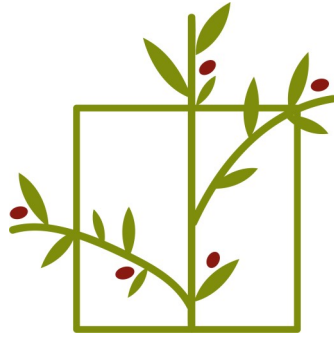


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CHAVERIM

July/August 2019 | Sivan/Tammuz/Av 5779



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STREET**

*Synagogue*

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR  
ANNUAL BOLTON STREET  
SUMMER BBQ ON FRIDAY,  
AUGUST 2

## *Bolton Street Summer BBQ*

Services begin at 6:30 pm

Dinner is at 7:30 pm

We will provide burgers and hotdogs.  
The rest is pot luck, so please bring  
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Let's pray for good weather!!

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## BUILDING A BETTER BALTIMORE

***If I am not for myself, who will be for me?  
But if I am only for myself, what am I?  
And if not now, when?  
Pirke Avot 1:13***

Over the course of the last few months, our Social Action Committee as well as our synagogue leadership have been in deep discussion about joining BUILD (Baltimoreans United In Leadership Development). As shared in their mission statement: "BUILD is a broad-based, non-partisan, interfaith, multiracial community power organization rooted in Baltimore's neighborhoods and congregations. BUILD is dedicated to making our city a better place for all Baltimoreans to live and thrive. For more than 40 years, BUILD has worked to improve housing, increase job opportunities, and rebuild schools and neighborhoods, among other issues."

***If I am not for myself, who will be for me?***

Our Jewish tradition reminds us that we must first begin with ourselves. For most of us, when we walk into Bolton Street Synagogue, we recognize the faces and the names of our fellow congregants, but how many of us truly **know** each other in a deeper way. BUILD believes in a radical tactic they call the "one-on-one." The premise is that we strengthen our relationships with each other by learning the worries, the challenges, as well as the hopes and dreams of all of our members. If we don't **know** each other, how can act to make this world a better place for us all. And if we don't begin with ourselves, who will?

***But if I am only for myself, what am I?***

As a community, we are searching to build deeper relationships with our neighbors. Our Social Action Committee has recognized that in order to build a vibrant, just, and peaceful world, we must look beyond our doors to those who look, pray, and live differently from us. If we only turn inward, what will be our impact? BUILD is unique in that it brings together a diverse cohort of churches, faith communities, public schools, and community organizations from all over the city. By becoming a member of BUILD, we will work across lines of difference to truly change our city for the better.

***And if not now, when?***

We live in very turbulent times. Each day, the norms and foundation of our democracy as well as our American values are being eroded. We have seen

the rise of Anti-Semitism and hatred of all minority and religious groups in our country. The violence in our city continues to climb and it feels like Baltimore's future is at a crossroads. There is no Superman. We can't wait for the Messiah or the next Mayor to make our city into the place of our dreams. This is the time for Bolton Street Synagogue to step up to join hands with the religious and civic leaders from across this city to change our world for the better. For forty years BUILD has achieved success after success, let's join together with them to strengthen our city. ***If not now, when?***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Bolton".

Andy





## PRESIDENT'S INSTALLATION SPEECH

On June 23, at the 2019 Annual Meeting, Elaine Richman delivered her first speech as 2019 –2021 president of the Bolton Street Synagogue Board of Trustees.

Below is the core of Elaine's installation speech, following words of gratitude to outgoing president Melissa Zieve, Rabbi Andy Gordon, director of education Jillian Manko, administrators Hope Ratner and Justine Abel, custodian Johnny McIntyre, members of our Board of Trustees, and Bolton Street Synagogue members.

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Years ago, as a small child, my now 34-year-old son asked, "Mommy, are we religious?" The question surprised me. Or maybe the surprise was that I didn't know the answer.

We lit candles and said prayers over the wine and challah on Friday nights.  
Most of our Mt. Washington neighbors were Jewish. So were most friends.  
I'd grown up Jewish, although with very little Jewish learning.  
My father's parents were working class Jews from Eastern Europe.  
The Jewish parents of my mother's Jewish parents were from Germany and more established in the US professionally and socially. My step-grandfather, Leo Ehrlich, was a holocaust survivor.  
I cook and bake the right Jewish foods at the right holidays.  
In the 1990s, as chair of the Baltimore Jewish Council's Odessa Task Force, I traveled to Ukraine to help re-establish organized Judaism.  
My husband Ralph Raphael, our sons David and Matt, and I are founding members of Bolton Street Synagogue.  
I read about Judaism and believe strongly in Jewish values like social justice, respect, giving, honesty, reflection, and much more.

What does all this say about whether I, or others like me, are religious?

If you're wondering the same thing about yourself, maybe we can discover the answer together.

I enjoy our religious services here at Bolton Street Synagogue.  
I enjoy our lovingly familiar people and songs and the calm and contemplation evoked by our Shabbat and holiday services.  
I love how we care about each other and welcome new people.

I love the learning, learning, learning I experience each time I enter this building or interact with our wonderful Rabbi Andy Gordon and with Bolton Street Synagogue staff and members, and on my own because my curiosity is constantly piqued.

I'm a learner and as our Bolton Street Synagogue president, I know that I have a lot to learn from the Torah, from learned commentary, from each and every one of you, and from our partners in the larger community.

Some people have asked me about my intended focus as Bolton Street Synagogue president. Well, it's under development. What I can tell you is that here at Bolton Street Synagogue we care. We care about and for each other. We care about Judaism, about the well-being of our congregation and our building and grounds, about our children falling in love with Judaism as I and, hopefully, you have, too. Lately, we've realized opportunities to support others in Baltimore through acts of living kindness, tikkun olam. Examples of our early initiatives are Reading Partners, Group of Ten, Margaret Brent Elementary School partnership, gay pride initiatives, our casserole program, to name a few. Now, we're looking at ways to bring our hearts and talents to support the larger Baltimore community through a possible affiliation with a community organization called Baltimore United in Leadership Development, or BUILD.

So to get back to my son's question, are we religious, I still am not sure what that means. What I am sure about, though, is that Judaism, Bolton Street Synagogue, and you all make me who I am. Thank goodness and thank you.

Shalom,

Elaine

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# ANNUAL FUND

## BOLTON STREET SYNAGOGUE ANNUAL FUND

WE DID IT AGAIN! Thanks to the generosity of you, our members, we surpassed our Annual Fund goal for the fifth straight year. Our campaign began last fall with two families pledging \$10,000 in challenge gifts and was soon followed by 100% participation from our board of directors. A strong backing from the rest of our community helped to raise \$84,700 including \$11,400 in new and increased donations. Thanks to all who participated; your gifts help ensure a strong future for BSS.

The following members have shown their commitment to Bolton Street with a generous gift or pledge. (Contributions or pledges as of June 20th, 2019)

For more information contact Nancy Savage, [nandsav@gmail.com](mailto:nandsav@gmail.com).

Greg Abel & Jennifer Mendelsohn  
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Marissa Feinsilver & Joseph Urban  
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Lyn Watner  
Alexandra Weil  
Marc Wernick  
Jennifer Yateman  
Ethel Zelenske

\*deceased

## GO FOR THE GOLD! SPRING FUNDRAISER



## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



May 4, 2019, was a festive evening at Bolton Street Synagogue. 200+ congregants, friends, and family wine and dined and bid on once-in-a-lifetime experiences at the 6th annual spring fundraiser, "Go for the Gold." To top it off, the auction results exceeded our goal by 30%.

Gourmet food was generously provided by Daniel Horowitz, congregant and chef of The Pantry Catering; He was joined by Alma Cocina Latina, Avenue Kitchen & Bar, Namaste Baltimore, and Cypriana.

Delectable desserts sweetened the evening thanks to Vaccaro's Italian Pastries, Midnite Cupcake Confections, and Judy Pound Cakes. Zekes Coffee donated coffee and tea.

Greg Box of Free Run Wine Merchants hosted an amazing Wine Tasting. DuClaw brewing provided beer.

The entertainment was outstanding—our very own David Conn was Master of Ceremonies, warming up the audience with his own unexpected and very funny routine.

Michael Harris and Ti Coleman from the Baltimore Improv Group surprised and wow'd us with their creativity and seat-of-the-pants improvisation. They even engaged a few brave members of the audience!

Judy Gold, comedienne extraordinaire, made us roar with laughter, poking fun at herself, her mother, and life in general.

Tremendous thanks to the team of BSS volunteers who brought this excellent event together. For those who joined the fun—thank you. For those who were not able to make it—see you next year!



## WINE AND CHEESE SHABBAT FRIDAY, JULY 19 @ 5:30 PM



SPONSORED BY ELAINE RICHMAN & RALPH RAPHAEL  
IN CELEBRATION OF  
ELAINE BECOMING BSS PRESIDENT



Bolton Street Synagogue  
Summer Tot Shabbat in the Park

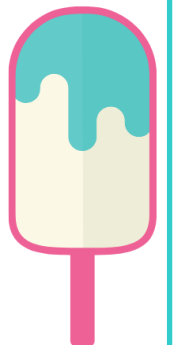


\*Feel free to park  
in our lower lot, the  
playground is right  
across the street!

All are welcome to join  
us at Linkwood Park  
101 W. Cold Spring Lane  
at 9:30 am

Saturday, July 13th  
Saturday, August 10th

contact [jmanko@boltonstreet.org](mailto:jmanko@boltonstreet.org)  
with any questions!



BSS Membership Engagement Committee;

## Join us for Sangria Shabbat



Friday, August 16, 2019  
Services @ 6:30 pm  
Sangria & Snacks @ 7:30 pm

## YAHREZEITS

### July 2019

07/04/2019 Evelyn Reichel, mother of Randi Reichel  
07/04/2019 Marion Wishnie, grandmother of Melissa Zieve and great-grandmother of Rose Berns-Zieve  
07/08/2019 Herbert Weil, father of Alexandra Weil  
07/11/2019 Bobbe Karpay, mother of Ken Karpay  
07/11/2019 Nathan Seid, grandfather of Leslie Seid Margolis  
07/13/2019 Greta Gutwillig, grandmother of Allison Gutwillig  
07/15/2019 Albert Kilberg, uncle of Melissa Zieve  
07/15/2019 Jean Pendleton, aunt of Chris Hartstein  
07/16/2019 Gerd Ehrlich, father of Marion Ehrlich  
07/17/2019 Sylvia Weiner, sister of Ruth Rosenberg  
07/18/2019 William Abrams, grandmother of Lissa Abrams  
07/20/2019 Ruth Dattel Brandt, mother of Diane Stillman  
07/21/2019 Beatrice Meyers, aunt of David Meyers  
07/26/2019 Edith K. Wald, mother of Mitch Wald  
07/28/2019 Bobbie Feinstein, mother of Miriam Lupien  
07/29/2019 Isydor Herz, father-in-law of Bernard Berkowitz  
07/31/2019 Olly Gerstenberg, grandmother of Marion Ehrlich  
07/31/2019 Dorothy Weitz, mother of Anne Hamburger

### August 2019

08/01/2019 Barbara Brown, mother of Debra Brown-Felser  
08/01/2019 Roger Dalsheimer, uncle of Nancy Savage and friend of Sandra Hess  
08/07/2019 Allan J. Caplan, brother-in-law of Helene Breazeale  
08/08/2019 Sarah Clark, mother of Dexter Clark  
08/08/2019 Harold Gutwillig, grandfather of Allison Gutwillig  
08/08/2019 Rose Scherr, mother of Stanley Scherr  
08/09/2019 Beatrice Hamburger, mother of David Hamburger  
08/10/2019 Harry C. Fogler, father of Dawn Cohen  
08/14/2019 Mollie Rosenberg, mother of Paul Rosenberg and grandmother of Sara Rybczynski  
08/15/2019 Eva Jacobi, aunt of Karen Brown  
08/15/2019 Harold Nass, father of Sherri Nass-Teret  
08/16/2019 Sidney Schwartzstein, father of Sheila Thaler  
08/17/2019 Walter Brown, father of Debra Brown-Felser  
08/17/2019 Jacob B. Gilstein, father of Saul Gilstein  
08/20/2019 James Lippman, grandfather of Dena Shaffer  
08/23/2019 Joyce Hartman, mother of Alison Hartman  
08/24/2019 Edward Heine, step-father of Lyn Watner  
08/24/2019 Helen Mason Rubin, mother of Amy Rubin

## CONTRIBUTIONS 4/19/2019 THROUGH 6/20/2019

### Building Fund

Miriam Lupien in memory Tony Lupien

### Commemorative Garden Campaign

Lewis Berman

Russell Margolis & Leslie Seid Margolis

### Library and Lifelong Learning Fund

Paul & Ruth Rosenberg in memory of Annie Sterling

Paul & Ruth Rosenberg in memory of Samuel Sterling

### Melvin Cohen Social Action Fund

Robert & Karen Brown in memory of Frank & MaryAnn Siedner

Beth Giladi in honor of the birth of Ariel Jerome Giladi and in appreciation of BSS for embracing and caring for the new family

Alison Hartman in memory of Tony Lupien

Ethel Zelenske in memory of Jacques Zielinski

Ethel Zelenske in memory of Chaim Zielinski

### Music and Worship Fund

David Meyers & Roberta Strickler in memory of Shirley Meyers

Nancy Savage in memory of Sheila Sachs

Nancy Savage in honor of the birth of Sophie Wasserberger

Ethel Zelenske in honor of Marian and Neil Wax's 50th wedding anniversary

### President's Discretionary Fund

Jeffrey & Joan Dier in memory of Sylvia & Philip Dier

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Susan Bennett in memory of Doris Rubin Bennett

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Amy Rubin in honor of Rabbi Gordon

Liz Simon-Higgs

Marc Wernick in support of BSS's outreach to the LGBTQ+ Community

### Zabner Youth Education Scholarship Fund

Collaborative Professionals of Baltimore in memory of Sheila Sachs

Harold Weisbaum & Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum in memory of Sheila Sachs

Russell Margolis & Leslie Seid Margolis in memory of Sheila Sachs



## CALENDAR

### JULY 2019

3	7:00 PM	Monthly Mahj Madness
5	6:30 PM	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Gordon and Cantor Karen Webber
12	6:30 PM	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Gordon and Keith Adams
13	9:30 AM	Tot Shabbat at Linkwood Park
14	4:00 PM	Block party
18	7:00 PM	Membership Engagement Committee meeting
19	5:30 PM	Wine & cheese pre-neg
	6:30 PM	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Gordon and Shir Chadash
20	9:30 AM	Torah Explorers Oregon Ridge Park
24	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees meeting
26	6:30 PM	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Gordon and Keith Adams

### AUGUST 2019

2	6:30 PM	Shabbat Service led by Stanley Scherr and Nancy Carrey-Beaver
	7:30 PM	BBQ
7	7:00 PM	Monthly Mahj Madness
9	6:30 PM	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Andy Gordon, Mark Giuliano, & Leslie Margolis
10	9:30 AM	Tot Shabbat at Linkwood Park
15	7:00 PM	Membership Engagement Committee meeting
16	6:30 PM	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Andy Gordon and Dirk Holzman
	7:30 PM	Sangria Shabbat
17	9:30 AM	Torah Explorers Druid Hill
23	6:30 PM	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Jessy Dressin
28	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees meeting
30	6:30 PM	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Andy Gordon and Keith Adams

**Bolton  
Street  
Synagogue  
2nd Annual  
Block  
Party!**

**Sunday  
July 14  
4 - 6:30 pm**



**Summer Fun**

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**Music**

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**Food Trucks  
& Beverages**

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**Face  
Painting**

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**Games for  
the kids**



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