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Thanks,

Peter Wolfe

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HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE 2018

All Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Events are at the Soloway JCC.

Sunday Sep.9 Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:05pm Evening Service

Monday Sep. 10 Rosh Hashanah Day 1

8:30am Morning Service

11:15am Youth Program (time approximate)

For children from 8 to 13 years led by Rabbi Hamerman

5:10pm Tashlich: meet at SJCC, or alternatively,

5:40pm meet at river at the bottom of Fraser Avenue

6:45pm Mincha, followed by learning session with Rabbi Hamerman, followed by Ma'ariv

Tuesday Sep. 11 Rosh Hashanah Day 2

8:45am Morning Service (no Youth program)

12:00 pm Congregational Lunch

1:00pm Learning session with Rabbi Hamerman (time approximate after lunch), followed by Mincha

Saturday Sep. 15 Shabbat Shuvah

9:45am Service in the Jewish Community School (or JCS) Chapel

Sunday Sep. 16 Kever Avot

11:00am Congregational visit to the New Jewish Cemetery.

Tuesday Sep. 18 Erev Yom Kippur

6:30pm Mincha

6:55pm Kol Nidre (sharp)

Wednesday Sep. 19 Yom Kippur

9:00am Morning Service

11:45am Yizkor (time approximate)

12pm Youth Program (time approximate)

For children from 8 to 13 years led by Rabbi Hamerman

5:40pm Study session with Rabbi Hamerman

6:10pm Mincha

8:10pm Shofar Blowing

8:25pm End of Services

Monday Sep. 24 Sukkot I

9:45am Service in JCS Chapel with Hallel, Lulav and Etrog

Saturday Sep. 29 Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot

9:45am Service in JCS Chapel with Hallel.

Monday Oct. 1 Shemini Atzeret

9:45am Service in JCS Chapel: with Hallel and Yizkor

Monday Oct. 1 Simchat Torah

6:30pm Service in JCS Chapel: with hakafot and Torah aliyot for all, including participation by members of Tamir

NOTE: Childcare will be available 10am to 12:30pm for RH Day 1 and 2, and YK.

Younger children will be in the Teen Lounge – Parents are welcome to accompany their children. A youth program for grades 2 and up will take place with the Rabbi on Day 1 RH and on YK for about 15 to 20 minutes. Children under the age of 2½ should be accompanied by a parent or sibling. All children and youth should be either in the Teen Lounge or in the adult service. Please discourage children from socializing in the hallways

Snack will be served between 11:45 to 12:00 for RH Day 1 and 2 and YK.

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO BULLETIN

June-July-August: These three summer months seem to be “down time” for Adath Shalom Congregation. Of course, we always have regular Shabbat services, and, thankfully, we no longer worry about having a minyan as we used to. But we barely notice Tisha B’Av. (No wonder the sages called it the one truly sad day in the Jewish calendar.) And adult ed programs and poetry readings scale down to one or maybe two over the summer.

All of that is true. But summer is not really so “down” for many members of the congregation. For one thing, in mid-June we have our Annual General Meeting, which is more important both legally and organizationally than many members realize. And then in mid-August we have our first Board meeting of the Jewish year, and that meeting typically focuses on decisions and directives coming from the AGM.

OK, so maybe the “down time” is not three months long, but two months: from mid-June to mid-August. Even that is an exaggeration. As you might expect, the High Holy Days Committee is hard at work ensuring that our invited rabbi has all the information he needs, and that our schedule meets our own needs. As well, security must be arranged, and liaison established with management of the JCC, especially to alert them to our revised schedule for the Second Day of Rosh Hashanah.

Other Adath Shalomniks devoted part of the summer months to our Shalom Project in welcoming a Syrian family to Ottawa and arranging housing and helping them make all the dozens of adjustments that are necessary for people coming to a non-Arabic-speaking community. (Thank heaven, their immigration was in the summer and not in the winter.)

Perhaps most important of all, the first steps were taken to follow up on our synagogue-wide survey about where we want to be as a congregation 20 years from now. (If you missed the survey and all the parlour meetings held over the winter, contact Harvey Goldberg who is leading the process.) Two committees got right to work over the summer. The Membership Committee is searching for new ways to increase membership. Among other things, Committee members intended to call 2017 High Holiday members to encourage them to return and consider full membership. The Communications/Outreach Committee placed an ad in the fall AJA 50+ program guide and talked with the editor of the *Kitchissippi News* about an article on how special our congregation is. Underlying all these activities is something entirely new for Adath Shalom: a Facebook page. Look at it and think about ways that we can use it.

Of course, many of us took time off, and were away from Ottawa for a couple of weeks or more. Many of us left our laptops at home. And our reading list may well have focused on novels or mysteries instead of books on Jewish organization, history or law. But I’d be willing to bet that, other than those on long-distance canoe adventures, or in truly isolated cabins, a solid majority of us kept one ear to radios or cell phones in order to remain alert to events in Israel—and to react one way or the other with messages to the Ambassador.

Finally, let me take this occasion to introduce you to Miriam Abrams-Stark, who has replaced Howard Goldberg as USCJ’s Kehilla Relationship Manager for the Northeast district. Many of you met Howie when he helped us work through an early exercise on how we want Adath Shalom to develop in the future. We are looking for a time to invite Miriam to visit us in Ottawa.

David B. Brooks

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6

Fall Shabbaton with Shawna Dolansky.

- D’var on **Bereshit: Worlds and Worldviews.**
- Afternoon Presentation: **Creation Stories in the Ancient Middle East**

See article on page 5 for more details.

November 10

November Shabbaton with Rabbi Hamerman on Toledot: Generations

- D’var on **Connection between the Torah reading and the theme of the Adult Ed programs: L’Dor va Dor**
- Afternoon Presentation: **How to Pass on Jewish Traditions to New Generations**
- Evening Presentation **Challenges to Masorti Judaism**

See article on page 6 for more details.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

(3:00 to 5:00pm)

October 7 at the home of Sherill and Morris

HIGH HOLY DAYS – WHAT’S NEW

As you can see from Page 1 of the bulletin, High Holy Days are upon us.

New this year is that we have decided to change up day 2 of Rosh Hashanah. We will start 8:45 and will finish the service by around noon. That will be followed by a luncheon (roughly equivalent to the luncheons we have on Shabbatons). We will then proceed immediately to the Rabbi’s learning session, followed by Mincha. And that will be it – we will not reconvene in the evening. I expect we will wrap up for the day at around 2:30 p.m.

There are a few reasons for this change. We received a suggestion that it would be nice for the congregation to have a chance to be together during the High Holy Days outside of a service. The luncheon is intended to provide this opportunity. Also, some feel that two days of exactly the same service is perhaps one too many. Finally, this arrangement provides an opportunity for families and friends to get together at home during this season (dinner day 2) without someone having to miss services to prepare.

Just to be clear, we are not changing the format for Rosh Hashanah Day 1, or for Yom Kippur.

Child care will be provided on all three days, and the Rabbi will offer a children / family program on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur.

Ira Greenblatt
Chair, High Holy Committee



SUKKOT, SHEMINI ATZERET AND SIMCHAT TORAH AT ADATH SHALOM

Adath Shalom will celebrate the joyous holiday of Sukkot for eight days starting on the evening of Sunday September 23rd. To celebrate this holiday, we are encouraged to build a sukkah and acquire a Lulav and Etrog.

Adath Shalom will hold services on Monday September 24th at 9:45, when we will sing Hallel with joyous lively participation from our shul choir and have hakafot or processions with the Lulav and Etrog. Sukkot is a wonderful family holiday where we are instructed to be “Ach sameach” - completely happy. There is a procession in synagogues during each of the eight days of Sukkot. Come to shul to perform the mitzvah of benching Lulav and Etrog. If you are not able to come to shul on Sept. 24th and would still like to perform the mitzvah of lulav and etrog, please contact me or go to services at Kehillat Beth Israel (KBI) where they bench Lulav and have hakafot with the Lulav and Etrog every non-shabbat morning during Sukkot.

The 8th day of Sukkot (Monday October 1st) is a holiday unto itself called Shemini Atzeret. On this day we hold services, at 9:45, say Hallel, again with joyous participation from our shul choir and say the Yizkor service. During Sukkot we plan to have our Kiddushim in one of the special Sukkot on the Jewish campus.

Then we wrap it up with a fun-filled Simchat Torah service beginning at 6:30 pm on the same evening. See my article on the next page.

Members are encouraged to attend services at KBI on the holy days where we will not be holding services, specifically on the 2nd day of Sukkot (September 25th) and on Simchat Torah day, October 2nd. Their service begins at 9 am on those days.

Joel Yan, Co-Chair, Ritual Committee

SIMCHAT TORAH

*(To be celebrated Monday evening 6:30
October 1, 2018 with Tamir)*

Join us for a joyous Simchat Torah at 6:30 PM on Monday, October 1, 2018. We will start with a quick evening service. Then grab your flags and a Torah scroll and join us for singing and dancing as we complete the 7 hakafot with the Torah scrolls. On Simchat Torah we complete the reading of the Torah and immediately begin reading the Torah in a second scroll from the beginning. After everyone receives their aliyahs, we will complete our short service and then assemble for ice cream and treats. A good time is expected for all. This is a family event; please bring your children and friends.

Last year members of the Tamir Neshama choir joined us and enhanced our service with their singing and participation on Shabbat Zachor, Feb. 24, 2018. This year, as well as having the Tamir choir back for a repeat performance in February 2019, I am pleased to report that members of the Tamir community will be joining us on October 1st to help make our Simchat Torah celebrations even more festive. They will be joining us for the seven hakafot and also for the three group aliyot. Members are asked to please welcome and help accommodate Tamir members to our Simchat Torah celebrations.

Approximate schedule for the evening:

- **6:30** Evening service
- **6:50 – 7:15** Hakafot – singing and dancing with the Torah
- **7:20 – 7:40** Torah reading with Aliyot to the Torah for all
- **7:40** – Complete the service
- **7:45** – Ice cream, treats, and shmoozing

Looking forward to celebrating with you on Simchat Torah,

Joel Yan, Co-chair, Ritual Committee

PROFESSOR SHAWNA DOLANSKY EXPLORES BERESHIT IN OCTOBER 6 SHABBATON

The Adath Shalom Adult Education Committee is pleased to announce that Professor Shawna Dolansky will be our Scholar-in-Residence for Shabbat Bereshit, Saturday, October 6. She will give two lectures on the Creation story which begins the Torah.

Her first dvar Torah, *Bereshit: Worlds and Worldviews*, will take place during Shabbat services. “A primary function of creation myths,” Shawna explains, “is to establish the place of humans within the order of the universe. The opening chapter of the Torah lays out precise steps and details of how this order is understood, and in so doing, reveals to us the author’s worldview of how the earth and all its contents came to be.” Shawna’s dvar Torah for Bereshit will walk the congregation through a close reading of Genesis 1 to help us see the world through the eyes of the ancient Israelites who wrote it down.

Her second talk, *Creation Stories in the Ancient Middle East*, will take place after a light Kiddush lunch.

The Torah gives us three different versions of the story of the world’s creation – one in Genesis 1, another in Genesis 2-3, and a third invoked in Psalms 74 and 78 as well as Isaiah 27 and 51. Shawna notes that it was not unusual for cultures in the ancient Near East to tell a variety of often-contradictory stories about the creation of the world; unlike us who want to know which version is *true*, the ancients seemed to be very comfortable with the coexistence of many truths. Her afternoon lecture will explore a variety of ancient Near Eastern creation myths to set the Torah ones within this wider context, helping us to appreciate the function of myth in the ancient world from which the Bible emerged.

Shawna Dolansky earned a B.A. (Hon) from Queen’s in History in 1995, with a focus on the history of ideas. Interested in pursuing the earlier origins of Western intellectual history, Shawna went on to earn an M.A. in Judaic Studies and a Ph.D. in History at the University of California, San Diego, specializing in the academic study of the Hebrew Bible within the context of the ancient Near East.

After teaching at two universities in the United States, she moved back to her native Ottawa in 2010. She became an adjunct research professor and instructor in Carleton University’s College of the Humanities

and program in Religion, as well as a frequent visiting adjunct professor at Queen's University's School of Religion, and currently holds a one-year position as Instructor in the College of the Humanities at Carleton.

Shawna has earned several prestigious awards for her teaching and research, including, in 2018, a professional achievement award from Carleton University. In addition, Queen's University's Jewish Studies program has just named her their Rosen lecturer for the upcoming academic year.

Adath Shalom Congregations is very privileged to have Shawna Dolansky as Scholar-in-Residence for another exciting year of thought-provoking lectures which enrich our understanding and appreciation of the world from which the wisdom of the Torah emerged. During the Jewish year 5779 we can look forward to her presence as guest scholar in two other Shabbatons at Adath Shalom.

Estelle Melzer
Adult Education Committee

KEVER AVOT - CEMETERY VISIT

It is traditional to visit the graves of your loved ones before or during the High Holyday period. Our shul's annual visit to the cemetery will be held on Sunday, September 16. We will meet at the entrance to the New Jewish cemetery in Osgoode at 11 AM. We would like to have a minyan so that we can say Kaddish at each grave of our members' families. We will also be singing a special prayer for our loved ones, El Malei Rachamim, at each grave.

Call Danielle Dugas (613-236-4182) to confirm that you are coming, for directions, and to organize the sharing of rides.

Joel Yan and Danielle Dugas

CHILDCARE DATES FOR 2018-2019

(With Angela Lowe)

October 13, 2018	March 9, 2019
November 10, 2018	April 13, 2019
December 8, 2018	May 11, 2019
January 12, 2019	June 8, 2019
February 9, 2019	

COACHING FOR TORAH READERS

We are happy to announce the continuation of last year's program to coach Torah readers for Adath Shalom. Joel Yan and David Kriger are pleased to offer coaching to help our members learn how to read or chant Torah. Our plan is to work with small groups over the next several months, at a pace that is convenient to them. Other coaches are available to help as well. Please join us to help expand our skills in this critical area! We plan to start in the autumn, after the holidays.

Please contact Joel Yan or David Kriger at [d](#) for more information.

David Kriger

NOVEMBER SHABBATON WITH RABBI HAMERMAN NOVEMBER 10, 2018

Parshah: Toledot (Generations)

D'var: Connection between the Torah reading and the theme of the Adult Ed programs: *L'Dor va Dor*

Discussion after Lunch: How to pass our customs, traditions and beliefs to the next generations so that they will be proud to identify themselves as Jews, be educated in our history and religious ideals and connect with the State of Israel.

Evening program:

- 1) A brief history of the struggle between religion and politics in Israel.
- 2) The growth of the Masorti movement.
- 3) The reasons for the current challenges of Masorti Judaism.
- 4) How should Jews in the diaspora respond to the present situation?

Paul Adler

RABBI SHIMSHON HAMERMAN TO LEAD UPCOMING HIGH HOLIDAYS SERVICES (2018)

Rabbi Shimshon Hamerman is joining Adath Shalom once again as our spiritual leader for this year's High Holiday services.



Since retiring from his position as the Director of Education at the Bronfman Jewish Education Centre, Rabbi Hamerman has been working at various projects which have added to his diverse teaching experiences. He has been preparing pedagogical methodology for Ecole Maimonides in Montreal, writing an Israel Education Curriculum for Bialik High School, and perhaps most interestingly, has been helping to prepare educational materials for the Chassidic Community of Montreal.

Shimshon was the Principal and Head of School at Solomon Schechter Academy, for 20 years until his retirement. He also held the position of Chazzan at Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem for 21 years. With an eclectic background, including a B.Sc. in Mathematics (Yeshiva University), a Masters of Operations Research (NYU) and a PHD in Theology/Bible from Université de Montreal, and smicha from the former Chief Rabbi of Montreal, Rabbi Hirschprung, Rabbi Hamerman brings an abundance of energy, enthusiasm and serious credentials in pedagogy and Torah scholarship to his audiences.

Rabbi Hamerman recently led services at Adath Shalom, where he taught new melodies for Shabbat Services and did an analysis of Naomi Shemer's classic song, Jerusalem of Gold. His children's services are always greatly appreciated, and we anticipate that this year will be no different.

Shimshon is the consummate educator. His knowledge of Jewish ethics and values is firmly based in an in-depth knowledge of biblical and Talmudic texts, yet he is able to relate at both a cultural and spiritual level with both practising and secular Jews. His down-to-earth presentation style peppered with a vast store of practical examples and humour will inspire everyone.

Topics for 2018 High Holiday sermons will no doubt be both entertaining and informative. The recent strategic planning on Adath Shalom's future may also be a topic of discussion, as Jewish community renewal is a hot topic not just in our congregation, but generally throughout North America.

Rosalie Fox and Lawrence Wolofsky

FINANCIAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AT ADATH SHALOM

At the August 19th Board meeting, the following document outlining Financial Roles and Responsibilities at Adath Shalom was approved.

Requests for reimbursements or payments of invoices should be forwarded to Rosalie Fox who has taken over as bookkeeper. Dues, donations, and membership forms continue to go to Andrew Oakes, who continues as Financial Secretary and who continues to issue tax receipts. All other questions and issues relating to financial issues should be sent to Ira Greenblatt, who is now the Treasurer.

Bookkeeper

1. Produces cheques in accordance with AS financial controls.
2. Receives info on funds received from the financial secretary
3. Maintains the books
4. Receives and reconciles bank statements
5. Prepares internal reports
6. Prepares CRA reports including the HST refund.
7. Provides the year-end financials to the Treasurer, and work with the Treasurer to develop the proposed next year budget.
8. Reports any issues or concerns that may arise to the Treasurer and/or Co-Presidents.

Treasurer

1. Member of the Board
2. Oversight of all financial aspects of the shul, including ensuring proper financial controls are in place and are adhered to and all financial reports are prepared on time.
3. Identifies to the Board any financial impacts of decisions
4. In consultation with the financial secretary, reviews and approves/denies requests for dues variances
5. Negotiates financial issues with outside parties (e.g. USCJ, Landlord)
6. In consultation with the Board, makes investment decisions regarding shul investments
7. Works with bookkeeper to prepare budget for the next year
8. Presents prior year financials and proposed budget to the AGM
9. Carries out duties and responsibilities as defined in the AS Financial Controls.

Financial Secretary

1. Sends out annual invoices/dues reminders to all members
2. Receives all dues and donations, deposits them into the bank, and sends corresponding info to the bookkeeper and the Treasurer.
3. In consultation with the treasurer, reviews and approves/denies requests for dues variance.
4. Records all funds received for tax receipt purposes.
5. Issues tax receipts

Board Members

1. Ensure that the financial policies of the shul are being followed. Specifically:
 - a) Ensure that the list of payments due before each board meeting is received and reviewed.
 - b) Ensure the annual self-review is conducted and the report received and reviewed.

Financial Controls

1. The Treasurer will hold two blank cheques for unforeseen events. All other blank cheques will be held by the bookkeeper.
2. The Treasurer, the president or one of the Co-Presidents, and at least one other officer of the Board will have authority to sign cheques.
3. No one will sign cheques made out to themselves or their family members (Family members is to be interpreted broadly to include not only those individuals related by formal marriage or common law, and their relatives, but also all those sharing the same physical premises and their close relatives.).
4. Cheques under \$1000 can be signed by one person. Cheques of \$1000 or more require two signatures.
5. The following procedure will be used for cheque runs
 - The bookkeeper will send a list of accounts to be paid to the Treasurer, or in his absence or if the cheque will be made out to the Treasurer or one of his family members, one of the other individuals with signing authority. (Optionally, this list could include scanned versions of the supporting documentation, in which case said documentation does not need to be sent with the cheques.) This will be done on an as-needed basis, but no more often than bi-weekly, unless an emergency arises. That person would authorize the list, and only then would the bookkeeper create the cheques and send them along with related documentation as necessary and stamped envelopes to the signer who authorised the cheques for review, signing, and mailing. If the cheque is for less than \$250, and is a recurring expense (e.g. Kiddush setup, shopping), then related documentation does not need to be included. In this case the related documentation will be included with the month end reconciliation report sent to the Treasurer. Where a second signature is required, the second signer does not need to see the supporting documentation. The first signer will return the documentation to the bookkeeper and will forward the cheque and envelope to the second signer, who will sign and mail the cheque.
 - The bookkeeper will send to all Board members a list of all payments prior to each Board meeting showing the date, the cheque number, the recipient and the amount, sorted by cheque number.
6. The Treasurer will review AS bank statements on line at least monthly, the reconciliation report monthly, and the dues report quarterly.
7. A self-review shall be conducted at least once annually no more than two months after the fiscal year end (July or August). The review will be conducted by one member of the shul not involved in the daily fiscal system, supported by the Treasurer. The review will include verification that the financial position of AS is as stated by the bookkeeper and the Treasurer and that all relevant policies are being followed and will identify any updates to the financial policy that may be necessary. The person conducting the review will present the results to the Board.

Ira Greenblatt,
Treasurer

BIKKUR CHOLIM COMMITTEE- VISITING THE SICK

Among the acts of caring that are obligatory and meritorious in Jewish law and ethics, Bikkur Cholim, visiting the sick, is especially significant. Its importance is underscored by its appearance in our daily prayer book's top three texts for the Torah study blessing ("These are the things"), that familiar Mishnaic list of the good deeds that yield dividends to the doer in this world, while the capital is stored for the world to come. A classic midrash portrays God as modeling this mitzvah when God appears to Abraham in [Genesis 18](#), a narrative that comes just after the story of Abraham's circumcision: God is visiting the recovering patient.

The Bikkur Cholim Committee at Adath Shalom has been reactivated and is now functional. The Committee members are Danielle Dugas, Susan Landau-Chark, David Steinberg and me. All of us completed the Pastoral Care Training program that was offered this past summer.

For the Committee to fulfill its role, it must become aware if members of the congregation are ill, or undergoing treatments or procedures. Please let me know, with the individual's permission of course, if the Bikkur Cholim Committee can help

The Committee can:

1. Put the individual's name on the Mishaberech list, so that the name can be called out during healing prayers;
2. Communicate with the individual by phone or email
3. Pay a visit to the hospital or home if so desired

Please let me know if you or a family member would like to be contacted by the Bikkur Cholim Committee..

Toby Yan

Chair, Bikkur Cholim Committee

ADATH SHALOM WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES¹

Ira Greenblatt and Danielle Dugas	Sep 6, 1981
Toby and David Brooks	Sep 11, 1955
Alysse Weinberg and Michael Davidson	Oct 16, 1982
Susan and David Kriger	Oct 17, 1982
Carol and David Steinberg	Oct 23, 1977

¹We would be happy to publish your anniversary dates. Please email them to Lawrence Wolofsky