked for the recipe? And then, with great anticipation, you gathered the ingredients and prepared the dish to be disappointed?

What went wrong?

Did your friend forget an ingredient or (oh no!) withhold an ingredient or change the recipe? What is their secret? What are you missing? Your friend catches the mistake: 1 tsp. of a particular spice *should have been* 1 Tbsp.

You try the recipe again ---success! Such a slight difference, but what a difference!

**What is the secret ingredient in the delicious concoction that is B'nai Havurah?
What is that distinctive flavor?**

It's quite simple, really, but it does require that we continue to add more and more to the dish: it is our **members and friends**.

You, my friend, are the ingredient that is so critical to the delightful tastiness that is B'nai Havurah. If you are missing from this recipe, add yourself – a tbspc. will do it, if you can spare it!

In perusing the pages of this Annual Report, perhaps you too will come to understand our secret ingredient. Our Youth Education Committee (page 9) is passionate and proud of the program they are helping to build; Adult Education has never been more active (in person and now virtually) with the help of Debbie Goodman; Our Board of Trustees is addressing the concerns of our membership and tackling short-term, and longer-term planning; a newly formed COVID Advisory Task Force will ensure that the safety of our members and friends come first, our members and friends are generous with monetary gifts (see pages 10 – 15); and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) at B'nai has never been stronger thanks to the efforts of our Tikkun Olam Committee, Coloradans for the Common Good, and Colorado Faith Communities to End Gun Violence.

Please add to the flavor of our B'nai concoction -- just a bit your time can make all the difference!

Music Director, Hal Aqua



2019 was chock-full of vibrant musical activities at B'nai Havurah, including:

- Lively and engaging musical Shabbat services
- Multi-generational Shabbat B'Yachad (Together) services
- Themed Kabbalat Shabbat evenings (Kirtan, Blues and Gospel, Leonard Cohen, etc).
- Dancing in the Desert: Second Night Seder
- High Holy Days with a newly-written Kol Nidre service

Since March of this year, as we all grapple with the challenges of life during a global pandemic, our B'nai Havurah staff has been working hard to transition to virtual events that capture at least some of the warmth and camaraderie that characterize our community's approach to services, simchas and lifecycles. Online turnout has been strong and enthusiastic for Klezmer Shabbat and Reggae Shabbat, Shabbat B'Yachad, Recon Liturgy Lab, and Second Night Seder. We're looking ahead to the fall as we plan virtual High Holy Day programs and services that will be innovative, thought-provoking, comforting and soul-strengthening. Music can be a powerful force for healing and connectivity... let's keep singing together!

Who are we?



Since its founding in 1961, B'nai Havurah has been Denver's only Jewish Reconstructionist community.

We are passionately committed to genuinely experiencing Judaism. We infuse Jewish tradition with renewed meaning in a contemporary American context. Members come from all walks of life and share the belief that Judaism is an evolving religious civilization, encompassing history, literature, art, music, food, land and language. Through acts of kindness, social justice and public advocacy, our community connects with Jewish people and the world in which we live.

Chesed Committee



The Chesed Committee of B'nai Havurah seeks to support members of B'nai Havurah who are experiencing illness or death, or who are celebrating a simcha, like the birth of a child. Typically, actions performed by the Chesed committee include bringing meals to those who may be sick, assisting with meals of consolation (ritual meal after a funeral) and Shiva logistics, visiting an ailing person in a nursing facility or a hospital, or writing a note or making a call of sympathy or congratulations, for a significant family event.

Every year, the Chesed Committee seeks members to support our community for the current year.

If you would like to be on our committee this year or require support, please contact Carol Bubes at cbubes@outlook.com, or Lorrie Tishler, at lorrie_edits@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your kindness and consideration.

2019 Tikkun Olam Committee Goals and Outcomes

- Goal: Conduct events that exemplify the work being done by the Tikkun Olam Committee, e.g., Mitzvah Day, Tikkun Olam Shabbat.
 - ✓ Outcomes: In 2019, the Tikkun Olam Committee held a Tikkun Olam Shabbat and helped organize an activity for volunteers to put together snack bags for the Ronald McDonald House.
- Goal: Sustain an ample flow of funds to support Tikkun Olam projects and activities.
 - ✓ Outcome: The supply of funds from the Half Shekel grants have been adequate to fund the grant program. Becky has been able to give us an update on a regular basis.
- Goal: Expand social action activities through increased Coloradans for the Common Good involvement.
 - ✓ Outcome: B'nai Havurah members are currently involved in several Coloradans for the Common Good activities.

Through the 2019 fiscal year to the present (May 2020), Tikkun Olam funded 25 grants (18 in 2019 alone) to local, national, and international organizations or projects. These were for \$500 each, with the exception of two which were for lesser amounts.

The Tikkun Olam Committee funded several grant requests that were particularly impactful in 2019. Some of these notable projects include:

- Kavod Ensuring Dignity for Holocaust Survivors: Provides assistance such as emergency food needs, help with costly medical procedures, etc., for Holocaust survivors living in poverty
- Shadhika High School Scholarship Program: Supports the costs of schooling for 16-18 year-old girls in India, allowing them to complete high school and escape child marriage.
- Mitzvah Day Grant to cover food and supplies for Mitzvah Day projects. (See picture, right.)
- Culinary Arts Boot Camp for Veterans: Funds provided to build a kitchen as a training facility in the culinary arts for homeless veterans to aid them in finding employment and permanent housing.
- CASA: Denver Child Advocates program serving abused and neglected children in the Denver Juvenile Court system.

APPLY FOR A GRANT! The Tikkun Olam Committee welcomes grant proposals that act on our obligation to repair the world.



Members of the Tikkun Olam committee prepare to deliver snack bags created during Mitzvah Day to the Ronald McDonald House

Committee:

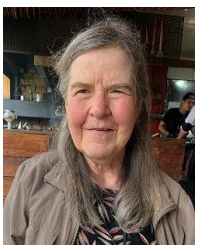
Co-Chairs Nancy McChail and Glenn Cooper, Gail Bernstein, Carol Bubes, Phyllis Goodman, Jeanne Pantone, Barry Rosenberg, Carole Smith, Lorrie Tishler, and Alice Turak.

Tikkun Olam Sub-Committee, Green Team

The Tikkun Olam Committee sponsors and directs the B'nai Havurah Green Team to promote environmental sustainability within the community.

2019-20 Green Team initiatives included:

- Weekly short articles, often with links to longer articles, in What's Nu.
- Attending the Climate March in September.
- Holding a plant-based Shabbat on February 28. It was well-received. Recipes are available on B'nai's website at <http://www.bnaihavurah.org/green-team>
- Attending a discussion of the book "We Are the Weather" at the Boulder JCC. We anticipate having a book club discussion around that book, likely via Zoom, at B'nai.



Committee: Lorrie Tishler, Liz Evans and Deb Lebow Aal

In November of 2019 we lost fellow Tikkun Olam Committee member and Green Team founder, Sally Klein, z"l. Sally was the founder of our Green Team. Sally was a passionate advocate for our environment and we miss her very much.

Zichrono livracha, may the memory of Sally Klein be for a blessing.

Positioning B'nai/Vad Tzedek

Only when a just social order prevails throughout the world can the Jewish people find peace, and Jewish civilization thrive.
-Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, The Future of the American Jew, 1948

Positioning B'nai, a Social Justice Action Policy established by B'nai Havurah in 2017, provides a path for anyone in our congregation to support and promote social justice. Coloradans for the Common Good (Formerly Colorado IAF) and Colorado Faith Communities to End Gun Violence have been approved under our Positioning B'nai policy.

The process to ask B'nai Havurah to get behind you in your work for social justice is:

1. Read through *Positioning B'nai*, available on our website under Outreach.
2. Learn more about how to put your proposal together by meeting with Vad Tzedek (Justice group, and a sub-committee of Tikkun Olam) to discuss your issue, organization, or project.
3. Submit your proposal for review by Vad Tzedek.
4. Educate the community (that's mostly what the proposal is about).
5. Report back to Vad Tzedek/Tikkun Olam. They will evaluate whether our community has been sufficiently educated about your issue, organization, or project and is supportive.



By using *Petitioning B'nai*, Coloradans for the Common Good (Formerly Colorado IAF) and Colorado Faith Communities to End Gun Violence have been approved. We hope you make use of the process. People are standing by to help you bring your social justice visions to B'nai Havurah, and to help B'nai take public stands for justice in our community.

Coloradans for the Common Good

It has been a significant year for **Coloradans for the Common Good** (formerly CO IAF). Fourteen B'nai members make up the CCG Core Leadership Team. For information on who we are, see B'nai's website under the tab *Outreach*. www.COCommonGood.org provides additional information.

Highlights:

- Expanding Workers' Rights Coalition, June-December 2019: B'nai Havurah leaders and Rabbi Evette (pictured right) testified twice before the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and spoke at multiple press conferences on this topic. As a result, the CDLE published new wage rules and overtime benefits for many classes of workers in January 2020.
- Founding Assembly Denver Classroom Teachers Association, Spring 2019: CCG actively supported Denver educators in their advocacy for a fairer compensation structure. This resulted in many positive pay-related changes after a three-day strike. (See photo bottom, left)
- Founding Assembly & School Board Candidates' Accountability Session, October 2019, Manual High School, 500+ attended, including 50 members and friends of B'nai Havurah. We proudly announced our new name and logo. Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser and other dignitaries publicly stated their support of our organizing strategy. Nine school board candidates from four counties expressed their positions on educators' agendas. The Assembly also voted to support the Expanding Workers' Rights Coalition platform.
- Pandemic Actions (partial list):
 - ✓ In partnership with UFCW Local 7, CCG leaders met with Governor Polis and the Directors of three Agencies to obtain paid sick leave and childcare benefits for 20,000 grocery and 30,000 food and beverage processing workers. We continue to advocate for the safety and health of JBS meatpacking plant workers and recently created a coalition of 15 Weld County clergy to join the fight.
 - ✓ Comcast, Verizon, T-Mobile and other ISPs agreed to expand internet access to 60,000+ Colorado school children.
 - ✓ Looming housing and rent crisis after eviction moratoria are lifted: Conversing with banks, credit unions, landlord associations, and renters' lawyers and advocates to develop a coordinated and better publicized approach to relief.
 - ✓ Initiative-271, Fair Tax Colorado: Campaign to collect 10,000 petition signatures at a distance for ballot acceptance.



For information and/or to join us contact
CCG Co-Chairs Zeik Saidman (zeiks@aol.com) or
Marilyn Winokur (marilyn@winokur.com).

CCG Core Team: Glenn Cooper, Susan Cooper, Becky Epstein, Richard Fantel, Debbie Goodman, Pat Madsen, Maggie Miller Shauna Morgan-Sherman, Barbara Shindell, Paul Simon, Barbara Borow Stephens, Allan Wallis, and Rabbi Evette.

Havurah B'kavod Jose Diaz: Standing Up to Gun Violence

Havurah B'kavod Jose Diaz represents B'nai Havurah as an active member of Colorado Faith Communities United to End Gun Violence (CFCU).



B'nai Havurah adopted a social justice position in 2018 to join CFCU, a multi-faith coalition of 42 congregations working together to reduce Colorado's rising gun death rate. CFCU works primarily in three areas:

- Advocacy at the legislature to pass common-sense gun safety measures
- Public education about the gun violence epidemic and the toll it takes
- Promoting a public health approach to reduce gun violence, especially suicide prevention given that 75% of Colorado gun fatalities are firearm suicides

2019 - 2020 Activities of Havurah B'kavod Jose Diaz

- ✓ Participated in White Coat Rally sponsored by medical professionals to press for more funding to research and prevent gun violence (6/01/19)
- ✓ Read names of those killed by gun violence in Colorado as part of Misheberach service (6/08/19)
- ✓ Sponsored QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) training with Temple Emanuel to provide members with tools to assist anyone experiencing a suicidal crisis (11/21/19)
- ✓ Sponsored a Shabbat Candlelight Vigil at the Leedsdale/Monaco intersection in support of the National Vigil for All Victims of Gun Violence (12/13/19)
- ✓ Organized a congregational group to view the play *The Secretary*, a parody about the gun culture, at Curious Theater followed by a facilitated discussion at the Cap City Tavern (2/16/20)
- ✓ Activated the congregational RRN (Rapid Response Network) of 20+ members to contact legislators about passing GVP bills. Helped CFCU pass an Extreme Risk Protection Order bill in Colorado to remove guns when an individual poses a risk to themselves or others.



Members: Glenn and Susan Cooper, Richard Fantel, Pat Madsen, Shauna Morgan-Sherman, Paul Simon and Debbie Reinberg, Alana Smart and Zeik Saidman, Howard Tishler. In addition, approximately 20 B'nai Havurah members support our work as Friends of B'kavod Jose Diaz Havurah.



The end of the 2018-2019 school year was a time to reassess and reevaluate our educational goals, curriculum, and model of Jewish education. Educators, parents, professional staff, and lay leadership offered comprehensive feedback and decided to explore new models of Jewish education. Each year there are increasing numbers of Jewish educational programs in the Denver community for families with school-age children, while synagogues continue to have a drop-in membership and religious school enrollment. This realization, along with our own internal reflection, gave birth to our new **CHAI FIVE Youth Education Program**.

CHAI FIVE is a model created by B'nai Havurah for our ever-evolving community to be on the cutting edge of Jewish education. It is not a school model, but rather a youth education program that inspires children and their parents to experience Jewish life, values, culture, history, and religion. It is for Kindergarten through 7th Grade and has five components that include:

- **Mitzvah Corps** – Learn, Do and Reflect on a different social justice issue for one trimester each year.
- **Family Learning Model** – Families choose topics for one trimester together with other families. This year, topics included Hebrew, the evolution of our Siddur/prayers/blessings, and Jewish activism in America.
- **Arts-Based Education** – Jewish Art and Culture are explored with local artists for one trimester. This year we offered world music, Bibliodrama, the art of Marc Chagall, and writing.
- **CHAI FIVE Hebrew** – Year-long online, small-group tutoring model.
- **My Jewish Toolkit** – Throughout the school year, students of different ages help each other learn the essential elements of Judaism.

Highlights for 2019-2020 School Year

- ✓ CHAI FIVE Online Hebrew was so well-received that we are adding CHAI FIVE Summer Hebrew.
- ✓ Shabbat B'Yachad had excellent attendance with about 50 people at each Shabbat service, including students and their families and adult congregation members.
- ✓ Mitzvah Day was community-wide with great partnership and participation from the Tikkun Olam committee and the Jewish Disabilities Advocates group.
- ✓ In addition to their comprehensive B'nai Mitzvot curriculum, 6th and 7th-grade students participated in the LinkAGES program with Kavod Senior Living throughout the year.
- ✓ CHAI FIVE Youth Ed Program was the first in Denver to pivot to entirely virtual programming in March.
- ✓ Story Adventure Club (infants to preschool) expanded from 5 last year to over 15 families participating in at least one adventure this year.



Director of Education, Dr. Carol Loveman Morris greets Purim Spiel attendees.

Committee Members:

Angèle Fauchier (chair), Risa Friedman, Shauna Morgan-Sherman, Carol Loveman Morris, Kate Tribbett, and Barb Wisott

B'nai Mitzvah January 2019 – March 2020

Mazel tov to our B'nai Mitzvah youth and families! B'nai Havurah family and friends SHOW up and celebrate this momentous journey into adulthood and we couldn't be more proud of all of our B'nai Mitzvah!



Jonas Scudamore did a tremendous job of staying calm, given that his Bar Mitzvah occurred in the early days of the pandemic.



Three generations of Habers (all B'nai members) have reason to celebrate! Gabe, Isaac's dad (left) also had his Bar Mitzvah at B'nai.

Maisy Weiss - Daughter of Rebecca & Seth Weiss
June 1, 2019
Mitzvah Project: CSU Veterinary Hospital

Isaac Haber - Son Gabe Haber & Deborah Voss
and Vicki Haber (top right photo)
June 29, 2019
Mitzvah Project: Rottie-Aid Rottweiler Rescue

Ari Siegel - Son of Elaine Shulman & Eric Sigel
August 10, 2019
Mitzvah Project: A Precious Child

Benjamin Scarbeary - Son of Joanne & Logan Scarbeary
September 7, 2019
Mitzvah Project: Place Bridge Academy

Max Jacobs - Son of Jill & Randy Jacobs
November 11, 2019
Mitzvah Project: Ronald McDonald

Jonas Scudamore - Son of Jennifer Reich & David Scudamore
March 21, 2020
Mitzvah Project: Casa de Paz



Benjamin Scarbeary's mitzvah project brought in barrels of school supplies for the students of Place Bridge Academy Just in time for school.

Community Outreach

During the year 2019, the Community Outreach Task Force conducted several outreach efforts to hear from all our members and gain a better understanding of what our community most enjoys and appreciates, as well as learn where we might improve. We learned the priorities that matter most to the community and received many wonderful ideas and suggestions.

The input we received informed us that:

- The community's inclusive nature is seen by most as a great strength and is very much valued.
- Many care deeply about our Reconstructionist roots and believe in the importance of incorporating those values into our programs, our youth education, our services, etc.
- Many are proud of social justice efforts and want to see more energy invested in Tikkun Olam (repairing the world around us).
- There are programs that are enjoyed and appreciated by all members, such as our wonderful music programs, that should be continued and even expanded.

The priorities of most significant interest and concern to our community include efforts to:

- ✓ Continue to offer strong educational and spiritual experiences for all members, even expanding, where possible.
- ✓ Attract and retain younger families and offer more family and youth-oriented programming.
- ✓ Build on the strengths of our current leadership (staff and lay-leadership) while also strengthening our services to our community.
- ✓ Build more partnerships with other parts of the Jewish community and other faith-based communities in the area.
- ✓ Continue our efforts to address our current building facilities to create a more comfortable and attractive home for our community.
- ✓ Improve the clarity and visibility of B'nai Havurah finances to ensure financial health.
- ✓ Find new and additional ways for those members seeking to form into Havurot or other groups sharing common interests.

-Ethan Waldman

Annual Event



On Saturday June 1, 2019, we welcomed The El-Salamons, a Muslim/Jewish comedian couple. More than 300 guests joined us at the University of Denver where we were hosted by The Josef Korbel School of International Studies. Overall the El-Salomons comedy was very well received.

The following morning during brunch, Jess Salomon and Eman El-Husseini (The El-Salomons) joined David Shneer, Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Colorado Boulder. Iman Jodeh, Executive Director of Meet the Middle East, for an Interfaith panel discussion sponsored by Kavod Senior Life and Feldman Mortuaries.

SAVE THE DATE

**2020 Annual Event
Weekend of August 30 and 31**

For information and to join our event committee, contact Becky Epstein, exec@bnaihavurah.org

Adult Education

In the last 18 months, the Adult Education program at B'nai Havurah has offered various enriching and diverse learning opportunities for the community.

- Book lovers and film buffs, text learners, the historically curious and social justice advocates participated in courses that satisfied their interests.
- A multi-session presentation addressed practical issues related to aging and end-of-life issues.
- B'nai Havurah's Chachamim/Wise Guys group implemented ongoing quality programming to broaden opportunities for social connections.

As we transitioned to a virtual learning platform, many have appreciated the opportunity to continue learning and connecting with community members from the convenience of their homes.



- The Zikaron ba-Salon program commemorating Yom ha-Shoah, featuring three B'nai Havurah children of Holocaust survivors, provided a very impactful experience for participants.
- The newly created Lunch & Learn series highlighted a wide variety of topics from Hebrew poetry to Mahjong, to cooking demonstrations.
- A writing course and discussion of a popular Netflix mini-series round out the current opportunities.

B'nai Havurah's Adult Education program proudly draws on its staff and members' talent and expertise and members who are the facilitators and teachers for all the learning. Join us as a teacher or participant in this ongoing journey!

Grynberg Family Education and Engagement Initiative

We are thrilled to announce a new learning initiative made possible by the generosity of the Grynberg Family. This support will allow B'nai Havurah to offer a level and caliber of programming that has not previously been possible. It will be available for the B'nai Havurah community and the community at large.

Planning and details are in progress. An Advisory Board comprised of congregants is being created to support and help direct the programming for the year. Initial ideas for the year include Scholar-in-Residence programs and ongoing offerings, cultural celebrations, and social justice programs. Besides providing opportunities that appeal to a general audience, programs planned to bring in underrepresented populations, including Young Adults and families with young children, will be offered.

We are very excited to bring vibrant energy and dynamism to our community and plan to launch this initiative in the Fall of 2020.

If you have any questions about our Adult Education program or the upcoming learning opportunities made possible by the Grynberg Family, please contact Debbie Goodman debbgoodman@comcast.net or Becky Epstein exec@bnaihavurah.org.

-Debbie Goodman

Membership

One of our community's strongest values is to serve as a welcoming congregation that respects Jews of all backgrounds and abilities, as well as family members of different faiths. Congregants are encouraged to live in their Judaism, to find meaning and inspiration in our Jewish rituals. Our supportive community helps guide, assist, advocate and connect with people at every stage of their lives.

In order to further engage the members of our community, the Membership Committee is working on the following projects:

Kehillah Matters: Volunteers and possibly a dedicated staff member to collaborate with members about havurah placement and facilitate the "good health" of traditional, non-traditional, and affinity group havurot.

New Member Orientation: Introduce, engage, explore, and network within the community. In essence, discover the benefits of B'nai.

B'nai Havurah's By-Laws: Review and revise to better support newly forming havurot and interests of all havurot.

Committee:

Risa Aqua, Laurie Cohn, Shmuel Deitel, Becky Epstein, Rich Fantel, Debbie Goodman, Amy Snow, Bob Stephens, Janet Tamaren, Dara Zack

As of the end of May, 2020 we have:

225 member families / 263 adults
93 1 adult households/132 2-adult households
17 Havurot/121 households



Inclusivity Committee

A primary tenet of the Inclusivity Committee is to find ways to bring people from diverse backgrounds together, regardless of ability. The health crisis has brought our community together in ways that we could not have imagined. Our community has had to find new ways to connect (albeit via Zoom), which in many ways, has been extraordinarily successful.

Recently, our concern is that some of our members (e.g., elderly, disabled, and low-income congregants) may be vulnerable to several challenges with the technology required. Challenges include sound, video quality, and overall connectivity that interfere with community participation. These same individuals may be at risk for isolation, fear, and experiencing significant challenges with "re-entry." In the year to come, we are excited to explore ways to alleviate the stress and isolation of our most vulnerable members.

Highlights:

- **Inclusivity Shabbat:** We have sponsored two Shabbat services in the past two years, February 2019 and February 2020. The most recent Shabbat was focused on Aging. Debbie Reinberg presented and we moderated an interactive panel of B'nai Havurah members, representing different aspects of aging.
- **Mitzvah Day collaboration:** We are particularly proud of the collaboration between Tikkun Olam, CHAI FIVE, and the Jewish Disabilities Advocates (JDA) for Mitzvah Day activities (see photo to the right). This event brought together the broader B'nai community and offered those in attendance the opportunity to appreciate the range of strengths and talents within our community.



Inclusivity Committee: Judy Reaven (Chair), Ketzal Bradley, David Gordon, Rabbi Evette Lutman, Carol Morris, Debbie Reinberg

High Holy Days Committee

2019/5780 High Holy Day Highlights:

- The Elul Top Thirty: A soundtrack for the season (members and friends submitted songs that provided inspiration for their journey leading up to the High Holy Days)
- S'lichot Services with meditation and Kirtan with Judaism your Way (photo, right)
- Creative Storah Telling for our first day Rosh Hashanah Torah service
- Second day Rosh Hashanah hike at Red Rocks



Regardless of where our 2020/5781 High Holy Day Services and programs will be we will strive to provide a spiritual and meaningful experience that is accessible to all.

-Joan Wallis, Chair

Recognitions January 1 – December 31, 2019

If we have missed anyone, we apologize. Please let us know and we will make a correction

Acts of Loving Kindness/Gemilut Hasadim Chesed and Inclusivity programming

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Thank you to our B'nai Chai Legacy Members!

Including B'nai Havurah with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy is a lasting show of support.



B'nai Chai members ensure that our Reconstructionist legacy continues for our children and our children's children.

B'nai Havurah is a participating agency in Live On/Build Your Legacy, an initiative of Rose Community Foundation and the Grinspoon Family Foundation.

As a participating agency, we are eligible for additional training in planned giving, and grant incentives when we reach our goals.

To become a B'nai Chai Legacy member, please go to our website and look under Support for a Declaration of Commitment form and additional information. You may also contact executive director Becky Epstein at 303-388-4441 ext. 15 or exec@bnaihavurah.org.

If you have already included a gift to B'nai Havurah in your planned giving, please let us know as well! For more information, [please go here](#).

We gratefully acknowledge our B'nai Chai Legacy Members:

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Financial Report January 1 – December 31, 2019

B'nai Havurah ended the fiscal year 2019 in a stable financial position. Our bottom line carried a surplus of \$126,751. First, we commend the staff for their control of our expenses. Our total expenses of \$519,445 were precisely in line with total expenses for the past three years. 2019 was an extraordinary year and the surplus was due to the continued financial support from Membership Dues and The Other Half and primarily due to the exceptionally generous legacy gift from Joyce Thorn, of blessed memory, z"l.

Given the extreme challenges that 2020 has brought us, this revitalized financial strength could not have come at a more critical juncture for sustaining our Community. Additionally, due to the fast action and diligence of our

staff, we have successfully procured a modest grant from the Payroll Protection Program. We are certain 2020 will be financially challenging; however, we are in a strong position to weather the storm.

The Finance Committee strives to provide a straightforward and transparent representation of our financial position. We welcome all questions and are available should anyone desire in-depth explanations and understanding.

Becky Epstein *Ron Lepoff*
Bob Stephens *Linda Treibitz*
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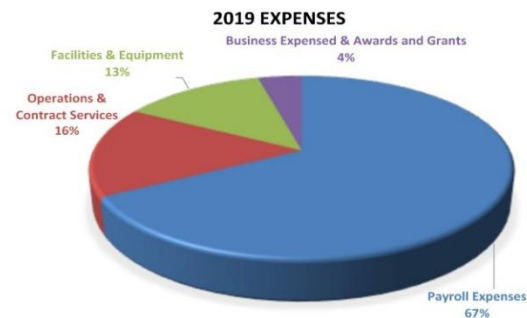
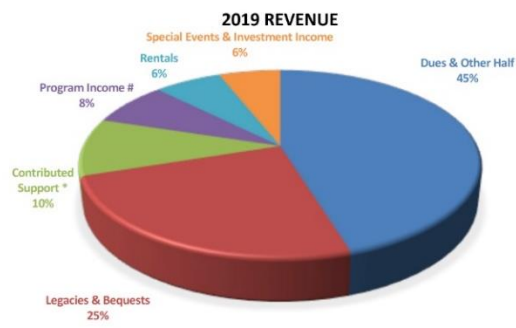
Statement of 2019 Financial Activities

REVENUE	2019
Membership Dues	\$ 241,821
Other Program Income #	\$ 49,483
The Other Half	\$ 50,665
Legacies & Bequests	\$ 159,271
Other Contributed Support*	\$ 64,336
Special Events	\$ 15,656
Rentals	\$ 42,049
Investment Income	\$ 22,915
Total Unrestricted Revenue	\$ 646,196

EXPENSES	2019
Payroll Expenses	\$ 346,656
Contract Services	\$ 43,519
Operations	\$ 39,673
Facilities & Equipment	\$ 67,974
Other Expenses	\$ 21,623
Total Unrestricted Operating Expenses	\$ 519,445
2019 NET UNRESTRICTED INCOME	\$ 126,751

Religious School Tuition and other fees

* Includes General Contributions including large donations, Oneg, Yizkor, YK Appeal



Statement of Assets: December 31, 2019

ASSETS	2019	2018 %	Change
Current Assets (1)	\$ 561,316	\$ 353,500	59%
Fixed Assets [Building & Property]	\$ 323,791	\$ 333,629	-3%
Other Assets [Rose Endowment]	\$ 427,162	\$ 418,673	2%
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,312,269	\$ 1,105,802	19%

(1) Liquid Assets: includes checking, savings, accounts receivable and Charles Schwab account

Note: All Capital Campaign Restricted income is held in a separate checking account and all income and expenses associated with the Capital Campaign are excluded from normal operations. As of December 31, 2019 the account balance in the Capital Campaign checking account was \$99,367.