

July 2024 Newsletter

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President's Message...

Hello David,



Rabbi Smith enters the under sevens Hebrew class. It will soon be Rosh Hashanah and the Rabbi is there to blow the shofar for them. So, hiding his shofar behind his back, he says to the class, "Shalom, boys and girls. I have a question for you. Can anyone here tell me what we will see in shul on Rosh Hashanah but which we would not normally see in shul at other times of the year?" Little Samuel puts his hand up and says, "I know the answer, rabbi. It's my mommy."

As summer is now here and we reach our midway point of 2024, I wanted to give a little update as well as start with a little humor. We held a Board Meeting this month and Amity continues to have a strong membership with over 194 Golf, Social and Honorary Memberships and a tight budget.

Amity has held more events in 2024 than we ever have and, despite the rising costs of food and venues. Also, Amity continues to thrive with keeping the costs of events reasonable and with growing attendance. Thanks to our financial management team of **Steven Walfish, Neil Berger, Steve Wollins and David Grover** for keeping Amity right on schedule with finances.

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We have a great Picnic coming up in a couple of weeks and our **Social Chair Ron Ziegel** is working on some new pop-up events for August and September so stay tuned. We have secured a Moon Bounce for the picnic and there is playground equipment on site so please bring your grandkids out for a fun event with some great food and beverages.

I am excited with the update from our **Membership Chair Adam Abrahams** that we now have 22 New Members for 2024. **Golf Chair David Gavin** reported that, over the last two years, we are up on Golf event participation more than 18%, which will allow our group to continue to play new and exciting courses in the summer.

We have continued with our Philanthropic ways featuring ongoing participatory events as well as tremendous contributions both from our 50-50 raffles and our charity sports pools. I want to thank again our Board and Volunteers for all the work you have done to contribute to Amity's fellowship and friendliness. Plus, I really want to thank **Past President Jeff Rosen** for all of his help with our monthly Newsletter!

Despite all the good, we are working on issues that need to be dealt with such as Constant Contact and our Website and we are exploring different options on both fronts. As I reach the point of only six months left as President, I am starting the transition to our next **President David Grover**. We have been working closely on all things Amity and I know our group will be in great shape in 2025 when I turn Amity over to his leadership.

As we continue to celebrate our 100th Year of Amity, we kept busy at the start of summer in June with a golf outing at Compass Pointe Golf Club and a Manna philanthropic activity.

On Wednesday June 12, we had our quarterly Manna Food Center event. The guys met for dinner first and then enjoyed performing the mitzvah at Manna! Thanks to **Alan Weiss, Bryan Aaron, Brian Sommers, Neil Berger, Bob Moses, Vic Cohen, David Landsman, Jeff Green, Barry Sandler, Ron Ginsberg, Mitch Morris, and Allen Orenberg, and Steven Walfish** for participating. Special thanks to **Steven Walfish and Bob Moses** for coordinating the event!



Then on Wednesday June 26 we had morning golf at Compass Point GC. We enjoyed the condition of the course as well as the layout despite the sizzling temperatures. Fortunately we had an early morning start and we all drank plenty of fluids on the course.



This was followed by a fabulous crab feast for some and delicious crab cakes and other entrees for others at The Seaside Restaurant in Glen Burnie. There were copious amounts of appetizers including crab soup, wings, and loaded potato skins for all to enjoy.



Congrats to the winning team of Sol Gordon and his son Zach and to Steve Rothenberg and his ringer Jon Romm (yes, that is his name), and to Sol and BJ Trenk to for winning closest to the pin, and to David Meyers and Neil Brami for winning the 50/50 raffle. Overall, we raised \$440 for our charitable foundation! Thanks to a host of guys for making all of this happen including **David Grover, David Gavin, Dan Ellenberger and Albert Bloomfield.**

Upcoming Events:

Amity Family Picnic -- On **Sunday afternoon July 14 from 3-5:30 pm**, at Woodley Gardens Park in Rockville. The picnic will feature sandwiches and drinks and is open to spouses, significant others, families including kids and grandkids, and other guests. Further details in the invite, which is already out. We already have 40 members signed up.

July Golf -- Morning Shotgun Golf on **Wednesday, July 24**, including breakfast and lunch at Bretton Woods Country Club. Invites are already out.

Amity Couples Club Event -- On **Saturday July 27**, the Amity Couples Club will again be attending the Contemporary American Theater Festival in Shepherdstown WV. The announcement for tickets is already out. Please reach out to Nancy Feldman at njfeldman@verizon.net for more information.

2023/24 Upcoming Calendar (Tentative Calendar with More Events to be added)

7/14 - Sun - Amity Family Picnic

7/24 - Wed - Amity Morning Golf and Lunch (Bretton Woods CC)

8/14 - Wed - Amity Morning Golf and Lunch (Cross Vines [Poolesville] GC)

9/16 & 9/17 - Mon-Tue - Amity Golf Overnight (Rock Harbor GC, Winchester, VA)

9/23 - Mon - Dinner and Speaker Lori Glaze of NASA (TBA location)

10/16 - Wed - Dinner and Speaker former Washington Post Editor Len Downey (La Ferme)

11/12 - Tue - Dinner and Speaker Tim Kurkjian (Manor CC)

12/9 - Mon - Dinner and Speaker (Norbeck CC)

If you know of a speaker who may be of interest to our Amity members for an upcoming event, please reach out to Allen Orenberg at aorenberg@orenberglaw.com

Don't Forget about the Amity Facebook Group!

Please check out the AMITY GROUP Facebook page to see event photos and posts from the past and to see what your fellow Amity brothers are up to. We encourage our members to publicize upcoming non-Amity events that could be of interest to our members. (PLEASE NOTE, however, that this group is for social postings ONLY. We do not allow political rants. Thank you.) Click on this link to join the private [Amity Facebook page](#)

Board and Committee Recruitment

It takes a village to run Amity, not just the Executive Board. We have been so lucky in 2024, to have such a great group of Amity Volunteers serve on our Board and as Committee Chairs. Available committees are the following: Membership Committee; Philanthropy Committee; Speakers Committee; Hospitality Committee; and the Communications Committee. If

you are interested in volunteering to help out on the Board, as a Committee Chair and/or a Committee Member, please contact Past-President Steve Wollins, sjwollins@gmail.com or President-Elect David Grover, degolf1827@verizon.net. Thanks for your consideration.

Good and Welfare

As a community, it is really important for us to communicate significant life cycle events. Simply click here and fill out the form or contact me directly.

**Fill Out
Form**

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Robert Hausman who had his first grandchild, Ari Hausman, on May 30.

REFUAH SHLAYMAH: We pray for a complete and peaceful healing to the following who are recuperating from recent illnesses or surgeries:

Phil Magenheim as he recovers from a recent surgery.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Nothing to report.

Amity Roster!

Click here to access the Amity roster and do the following:

- Once you have entered your user name and password, you will be taken to the Amity web page portal.
- Please click on "Amity Club of Washington" in the upper left corner and then click "Visit Site". This takes you to the Amity website.
- Rosters are found in the REPORTS tab at the top center.
- Click REPORTS and select the "AMITY MEMBERSHIP ROSTER" icon and save to your desktop or print as needed.

Your username is your email address. If you have a problem, please contact Tom Temin at RecordingSecr@AmityClubofWashington.org or Stu Kushner at stukushner@gmail.com.

NUTS AND BOLTS

On Sunday, July 21st, from 3-4:30 pm, we are going to do another walk with the President. We will meet at the parking lot in front of Carmen's Italian Ice, 1115 Nelson Street, Rockville. Please plan to be there by 2:50 so we can leave promptly at 3. We will take an approximate 2 mile walk around Rockville trying to go at the slowest pace. Bring your kids, grandkids, spouses and dogs and we will walk, gab and nosh at the end. Bring some cash or credit card for a refreshing Italian Ice when we are concluded. Please email amityprez@amityclubofwashington.org if you plan on attending and how many will be in your group.

Reminder this section is simply for members and not for advertising.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JULY TO:

- 2 - Adam Abrahams 1970
- 2 - Jim Neustadt 1952
- 5 - Bryan Aaron 1959
- 5 - Norman Ressin 1939
- 6 - Marc Zitelman 1953
- 14 - Daniel Ellenbogen 1957
- 14 - Mitchell Engle 1971
- 15 - Andrew Simpson 1958
- 16 - Michael Freiman 1956
- 17 - Jonah Green 1967
- 20 - Steven Schlafstein 1955
- 23 - Andrew Bridge 1956
- 24 - Jeffrey Bochner 1962
- 27 - Jerry Frishman 1959
- 27 - Maurice Kurland 1965
- 28 - Steve Wasser 1953
- 28 - Steven Kersner 1952

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN JULY TO:

- 1 - Mitchell Rotker and Vicki 2001
- 7 - David Spiegel and Sandra 2000
- 7 - Jeremy Fox and Julie 1990
- 8 - Solvin Gordon and Wendy 1979
- 12 - Robert Phillips and Barbara 1987
- 13 - Raymond Bialek and Rickie 1985
- 15 - Steven Buckman and Michelle 1977
- 18 - William Oshinsky and Ruth 1965
- 19 - Barry Sandler and Leslie 1987
- 27 - David Meyers and Dawn 2002
- 31 - Michael Eisenberg and Miriam 1997

Looking forward to seeing you soon!



David Merkin,
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