

Dear Friend of B'nai Or,

As the seasons turn, we find ourselves reflecting on the gifts of community — the strength we draw from gathering, singing, praying, learning, and celebrating together. Even for those who are not official members, your friendship and support have been part of what keeps B'nai Or of Boston thriving as a Jewish Renewal congregation — vibrant, inclusive, and spiritually alive.

At B'nai Or, we weave together the ancient and the new: sacred rituals infused with music and heart; prayer that opens our spirits; learning that deepens our Jewish wisdom; and a commitment to healing and justice in our world.

Your gift directly supports the wonderful services, programs and events offered throughout the year, such as:

- Our joyful Shabbat gatherings like our Kabbalat Shabbat in the Waltham woods
- B'nai Or's soulful High Holy Day services infused with music, heart, and soulful reflection.
- Lively programming like our Devotional Dialogue event with B'nai Or's Spiritual Leader Ariel Hendelman and fellow musician Umer Piracha, where we offered an evening of mystical music, facilitated by Dartmouth Professor of Jewish Studies, Rachel Feldman.
- The Jacob's Ladder concerts we held during the last two Sukkot celebrations, both of which were well-attended and created a lively, joyful atmosphere for our community.
- Ariel's insightful Buried Treasure: Torah as Sacred Mythology class that explores the world of Midrash.
- And so much more.

As a small community, we rely deeply on the generosity of friends like you, so, your gift — whatever its size — helps sustain the music, teaching, and love that define B'nai Or. It allows us to keep our doors (and hearts) open to all who seek renewal.

Our goal this year is to raise **\$18,000**, ensuring that we can continue to support our spiritual leadership, offer meaningful programming, and extend our welcome to anyone in need of connection. **And, this year we are so grateful to an anonymous donor who will graciously match all donations up to \$3000.**

If B'nai Or has touched your life — perhaps through a service, a class, a song, or simply a moment of shared presence — please consider making a contribution today. **You can give easily online at <https://www.bnaior.org/contact-us> or by mailing a check to:**

**B'nai Or of Boston
P.O. Box 550122
Waltham, MA 02455**

Remember to mark your donation for the General Fund (this is the most needed and allows us to track our progress in reaching our \$18,000 goal).

Thank you for helping us keep our light shining brightly into the year ahead. May your generosity return to you in abundance – in connection, meaning, and joy.

With deep gratitude and blessings for peace,

Cindy Hendelman

On behalf of the B'nai Or of Boston Community