Shabbat & Festivals (Holidays)  שלב וסופוט

Special Guest Dr. Michael Kagan
Saturday, March 12 • 9:30am
We welcome guest scholar and filmmaker Dr. Michael Kagan from Jerusalem to give the D’var Torah. After Kiddush, Dr. Kagan will also lead a teaching on Quantum Physics, Paradox, and Paradise starting at 1:30pm.

The Basement: A Contemplative Shabbat Experience
Friday, March 18 • 6:00pm
Join Rabbi Marc for a different kind of Shabbat prayer experience in his basement at 6:00pm. We will chant, drum, meditate, sing and reflect as we bring in Shabbat together. You are invited to stay for kiddush, soup and challah. Feel free to bring some Kosher wine or dessert. No RSVP required, but let the office know if you are planning to come so that the Rabbi knows how much soup to make! You can call us at 303-442-6605 or email office@bonaishalom.org.

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Avodat Lev: Shabbat Morning in the Basement
Saturday, March 26 • 9:45am
NEW – A monthly prayer service of meditation and chanting in Rabbi Marc’s basement.
Starting promptly at 9:45am and joining the rest of the community for the end of the Torah service and Dvar Torah. This monthly gathering will run concurrently with our regular Shabbat morning services and will include some drumming and gentle movement.

First Friday  פרשת הרמב‘ן

First Friday with Moishe House and Dr. Moshe Kornfeld: Jewish Katrina – A Decade Later
Friday, March 4 • 6:00pm
In the years following Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans became a center and a symbol of American Jewish philanthropy, service, and activism. It emerged as a symbolic location for communal reflection on the meaning of Jewish social responsibility. In this talk, Moshe will situate Jewish community responses to the storm in relation to the history of Jewish philanthropy in the United States and will consider what we might learn from looking back a decade later.

Moishe House guests are welcome to enjoy this program for free, pre-registration is required.
BYOB: Kosher beer or wine. Please RSVP at bonaishalom.org. $54/family, $15/member, $18/non-member.

Social Action  תקוע פעולות

Annual Bonfils Blood Drive
Sunday, March 6 • 8:30am • at Har HaShem
Bonai Shalom is combining efforts with Har HaShem to put on an annual Bonfils blood donation drive on Sunday, March 6, in the Har HaShem parking lot. Please send Debbie Garelick approximate times that will work for you between 8:30am and 12:30pm for donating. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie at 303-912-8616 or debgarelick@gmail.com.

Bridge House Community Table
Monday, March 14 • 3:45-6:30pm • at Bridge House
Bonai’s commitment to Bridge House’s Community Table is to provide volunteers the second Monday of each month to help prep and serve meals to those in need. Hot meals are served from 5:00 to 6:00pm, set-up starts at 4:15pm, clean-up till 6:30pm. Please help with whatever time you can give.

BOHO Women’s Shelter Update
At this time, Bonai Shalom is not hosting women’s shelter guests. However, the need for donations continues! Please continue to donate the needed items in the containers in the social hall. Monetary help in lieu of clothing and other items is most welcome! Please contact Paula Erez at socialaction@bonaishalom.org for details.

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.
**Adult Learning & Programs**

**Talmud Class**

**Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16 & 23 • 12:00-1:00pm**

Join Rabbi Marc for a deep dive into Talmud. Now featuring Tractate Sotah.

**The Open Book Torah Study**

**2nd Shabbat of Each Month (Saturday) • 8:30-9:30am**

NEW – Monthly Torah study with Rabbi Marc and guests in the rabbi’s basement. Join us for this deep dive and discussion of the weekly parsha before our Shabbat morning service. Tea, coffee and snacks provided.

**Chai Mitzvah – Grow Your Judaism: Interpersonal Relationships**

**3rd Thursday of Each Month • 6:00-7:30pm**

Chai Mitzvah is an adult Jewish engagement initiative, asking the question, “What do you want your adult Jewish life to look like?” The course guides participants in answering that question through study, spirituality and social action. This nine-month journey, led by Rabbi Marc, explores a variety of topics with monthly study groups.

**Adult Shabbat Learning with Rabbinic Intern Hannah Kapnik-Ashar**

**Saturday, March 5 (monthly) • 9:30-10:30am**

This month we will be looking at how Purim teaches wholeness with one’s self, one’s creator, and one’s companions. This is the second part of the text study in preparation for Purim.

**Shira: Singing as Spiritual Practice**

**Tuesday, March 8 • 7:30-8:30pm**

Join us as we build a singing community! We’ll explore niggunim (melodies), experiment with rhythm, volume, texture, harmony and listening. For folks with all levels of comfort and singing skills. Facilitated by Rabbinic Intern Hannah Kapnik-Ashar.

**Gun Violence Prevention Program for Parents**

**Wednesday, March 9 • 4:30-5:30pm**

All parents are encouraged to attend this program where we will hear from guest speakers about ways to prevent accidents and ensure children’s safety in homes that have guns.

**Jewish Genealogical Society**

**Sunday, March 13 • 9:30am**

Dina Carson will present information for finding out about your history during her seminar titled, “Hiding in Plain Database: Tips and Tricks for Finding Exactly the Records You’re After.”

**New Siddur Exploration and Breakfast**

**Sunday, March 27 • 8:00am**

We are lucky to pilot the Conservative Movement’s new siddurim, Lev Shalem. Much like the Lev Shalem machzors we use on high holidays, these include vastly more interpretive and reflective texts, transilation, and commentary. Join the Ritual Committee as we see how we can enhance our services! We will have short shacharit service at 8:00am, followed by breakfast and browsing.

**Great Brush, Great Spirit Demonstration – Making Your Mark with Joy and Courage**

**Thursday, March 31 • 7:00-8:30pm**

This is a demonstration for the one-day seminar in May, exploring the personal uses of brush and ink in making a mark that will last through the ages, culminating in using a horsetail-sized brush on very large paper. Emphasis will not only be on making a great personal mark on paper, but how that can also be informative in making a great transformative personal mark in the world. Participants can use marks (letters) from their particular sacred tradition, such as Hebrew or Sanskrit, or use free-flowing spontaneous marks, which may reveal important individual meaning. This is, in essence, a very ancient practice and can produce a personal meditation device, a beautiful object of art, or simply an enjoyable day of self-discovery.

**Children & Families**

**Shabbat B’Yachad**

**1st and 3rd Shabbat of Each Month when Religious School is in Session • 10:45am**

Learning service for children in Grades 3-5 led by ‘storah teller’ Dafna Michaelson. Parents are welcome and children do not have to be enrolled in the Religious School to participate.

**Shabbat Koleinu**

**1st and 3rd Shabbat of Each Month when Religious School is in Session • 11:00am**

Learning musical service for children ages K-2nd grade led by Music Specialist, Rachel Cole. Parents are welcome and children do not have to be enrolled in the Religious School to participate.

**Shabbat Shelanu**

**2nd and 4th Shabbat of Each Month • 11:00am**

Parent-led Shabbat service for families with children ages 0-5 five. Service includes singing, dancing, stories and snack.

**New Baby Shabbat Services**

**Saturday, March 12 • 9:30am**

Join us to help celebrate the youngest members of our community as Rabbi Marc offers a Special Blessing followed by a Kiddush in their honor.

**Youth**

**Rosh Hodesh - It’s a Girl’s Thing!**

**Saturday, March 5 • 12:00pm • CBS Library**

Through discussion, arts and crafts, creative ritual, games, and drama, girls ages 11-18 and their leaders draw on Jewish values and a gender lens to explore the issues the girls care about most, such as body image, friendship, relationships, family, competition, and stress. This group meets monthly.

**Youth Group Event: Let’s Get Ready for Purim!**

**Sunday, March 6**

Join us in the social hall for Hamentaschen baking and other fun activities with a Purim theme. The event is free but please bring a food item to donate to our local food pantry in honor of the mitzvot of Purim!

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Kadima (Grades 6-7) • 1:00pm-2:15pm

**Shevet Achim: The Brotherhood**

**Thursday, March 31 • 5:00-7:00pm**

Join Shevet Achim for a monthly bonding experience where 8th-9th grade boys can have open discussions about real teen issues. Led by Rabbi Marc and BJTI Director Gary Brandt, this fun and transformative experience inspires boys into adulthood with confidence, compassion, and purpose.
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Our 2016 Purim Project is underway and we hope that you will participate in this delicious and fun Purim mitzvah. While we are raising money for Mishloach Manot, we are also raising much-needed operating funds for our synagogue. This is Bonai Shalom’s major FUN-raiser of the year so please help us achieve our $30,000 goal!