Rabbi Dan Ain
Rabbi & Founder, Moontower Minyan

Rabbi Dan Ain finds holiness through honest conversation, creating space where people can speak freely and exchange challenging ideas within the context of Jewish community, tradition and ritual. His new initiative - Moontower Minyan - launched in September of 2023, seeks to bring these new and vibrant spiritual offerings to Central Texas.

After his ordination from The Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Dan served as the rabbi of The New Shul in Manhattan, and was Director of Tradition and Innovation at New York's 92nd St. Y. He founded the Brooklyn based organization Because Jewish and served as Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth Sholom in San Francisco from 2018-2022, when he relocated to Austin.

In his two decades of ministry, Rabbi Ain has been guided by a clear and simple mission: to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. Despite a rich, millenia-long tradition of challenge and inquiry, the modern institutions of Jewish life have largely proven insufficient – perhaps even prohibitive – to this task. As a result, Rabbi Ain has pastored both inside and outside of the religious establishment and spoken out on a number of the most important issues of our time; including the impact that new technologies are having on our faith and sense of self-worth, the staleness of our houses of worship when they fall under the spell of political correctness and group think, and the dangerous impact that our collective failure to ask the hard questions during Covid had upon our children and our congregations.