Happy Purim!
Congregation Bonai Shalom is an egalitarian synagogue of diverse membership that embraces traditional prayer and practice with openness and creativity. We strive to make a difference in our community and the world by preparing our children for Jewish Life, providing adult education, strengthening connections to Israel, and participating in social action projects and green initiatives. Bonai Shalom is affiliated with The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

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Upcoming Events

Purim
5-6pm (Bonai) 7pm (Shine Restaurant on Pearl – adult party)
March 4

Tu B’Shvat Community-Wide Celebration, 6:16pm
February 4

First Fridays, 6pm
February 6 • March 5

Ritual Committee, 7:30pm
January 1 • February 5 • March 5

Family Fridays, 5:15pm
January 23 • February 27 • March 27

Community Table, 4-6pm
January 12 • February 9 • March 9

Rosh Chodesh Girls, 4pm
January 11 • February 8

Text Study, 1pm
January 6, 13, 20, 27
February 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Talmud Class, 12pm
January 7, 14, 21, 28
March 4, 11, 18, 25

Thursday Minyan, 7am
January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
February 5, 12, 19, 26
March 5, 12, 19, 26

Prayer, Leadership and Synagogue Skills, 6pm
February 5, 12, 19

Worship Services

FRIDAYS: 6pm
First Fridays begin with 6pm services, 7pm dinners, 8pm panel discussion, RSVP for First Fridays only.

SATURDAYS: 9:30am
Community Shabbat Services are held every Saturday morning in the sanctuary.

Programming at Bonai Shalom

Text Study Group – Every Tuesday; 1-2:30pm at Bonai Shalom
This small group will begin a course of weekly, self-guided study. Newcomers welcome anytime!

Rabbi Marc’s Talmud Class – Wednesdays, January 7, 14 and 28, March 4, 18 and 25; 12noon at Bonai Shalom
After a very long hiatus, we are resuming our Wednesday noon Talmud class as we continue our study of Tractate Ta’anit. Droughts, famines, fasting, prayer, relationship to the environment and Jewish superheroes all feature in this fascinating section. Newcomers welcome!

Prayer Leadership and Synagogue Skills with Rabbi Marc – Thursdays, Feb. 5, 12, and 19; 6-8pm Would you like to step into more of a leadership role in services? Would you like to learn how to bring your prayer to life more fully? This is an opportunity to find your voice in the tradition and help share the spirit with your community.

Rosh Chodesh Women’s Circle – Tuesday, Jan. 20; Thursday, Feb. 19; Saturday, March 21; Sunday, April 19; and Tuesday, May 19; 7pm
Rosh Chodesh, the celebration of the new moon, is an occasion for Jewish women to gather for ritual, learning and spiritual exploration, and to mark life passages in a uniquely women’s space in time. Please come with an open heart and mind, willing to share and to listen. We will explore the unique energy and spiritual teachings connected to each month in the Hebrew calendar, and how it relates to our own lives. This group is open to all women.
Rabbi’s Message

“How Not to Be Like Sodom”

Most of us think of the sins of Sodom in the biblical tradition connected to sexual immorality above all else, with the brutal story of the Sodomites wanting to rape the strangers who have been taken in by Abraham’s nephew Lot. Truthfully, for the rabbis of the Talmud and Midrash, the lack of hospitality to guests (hachnasat orachim), to the point that outsiders were abused and ignored, rather than greeted with love; and the blatant refusal to help the poor and hungry were the greatest moral threats to that civilization. These are central values of a just and compassionate society in Jewish tradition.

It is hard to imagine a society that could legislate against feeding the hungry and it might seem like an aberration of a corrupt, ancient world. Yet in late 2014, Arnold Abbott, a 90 year old resident of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was arrested twice for giving food to the homeless in that city. It turns out that some 40 cities across the U.S. made attempts between 2013 and 2014 to criminalize this compassionate act of helping someone poor and vulnerable. It seems beyond comprehension that our civilized, prosperous nation could legislate in this way and that our modern, sophisticated cities could mirror the paradigm of a depraved society. I hear the voices of dissent that claim contemporary homelessness as a lifestyle choice and that our dollar bills will feed a drug and alcohol habit, rather than feed bodies with nourishment. There may be some legitimate concerns about a homeless culture that is based on contempt for society and even breeds violence, and yet Jewish tradition is clear: If someone comes and says, “feed me,” you don’t check him to see if he is an imposter, but you feed him right away. (Shulchan Aruch, Laws of Tzedakah 251:10). The real point is that we can never know the full story of someone’s circumstances and what led them to the humiliation of asking for food on the streets. We may choose to buy them a sandwich or give them a protein bar rather than our cash, but can we really ignore them?

I am thrilled that our wonderful, remodeled Bonai Shalom has now become an emergency warming center for a small group of homeless woman through BOHO (Boulder Outreach for Homeless Overflow) on cold Saturday nights in the winter. BOHO’s work is, sadly, in part a response to our own city’s legislation to make it harder to sleep outside, but also an important service on freezing nights to provide a warm, safe, dry space. We are joining many other faith communities, including Har HaShem and Nevei Kodesh, as partners with BOHO to help the homeless community. I applaud the work and the support of our Social Action Committee and the board to enable a quick mobilization of this project back in November. This initiative, together with our Bonai families who volunteer every second Monday at Community Table, are vital in protecting us from complacency, as our society risks becoming more like Sodom.

The celebrations of Purim and Pesach are persistent in their reminders that our festivities be tempered with mindfulness of the less fortunate. The somewhat frivolous and absurd observance of Purim is accompanied by two specific mitzvot about community: mishloach manot encourages us to share food baskets with our friends and neighbors and matanot laevyonim insists that we give to the poor. Our feasting must include giving. Pesach, of course, is all about celebrating our freedom and yet a central message of the seder is “let all who are hungry come and eat.” Is it even possible to celebrate freedom in the knowledge that there are those among who have no food? Traditionally, Jewish communities help ensure that everyone has the resources to get what they need for Pesach and it is also a time that we can give away food to non-Jews in our community. We are blessed to have some wonderful agencies along with BOHO, like Community Food Share and EFFA, which ensure that our gifts get to where they are most needed. In addition, our Social Action Committee arranges collections for BCAP (Boulder County AIDS Project) between Purim and Pesach.

If Sodom’s immorality is defined by the lack of hospitality and refusal to support the hungry and homeless, our community and others can challenge ourselves to be defined by compassion and goodness in continuing to create a warm and welcoming space for our members, friends, guests and now a group of vulnerable, homeless women. It is my hope that this consciousness deeply informs who we are and who we strive to be in a world that can be so cruel.

Blessings,
Rabbi Marc

Community Table

Can you spare time once a month to help feed hungry and often homeless people a hearty meal?

Bonai Shalom is responsible for supplying volunteers for Community Table the second Monday of every month. Please join us on January 12, February 9, and March 9 at the First United Methodist Church, 14th and Spruce Streets, in Boulder (one block east of the Hotel Boulderado, one-half block north of the Boulder Theater). Volunteer times range from 4-6pm. You may come anytime during those hours, and stay for as long as you like. Whatever time you can share is appreciated!
Raw Thumbprint Cookies: A Healthier Hamantaschen

On most evenings I prepare dinner for my partner, Dustin and me. Upon completion of the night’s creation, I proudly place our dishes on the table. We take our seats and ritualistically cling our forks to toast and take the first bite. Soon after and out of the corner of my eye I secretly stare at Dustin, awaiting his response (read: approval).

See, I grew up in a family of foodies all keen to express their likes, dislikes and extreme culinary preferences far before food hit the table. From the seasoning of the squash to the dice of the herb — we all had our hands in the meal and the cook certainly knew what was wanted.

In my current home, nine times out of ten I wait, anticipating a critique and unable to hold back the animated proclamation ‘soo...do you like it?!’ At times, I’m left convinced a five course meal or a plate of bananas and raisins would equally please my partner.

For quite some time I took this personally assuming that dinner just wasn’t that great or at least as delicious as I thought it to be. After a bit of prodding, I now understand that the lack of enthusiasm is simply related to the relative involvement he has in the kitchen.

Food has power and provides us with an education. A trip to the farmer’s market or grocery store tells us what is in season and what is in season tells us what our bodies might most require during that time. Time prepping in the kitchen creates in us awareness of food’s texture, smell, function and overall form — a prelude to flavor profiling and food alchemy. The actual act of making a meal is truly a creative process — one that specifically informs our bodies and minds of how we are choosing to care for it on that day and generates an anticipation for the finished product.

It’s no secret that personal involvement in what we do, buy, make, etc. increases our interest and observance of it. We are far more likely to care for our scarf if we’ve knitted it ourselves, more proud of our car if we built the engine and more apt to maintain a healthy lifestyle if our day to day choices reflect that desire. To the same degree a meal whose ingredients were pulled from our garden or hand picked from a store or market will most likely be more appreciated and perhaps more enjoyable than one served to us in a restaurant. By getting in the kitchen we put the power to please our palettes in our own hands (literally) and receive not only the benefit of nourishment but the ability to entertain, animate and enhance our time.

A Healthier Hamantaschen

3/4 cup cashews
1/2 cup oats
4-5 medjool dates
pinch of sea salt
1/2 tsp vanilla
2 tbsps coconut oil

1 cup strawberries (can use blueberries or blackberries too)
2 tbsps coconut sugar or 6 pitted dates
*alternatively just use store bought jam

Combine all ingredients except oats in a food processor. When the mixture is a bit chunky add the oats and pulse to combine. Shape into a hamantaschen.

Process berries and sugar or dates to puree. Spoon jelly filling into the middle of the hamantaschen.

Volunteers Needed

The Hesed Initiative at Bonai Shalom is in need of volunteers. Hesed is a volunteer and community run program that offers support to community members following birth/adoption, surgery/illness, death, and other life-impacting events. If you are interested in learning more about how you can volunteer, please contact Hesed@bonaishalom.org.
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The prescribed time for lighting candles is exactly 18 minutes before Shabbat actually comes in, to ensure that we do not light candles after Shabbat, as the Torah forbids the lighting of fire on Shabbat. Once we have lit candles, we have brought in Shabbat, and anything that our personal practice forbids on Shabbat starts then. Regardless of your level of observance, it is an important, holy and wonderful Mitzvah to gather as a family each week and light candles to shift the energy of the week into the transformative energy of Shabbat. A truly healing weekly ritual!

Shabbat Ends

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At the end of Shabbat, it is traditional to perform the short Havdalah ceremony to distinguish the holiness of Shabbat from the everydayness of the week in a beautiful ritual with wine, spices and a multi-wicked candle. The symbolism of this service is to capture the essence of the light and sweetness of Shabbat and bring it into our week to sustain us in our work and busy lives. Need a tutorial? Visit http://www.jewfaq.org/prayer/havdalah.htm.

Kiddush Sponsors

Do you have an event you’d like to celebrate or a person you’d like to honor? Sponsoring a kiddush is a perfect way to share the joy!

Jan. 31........Maggie Leibtag Bat Mitzvah
Feb. 14........Jenevive Rosenfeld Bat Mitzvah
Feb. 28........Tamara Wurman Bat Mitzvah
Mar. 14........Sponsored by Aza and Ron Squarer
Mar. 21........Larry Cohn in memory of Sandy Cohn’s first yahrzeit
Apr. 18........Jack Paul Bar Mitzvah
Apr. 25........Luka Davis Bar Mitzvah

Please contact the office for information on how to sponsor a kiddush.

Inclusion Committee

We Need Your Ideas and Input

At Bonai Shalom, we’re trying hard to reach out to people who might need some accommodation to be able to fully participate in our congregation. Do you have any special needs? Do you know someone else with special needs? Would you or someone you know like to attend our programs or services, but need some help in doing so – a ride, help with a wheelchair, large print books or help with hearing? Contact us with concerns, questions, or information. Please contact the office for details.

A First for Bonai...

Friends,

After spending much time and effort collaboratively designing a pilot program based on my own experience while in rabbinic school, I am thrilled to announce that Hannah Kapnik Ashar will be Bonai Shalom’s first rabbinic intern, working closely with me and others in a variety of ritual, educational and pastoral roles, helping with coverage while I am away and supporting our programming and services when I am here. Her inaugural internship term will run through mid-May to coincide with the academic calendar.

Hannah Kapnik Ashar is an alumna of Yeshivat Hadar, the Pardes Institute, Wellesley College, and Kevah Teacher Training. She is Faculty and Community Educator for the Bronfman Youth Fellowship in Israel. Hannah has collaboratively developed several Jewish learning initiatives, including the Tefilah Retreat, a weekend of Jewish spiritual practice for young adults; Come & Listen, a progressive Jewish podcast; and Girls In Trouble Curriculum, exploring creative interpretation of women’s stories in Torah. Hannah is excited for this opportunity on her path toward rabbinic ordination! She also has worked as a birth doula. You might know her as Zivi’s mom.

– Rabbi Marc Soloway
After the Flood  
By Arti Goldstein

It has been just over a year since the Great Flood that destroyed our spiritual home. We are back in our building, but the building looks very different than it did prior to the flood. Our former building looked old and was in great need of repair. Thanks to many donations and our property insurance, the building has been put back together in a way that better fits our needs.

We are excited to have a main entrance, that actually looks and functions like a main entrance. You are greeted with a beautiful wooden sign with our name on it when you first walk through our main doors. The office is then conveniently located to your left. The Social Hall, which was often too small, has been enlarged by 30 percent. It has been relocated next to the kitchen. Our wonderful Religious School Director, Karen Raizen, said that for the best learning to occur, each class needed its own classroom with a door. The days of two, or even three classrooms sharing the same space, needed to be behind us. Thanks to our architects planning and our builder’s ingenuity, we have partitions which can divide the Social Hall and the large room on the garden level. We have up to five classrooms, and a playroom for preschoolers to use on Shabbat morning, during services.

The outside has seen improvements as well. The dam in South Boulder Creek was significantly reduced thanks to our volunteer congregants. FEMA came and finished the remaining improvements. We have an amazing fenced in playground for our families with young children and elementary aged children to enjoy. The playground includes a large play set with two slides, two trapezes, three levels, a lemonade stand, a large sandbox and a grassy area with other toys.

We have also done work on the building to prevent future flooding. This will hold as long as the water level doesn’t get too high. We have installed four additional pumps, so we now have a total of five to pump out any water that might enter the building. The door at the bottom of the ramp is now waterproof. We are investigating a generator to keep the sumps working in case we lose power in a flood. The access points to the crawl space have walls around them to protect against a foot of water. The walls on either side of the ramp have been raised, so that with the use of sandbags, less water will reach the bottom of the ramp. We have also done our best to direct the flow of water outside the building to stay outside the building. The parking lot now drains through the grass to the creek, rather than down the ramp to the lower level. There are hundreds of sand bags on site to bag up the windows if another flood is eminent. We still need to remember, that although we’ve done many things to improve the building against a future flood, we are still in the flood zone.

Thanks to Mother Nature, many volunteers and an incredible number of donations, we now have a beautiful building by the South Boulder Creek for our Jewish home.

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Earn money for Bonai as you grocery shop!

Your first King Soopers or Safeway scrip card must be purchased from either Bonai Shalom or Karen Diamond. The number on this card is tied to the shared account — everyone profits! The cards are available in $10 denominations. King Soopers and Safeway gift cards are RECHARGEABLE (up to $500 at a time) at the checkout lane or service counter using your own credit card! You get the points every time you recharge (reload) the card, and Bonai Shalom, the JCC, and the Boulder chapter of Hadassah share the 5-percent profits equally.

The rechargeable card may be used at King Soopers and Safeway gas stations. The King Soopers rechargeable gift card may also be used at Kroger and Ralph stores, and other nationwide stores listed on the card.

Whole Foods gift cards are available in $100 denominations. Whole Foods offers a 3-percent rebate to our scrip program. Also, $100 or $200 Sprouts gift cards are available. Sprouts offers a 5-percent profit. Whole Foods’ and Sprouts’ cards are not rechargeable. When the amount on the card is “used up,” the card is thrown away.

For information or to purchase gift cards, contact Karen Diamond at 303-939-8656.
Important School Dates
The school year is half over, and we have accomplished a lot, but there’s so much more coming up! We have 65 students in our school, Grades K-7.

Our school year started with the major change of moving school from Sunday mornings to having all of our students and families together on Shabbat mornings thanks to our newly renovated building. While there is a lot of good learning happening, the biggest benefit is having our multi-generational community together on Shabbat mornings!

Please note the following dates when there is no school:
January 17 – MLK weekend
February 14 – President’s Day weekend
March 21-28 – Spring Break

Shabbat
Youth Services
The Koleinu service, for children in Grades K-3, is led by our music teacher, Rachel Cole, and includes prayer, songs, parsha discussions, and stories. Held on the first and third Shabbat of each month when school is in session.

The B’Yachad service, for children in Grades 4-5, is led by Dafna Michaelson, and incorporates more student-led tefillot, volunteer Torah readings by parents, and parsha discussions. Each service ends with a different “Prophet Elijah” story from our tradition. Held on the first and third Shabbat of each month when school is in session.

Shabbat Shelanu is our parent-led service for families with young children 0 to 5 years old, utilizing songs, prayer, dance, and stories. Held on the second and fourth Shabbat of each month.

Kiddush
Starting in January, each class will be sponsoring their own Kiddush – one each month (with the exception of the B’nai Mitzvah class, since each family sponsors a kiddush for their family simcha). Kiddush is an important part of a Shabbat morning – the sharing of food as a community. And it takes the whole community to help support making and serving our kiddush each week. The students have been enjoying the food after class each week, and we want them to enjoy the fun of helping to provide it, too. The classes have either met or will meet with Liz, our Kitchen Supervisor, to choose a couple of items for the kiddush menu to “make it their own.” In addition, they will learn more about the mitzvah of hachnasat orchim and think of ways they can do this mitzvah for their class-sponsored kiddush.

Parents are being asked to contribute for the class Kiddushes. The schedule for the class kiddushes are as follows:
January 24 – Grade 6
February 7 – Grade 4
March 7 – Grade 5
April 11 – Grades 2/3
May 2 – Grades K/1

Family Shabbat Dinners
Each of our classes participate in a Family Shabbat dinner during the year. It is an opportunity for the students and families to participate in the Kabbalat Shabbat service and to share a meal together. The 6th grade class met in November for their dinner. The remaining class dates are as follows:
January 30 – Grades K-3
February 20 – Grades 4 & 5
March 13 – B’nai Mitzvah class

Family Fourth Friday Shabbat Dinners
These Shabbat services followed by dinner are for families with young children. It begins earlier with a young-child friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service at 5:15pm followed by a full Shabbat dinner, finishing at 7pm. Cost: $14/adult, $7/child 4-12, free/3 and under. The dates for these are: January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24.

Mincha/Third Meal, Havdallah
Classes also have an opportunity to participate in Shabbat afternoon services and third meal, finishing with Havdallah. Grades K-3 met in November, Grades 4 and 5 meet on January 10th, 4:15pm, and Grades 6 and B’nai Mitzvah class will participate on February 21 at 4:30pm.

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New School Programs
There are two new programs benefiting the Religious School this year – the Ramah Service Corps and our Israeli teen ambassador. Both are visiting our classrooms periodically throughout the year and bringing experiential learning activities to help our students learn.

Shira Wood-Isenberg and Nora Abel are our representatives of the Ramah Service Corps. They will be coming twice a month to do camp-like activities on Torah, prayer, and holidays. Noga Yaloz is our Israeli teen ambassador through Jewish Colorado, and she has helped connect our 6th grade students and B’nai Mitzvah class students with Israeli teens through a penpal program. She will continue to meet with the students in each grade to foster a connection with Israel through music, dance, food, games, and other activities.

Holidays
We love holidays in the Religious School – the traditions, the history, and especially the food! We will be having a Tu B’Shevat seder on February 4 during school time, and a special family-friendly Purim megillah reading on March 4 during school time. Parents are always welcome to attend these events!

Youth Activities
We have started the Bonim youth group off with a bowling activity with good attendance in November and planning more events for both the Bonim group (2nd-4th grades) and the Kadima group (5th-7th grades) in the coming months. Check the Bonai website for current information.

Camp Presentations
Four different camps will be coming on January 28 to give presentations to our students. Ramah Outdoor Adventure, JCC Ranch Camp, Schwayder Camp, and Camp Inc. will have representatives on hand to answer any questions. The program will begin at 5:30pm in the sanctuary. Parents are encouraged to attend!

Calendar for CBS B’nai Mitzvah Celebrations
Mazel tov to Alexei Schneeweiss-Cole on becoming Bar Mitzvah on November 15! Following are the dates for the rest of the B’nai Mitzvah Class:
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PJ Library
Bonai Shalom is a PJ Library partner. This program provides a new, free book each month to children ages 0-5. The PJ Library rack can be found in the lower level of Bonai in the Children’s Library. Bookmarks and sign up forms can be found on the rack, so please take one to get started in the program. If you have any questions, please contact karen@bonaishalom.org. Give your child a gift of a new, quality Jewish book each month.

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Among the Members

Please notify the office of any change in your street address, phone number and/or e-mail address. Please check the online Membership Directory on our website (www.bonaishalom.org) for all current member information. If you would like a printed directory, please contact the office.

Did you or your child win an award? Achieve a goal? Share it with your Bonai community so we can all say “mazel tov!” Email Kit at bulletin@bonaishalom.org to include it in the newsletter.

Mazel Tov To:
Allison and Andrew Schwartz in honor of Hannah’s baby naming.

Congratulations to Beth and Michael Margolis! They are being honored at the Annual Boulder JCC Reflections Gala. The event happens on February 21st. See the Boulder JCC website for information on attendance or contact: Caroline Meyers, 303-998-1900 x113 or caroline@boulderjcc.org

Happy Birthday to Those 21 and Under:

Jan.
Chloe Banta
Olivia Davis
David E. Englander
Amira Friedman
Meirav Goldman
Gabriella Miriam Hoggard
Glory Wood Isenberg
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Our Deepest Condolences To:
Jim Baer for the loss of his father, Ralph Henry Baer (Hertzl ben Eliezer haLevi).
Michael Margolis for the loss of his mother, Letty Margolis (Leah Yetta bat Rachel Sarah).
Howard Susskind for the loss of his father, Marvin (Mel) Susskind.
Liz, Keith, Anna and John Hanson on the loss of Liz’s mother, Gwendolyn Cameron.
Suzanne Sweeney for the loss of her uncle, Jim Kaufman.

Larry Cohn Honored
The new framed artwork to the right of the synagogue entrance was donated to the congregation by Marian and Bill Safran in honor of Larry Cohn and his myriad contributions to the Bonai Shalom community. It is a print of a collage illustrating the Torah reading that tells the story of Noah’s ark (Parsha Noach). That was Larry Cohn’s bar mitzvah parsha. The Hebrew is verse 7:15 in B’reshit (Genesis). “And they came to Noah to the ark, two by two of all flesh in which there is the spirit of life.” The Annapolis, MD, artist, Anna Fine Foer (Marian’s niece), creates Torah-inspired ketubot and collages.

Welcome New Members:
Mark Rosenblatt and Charlene Ryan joined with their three children, Jesse who is 16 years old, 18-year old Sophie, and William who is 13.

Eti Young works at the Boulder County District Attorney’s office as the Felony Restitution Specialist; her husband, Jon Young, is the founder of a healthcare related business. They have one adult daughter, Leora. They met in Israel, where Jon was working at the Weizmann Institute of Science then moved to Toronto, Canada, where they belonged to a Conservative synagogue. They moved to Boulder 20 years ago. Eti was involved in Canada with the Canadian Jewish Congress as a professional. She was director of International Affairs, Jews in Arab Lands, with a task force which freed the last remnants of Jews from Syria, was National Chair for Soviet Jewry and led a Provincial study on Jewish Assimilation, Intermarriage and Jewish Identity. Her memoir, “Smooth Sailing From Hell” was published this Fall. She also chants Torah trope. They have many friends at Bonai and joined because of our strong ties to Israel and our core Jewish values.

Caroline and Matthew Loewengart have joined with their two children, 9-year old Caleb and Ruby, who is 7. Caroline is an Esthetician and Jewelry Artist and Matthew is a Sales Engineer. They learned about Bonai when their children attended preschool at the Boulder Jewish Day School and loved the events the school shared with Bonai. They have many friends at Bonai and enjoy the Conservative service.

Kara and Steve Mertz and their two children, Aaron, who attends college in Santa Cruz, California, and Zoe who is in 3rd grade at Whittier Elementary, joined Bonai because they love our Rabbi and are impressed with our Hebrew School. Steve and Kara have both worked for the City of Boulder for 20+ years and are in the environmental field. Steve works as the Public Relations Coordinator for the Open Space and Mountain Parks Department and Kara as an Environmental Project Manager, working half time coordinating the city’s recycling and composting programs and half-time on the electric utility municipalization project.

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Noah Goldstein and Rachael Brody and their daughter Hazel, who was born this past May, joined Bonai because it is important to them to be connected with a multi-generational Jewish community and to substantiate their interactions with that community by supporting it and being engaged. Noah is an acupuncturist/herbalist and Rachel is in a Masters program in Somatic Psychotherapy and Dance Movement Therapy. They have lived in Boulder for three years and heard about Bonai from friends. They enjoy gardening, hiking, singing and making music as well as cooking and baking. Noah leins Torah, is fluent in Hebrew and lived in Israel for seven years, including one year spent studying at the Pardes Institute.

Sara and Rob Sturtz first moved to Colorado over 40 years ago. After leaving for Chicago in 1980, they raised three sons there. Nine years ago they decided to retire in Boulder and bought a house in Boulder Heights until that time arrived. Their sons, all adults now, live in Boulder and Portland, Oregon. The Sturtzes learned about Bonai Shalom through the Jewish Festival and from attending several holiday services. They joined because they were looking for a welcoming conservative shul. Rob had a 37-year career with United Airlines and as a result they have had interesting travel adventures which have shaped their life experience. Sara retired after 25-years as a Spanish teacher in Chicago. They divide their time between Boulder and their second home in Portland – where the grandchildren are!

Daniel and Tricia Paul joined Bonai for a more structured Jewish relationship/education for their three children, 9th grader Harry, Jack, who is in the 7th grade, and Gracie, a 3rd grader. Daniel is in advertising and Tricia is a homemaker. They heard about Bonai through our current members.

Leah Leaves is a Content Consultant and Project Manager who grew up near Denver. She rekindled her connection to Judaism in Israel during a Birthright trip several years ago and continues her personal journey in Judaism now at Bonai. She is a member of the Boulder Jewish Community Center’s Flatiron Tribe that meets her Jewish social needs, yet is looking for a spiritual and learning connection through the shul. She was married this Fall in Estes Park.

Amy Gup is a Rosen Method Bodywork and Reiki Practitioner. She also works as a Data Specialist in Admissions. She heard about Bonai from friends and has attended services and events in the past. Amy appreciates the feeling of community at Bonai as well as our egalitarian services and enjoys and connects with the ways we bring in meditation, music and different ways of being with the liturgy. She finds Rabbi Marc’s teachings and leadership opening and insightful and appreciates the sincerity of his grappling with, and expression of, issues as they arise. She loves Jewish study, meditation, chanting and music. She particularly enjoys kabalistic/mystical teachings and anything that helps lead her to a deeper spiritual connection. Amy lived at the Lama Foundation in New Mexico for over a year where she led Shabbat Services for the mostly secular/non-Jewish community.

Stacy and Brent Livingwell have three children, Sasha who is in 2nd grade, Noah who is 5 years old and 2-year old Aliyah. Stacy is a physician, and Brent is a contractor with Boulder Wood Works and an Administrative Assistant at the Boulder JCC Preschool. Their backgrounds are a mix of orthodox and reform/conservative Judaism. They joined Bonai because the way Jewish values and principles are taught through the Conservative movement match their family’s belief system. They are interested in programs and activities for their children and family.

Joan Brett and Ed Siegal. Joan is long-time Boulder resident who grew up in a Conservative Jewish community in Springfield, Massachusetts. She has two grown children, two step-daughters and seven grandchildren, all of who live in the area. She was previously a lawyer and business owner (Culinary School of the Rockies) and is now starting a business as a “kitchen coach” for individuals in their homes. She went to Israel last February for the first time, lived in a Kibbutz south of the Golan Heights, and felt a rekindling of her Jewishness. She also recently spent five wonderful but challenging months in Paris where she learned that what is important to her is family, friends and community. She attended Yom Kippur services at Bonai this year and felt at home and very comfortable here. She knows a few members of the congregation, is interested in the meditation group and our social action programs.

Barbara Mayer and Sam Jampolis moved here from Dallas, Texas. Barbara is a Physical Therapist and Sam is an MD (radiation oncologist) and now President and CEO of American Outcomes Management. They have enjoyed High Holiday services at Bonai for many years and have now decided to become part of our community.

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**Mission Statement**

The Social Action Committee identifies, supports, and publicizes projects and activities that will allow congregants to participate in Tikkun Olam with a sense of connection to Jewish tradition and teachings. These projects will focus on safeguarding against threats to life, the earth, freedom, human rights, human dignity, peace, and justice.

**Keeping Homeless Women Safe and Warm at CBS**

For several years, Bonai Shalom has been collecting clothing items and quilts for Boulder Outreach for Homeless Overflow (BOHO) for its winter sheltering project. In spite of previous initiatives to provide sleeping space for homeless people during the winter months, we were not set up to do so until now.

In mid-November, the CBS Board approved BOHO’S proposal to allow homeless women, a particularly vulnerable group, to spend Saturday nights in the social hall during the winter months. On Saturday, November 22, Social Action Committee member Mireille Key, who has been a tireless advocate, greeted our first “sleep-over” guests. Now that we have a much larger social hall, we are able to house up to 40 women every Saturday night. By 7pm only three women had arrived, but the BOHO staff that was present felt that once the word got around about this beautiful, warm and protected locale that more women would make their way to CBS on Saturday nights. Our guests were overjoyed, with one remarking, “It’s so beautiful and so clean and quiet.”

The BOHO staff takes care of everything, from opening the door to the social hall and monitoring the women as they sleep to cleaning the hall and bathrooms in the morning and locking up when everyone has left.

We would like to provide guests with a protein bar in the morning, as they leave. CBS members can participate by donating protein bars on a regular basis. Look for the container marked PROTEIN BARS inside the door to the social hall.

**CROP Hunger Walk**

Seven CBS members and one dog represented Congregation Bonai Shalom walking the Boulder County Crop Hunger Walk on October 19 in Longmont. As of November 7, the local interfaith event had raised $29,870 to help alleviate hunger and poverty in the United States and internationally. Mazon, the Jewish campaign against hunger, was among the recipients.

Look for announcements about registration for the 2015 season in January. We can also use your help on the Core Committee! If you would like to get involved, please contact Ru or Bob at boulderjewishcsa@gmail.com.

**Bridge House Community Table Needs Volunteers**

Bonai Shalom is committed to providing volunteers to help prepare and serve hot meals to those in need. Our regular date at Bridge House Community Table is the second Monday of each month, at the Methodist Church in downtown Boulder. There are tasks to be done from 3:45 to 6:00pm, but volunteers can come for any portion of that period. Look for reminders close to each date, but mark your calendar now for the upcoming schedule: January 12, February 9 and March 9.

**Tuv Ha’Aretz**

In October, Tuv Ha’Aretz, Boulder’s interfaith CSA, completed another successful season partnering with Red Wagon Organic Farm. Ru and Bob Wing are the new site coordinators, looking forward to a new year of the community’s good eating, programming and supporting Red Wagon. We kicked off the fall season in November at Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder, one of our partners, with a showing of the film *Fed Up*, dealing with concerns about the processed foods we eat.

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**Interested in a social action issue?**

Have ideas for a project? Please contact the committee at socialaction@bonaishalom.org.

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**Share your Simcha**

Leave your special message on a beautiful, custom-made Tree of Life leaf. This is a great way to mark a birthday, wedding, or any Simcha.

Leaves are $180

**Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques**

Remember your loved one with a plaque that will be placed on the memorial board inside the sanctuary.

Plaques are $390

Please call 303-442-0003 or email office@bonaishalom.org
A Place at Your Table?
In the Jewish tradition hospitality (hachnasat orachim) is not just a nice thing to do, but is one of the highest mitzvot! At Bonai Shalom, we try to be as welcoming and open as we can, yet there is still more that we can do. If you know in advance that you will have places at your table for a Shabbat or Festival meal, please let us know at the office, so that we can match you up with honored guests! Also, if you are looking for some home hospitality, please let us know too, and we will do what we can.

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Over thirty years ago a small group of visionaries imagined a home in which they and their fellow Jews could worship, educate their children, celebrate simcha, and reach out to those in need. They did more than imagine and plant these first seeds of Bonai’s vision, though. They also invested their time, energy, and money to build our synagogue.

In September 2013 our sweet shul by the creek was devastated by raging flood water. As we recovered from effects of the flood on our synagogue, we faced the question of how to raise the funds needed to rebuild, continue operating, and sustain our community. We realized that it is also time for us to grow as an organization in the way that we finance and operate.

While we were in the midst of what was, essentially, a capital campaign to rebuild, we also had to consider the long-term sustainability of our community’s physical infrastructure. We realized we needed to do more, plan for our future in new and sustainable ways. Rose Community Foundation invited Bonai Shalom to participate in the Live On! Build Your Jewish Legacy Campaign. We now have the tools and vision to take our planning to the next level with endowment and bequest giving.

Leaving a bequest to Congregation Bonai Shalom ensures that this vision, what matters most to us and is embodied in Bonai’s values and mission, will be sustained into the future. It will provide the means for us to continue to operate and also plan for future maintenance and facilities costs. The added stability from endowments will provide much needed financial security so that we can better weather the changes in each year’s budget. We can plan farther into the future if we know the financial support is there. The flood marks a crossroads for Bonai Shalom. We have been an essential part of the Boulder Jewish community for over 30 years and now need to plan for the next 50 to 100 years.

The Talmud tells the story of Honi: One day he was journeying on the road and he saw an old man planting a carob tree. He asked him, “How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit?” The man replied, “Seventy years.” Honi asked, “Are you going to live to see that fruit?” The man replied, “I came into a world in which I found carob trees with fruit; just as my forefathers planted these for me, so I too plant these for my children and my grandchildren.” Honi fell asleep for seventy years and when he awoke, he saw the man’s grandson gathering fruit from that tree. (Ta’anit 23a)

L’dor va’dor, from generation to generation: A bequest to Bonai will preserve the fruits of our success for the next generations. Like the old man planting the tree, you can choose where your legacy will bloom. Like a seed, the gift waits until its fruit grows and nourishes those who taste it.

Please contact the office at 303-442-6605 or kit@bonaishalom.org with any questions.
Rosh Chodesh – It’s a Girl Thing!

This past fall we launched Rosh Hodesh: It’s a Girl Thing! at Congregation Bonai Shalom for girls going into 6th and 7th grades. Rosh Hodesh builds self-esteem, Jewish identity, leadership skills, and friendship networks of adolescent girls. The group meets monthly at Bonai Shalom on Sunday afternoons.

Group leader Aviva Bannerman is in graduate school at Naropa University’s Somatic Psychology program. She spent the last few years traveling across the United States, Central America, and Southeast Asia, studying various forms of alternative medicine, such as massage therapy, herbalism, and energy work. She attended a Jewish day school until she graduated high school, and she feels passionate about spreading the values of Judaism. Aviva has four years of experience as a b’nai mitzvah tutor, and enjoys working with our young teens. She is also our Youth Advisor and runs our two youth groups.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Karen at karen@bonaishalom.org.

Tu B’Shvat Deconstructed:
Boulder’s Community-Wide Celebration

Join us in celebrating Tu B’Shvat! for an interactive evening celebrating the holiday of Tu B’Shvat, the new year of the trees! This evening will begin on Wednesday, February 4, 6:15-8:30pm, at Congregation Har HaShem, South Building, located at 3901 Pinon Drive, Boulder, CO 80303.

You are invited to enjoy interactive stations where you can learn about the seven species, taste a new exotic fruit, listen to storytelling, and create your own unique mix of red and white wine or juice. This is a great event for adults and youth in middle school and older. $10 for adults 18+, $5 for ages 11-17, with a family maximum of $25. Childcare is not available. Doors open at 6:00. Advance registration requested (payment taken online or at the door). To pay online, visit https://harhashem.wufoo.com/forms/tu-bshvat-deconstructed/

This event is co-sponsored by: Boulder JCC, Boulder Jewish Teen Initiative, Congregation Bonai Shalom, Congregation Har HaShem, Hazon, Judaism Your Way, Kehilat Orot Yisrael, Nevei Kodesh, and Tuv Ha’aretz Interfaith CSA (community-supported agriculture).

Bonai Shalom is responsible for sharing about the seven species at the event so we need a crew! The seven species mentioned in the Torah include wheat, barley, grapes, pomegranates, olives, and dates. Please email dove@bonaishalom.org to be part of Bonai Shalom’s contribution to the community wide Tu B’Shvat celebration.
In Celebration of Purim and Why it’s My Favorite Holiday

By Dove Weissman

If I have to choose a favorite Jewish holiday, it’s Purim! And here’s why:

Purim is a day which illuminates the distinction between the obvious and the hidden, helping us get beyond our ordinary ways of seeing. Like one of those posters you stare at long enough and suddenly, an image appears larger than life where before you thought it was just a bunch of squiggles. The Book of Esther is full of characters who at one point seem one way, yet with a little focus, much more is revealed. And of course the injunction to enter altered states of mind, to the point one can no longer tell the difference between Mordechai and Haman, well that certainly helps change our perspectives.

Across many cultures there are holidays around this time of the year, all achieving a similar effect of shaking things up with great festivities and debauchery. Think of Mardi Gras and Carnival, or the Hindu celebration of Holi in which the entire sub-continent becomes full with color. There is an Iranian festival of Suri, in which participants jump over bonfires to symbolize light winning over darkness. These help us transition out of winter’s lethargy to awaken the new growth of spring. Uncomfortable as it is sometimes, we need the crazy upside down inside out experience to loosen our grip on “reality” and allow divine flow to orient us in new ways.

And, of course, I love Purim because it celebrates the feminine, in her obvious and subtle ways.

We tell the tale of our brave foremothers, Vashti and Esther. Vashti the bold who stands up for her dignity and refuses to bare it all. And Esther, the subtle or hidden as her name implies, who is deliberate and wise. I love that this story shows us the importance of the collective and the power of spiritual attunement. The entire tribe raises their consciousness thru fasting, so that everyone contributes spiritually to the efforts that Esther spearheads. Just as Esther was supported to save the Jewish people, we too, need one another to support our spiritual work. We are each saving the Jewish people as we come together to pray for our loved deceased, or to teach our children, or simply find our connection with Hashem. The jewel in the royal tale of Purim, is the power and potency of the feminine deep listening for direction and calling on each other for spiritual support.

Let’s continue to show up for each other, for the crazy fun times like Purim, and the mundane day to day. The health of our community depends on each of us doing our part.
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Artist in Residence: Peggy Dyer from One Million Faces

January 7 for Religious School
January 11, 1-4pm for the Community – ALL Welcome!

Begun over five years ago, the One Million Faces project is the brainchild of artist and photographer Peggy Dyer. Through this project, she has worked with children, veterans, parents, elders, famous artists and everyone in between to bring the power of their story forward with a picture and a white board. Recognized by 9News for her work, Dyer is deeply committed to the importance of community connection. Last year, she was privileged to work with Lyons Elementary School. Her work with the students resulted in a permanent installment piece in the halls giving the youth and families connected to the school a way to remember the flood that focuses on their strengths as survivors. Artist Peggy Dyer brought her One Million Faces project to our Creekfest in August and many of our families participated.

In case you were not photographed in August, you now have another chance on January 11, 1-4pm, as we continue this project through the creation of our community mural. January 7, Peggy will photograph the school and the kids will start the first pieces of our mural with their messages, collage squares made from paper, book pages, glaze and paint. You may choose between a wooden panel to mount your photo ($36) or the standard mounting panel (free). Donation greatly appreciated, as this is a fundraiser for Bonai Shalom!

As a community, we will cut out our photo, create a background square and collage everything together. Peggy and her team will then scan all of the collages to integrate them into our final installation for the outside of our building. Each family will receive one completed collage to take home. The final installation is expected to be unveiled this Spring.