

Bolton Street Synagogue 2023/2024 Year in Review

23/24

Dear Congregants,



From October 7th, its aftermath, to this November's election, it has been a difficult year to be a Jew. During the turmoil of world events, Bolton Street Synagogue has become a place of comfort and joy. We've gathered countless times for services, study, religious school, holiday celebrations, and social events. Thank you for your support of our congregation and allowing us to fulfill our mission of "Doors Wide Open."

In gratitude,
Rabbi Andy Gordon

Membership | BSS continues to thrive. BSS welcomed:

33

New Family Units
as of 6/30/2024



239

Total Community
Families

Resources | Our rich list of programming and spiritual engagement is made possible through member contributions and the immense efforts of the BSS Finance Committee. Thanks to their savvy and your contributions, BSS maintains a nearly-balanced budget. Contributions include Dues, Annual Fund, Spring Fundraiser, and Designated Funds.

124

families have participated at levels up to \$2,500

75

families have contributed between \$2,500-\$5,000

20

families have been able to support our programs at \$5,000-\$10,000 level

7

families have been able to contribute over \$10,000

BSS also applies for and receives grants to support programming, professional development and security improvements.

Staffing | **Rabbi Andy Gordon**

Ethel Zelenske, *President*

Sarah Jacobs, *Executive Director*

Cory Hermann, *Director of Education*

Religious School | We had a great year at BSS!

86

Students
K-12

9

Madrichim

12

B'nai
Mitzvahs

10

Teachers

**PLUS lots of family events including:
Purim Play, Good Deeds Day, and more.**

Young Families



Baby Brood



Tot-Friendly
Services



Tot Time

Adult Education

- 7 Adult B'nai Mitzvah
- 7+ years of "Taking Hold of Torah" with Rabbi Gordon
- Introducing "Jewish Wisdom for Life's Great Questions" with Shira Zeliger
- "Finding Our Footing" with Uri Feinberg
- A Conversation on Israel/Gaza with Dr. Neil Rubin
- Service Leader Boot Camp
- Learn to Play Mahjong

L'Dor Va'Dor (Generation to Generation) | Deep gratitude to our founding Legacy Society families who have committed to including Bolton Street Synagogue in their estate planning.

Lissa Abrams & Abe Wasserberger

Karen & Bob Brown | David & Amanda Conn

Nancy Dalsheimer Savage

Debra Brown Felser & Gary Felser | Marc Hartstein

Sandra D. Hess | Kenneth Karpay | Scott Samuel Kravetz

Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum & Harold Weisbaum

Joy Mandel & Tim Nehl | Russell & Leslie Seid Margolis

Randi Reichel & John Benner | Agi Rado

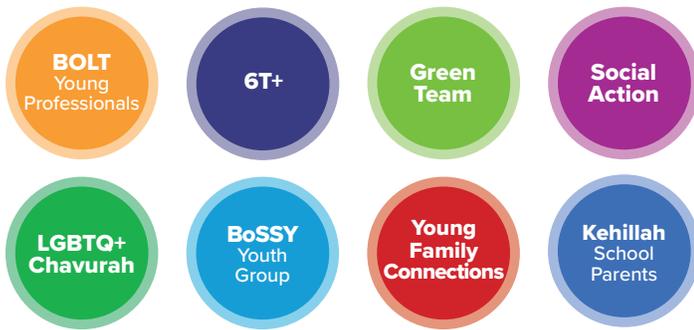
Elaine Richman & Ralph Raphael | Ellis Rosen

Shelia Thaler | Marc Wernick | Ethel Zelenske



You too can help secure our financial sustainability by planning for Bolton Street Synagogue in your estate plan.
www.boltonstreet.org/give/legacysociety/

Affinity Groups



Building and Property | The dazzling slope of native plants adjacent to the parking lot prevents erosion and protects the Stony Run stream. Many thanks to the Green Team, Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IFC), Blue Water Baltimore (BWB), and funding from Chesapeake Bay Trust.

All-Gender Restroom | BSS unveiled our All-Gender restroom on the first floor adjacent to the elevator. Gratitude to the BSS Initiative on Equity, Inclusion, and Community and pro bono design/build by Gary Felser.

Financials | The BSS Finance Committee is a conservative steward of BSS financial resources and strive to ensure stability while managing inflation, building repairs, maintenance and security costs. Their efforts compounded with the congregation's munificence and unwavering commitment to our future, resulted in a modest surplus in FY24.

