



Adath Shalom Congregation

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What you are about to read now is a redacted version of the full Adath Shalom Bulletin that has been distributed to the Adath Shalom Congregation membership. For privacy reasons, all email addresses and phone numbers have been removed.

Also some other material identifying shul members has been removed.

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If you are interested in learning more about Adath Shalom, feel free to browse the shul website. Specific information about the shul is found at <http://www.adath-shalom.ca/brochure.htm>

Thanks,

Peter Wolfe

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CO-PRESIDENTS REPORT

Adath Shalom is a learning congregation. I base that conclusion on two observations, one public and the other personal.

The public observation is the increased attendance on days that we have a Shabbaton. Only a few people leave before the afternoon service, and, if you listen to the various conversations at the Kiddush, most people are thinking about (whether positively or negatively) what our visitor has told us in the d'var, and others are speculating about what he or she will tell us in the afternoon.

The second way is neither obvious nor public. As some of you know, I grew up in a classical Reform congregation with its typical emphasis on Jewish history and ethics, with relatively little interest in liturgy. (This was the situation in the 1950s; I do not believe that it is still the same today.) The extent of Hebrew at my bar mitzvah was saying the *Shma* and reciting the blessings before and after my Torah portion, which the rabbi then recited in English.

All of that is just preamble to explain why my Jewish education really does prepare me for preparing a d'var Torah, and not much else. Fortunately, I do love to prepare divrai Torah. To get to the point, when the call used to go out for people to prepare a d'var Torah, I would have my choice of portions. Frequently enough, I would end up with two portions; on one occasion, three.

That is no longer the case. To repeat my opening words: Adath Shalom is a learning congregation. Recently I was late in responding to Susan's request and found that all places were already taken. Another time I had to cancel my preferred date for a d'var, and I found that every other date was reserved by another member of Adath Shalom. What more proof does anyone need! We now have a surplus of people willing and indeed eager to give a d'var Torah.

True, we still have a shortage of people capable of chanting (or even just reading) the Torah portion. A somewhat larger number can do so by chanting or reading from the chumash, but Halakhah frowns on this alternative. It is acceptable but not with blessings or aliyot. However, just as we now have a fairly sizeable number of people who can deliver a haftarah, I am confident that within a few years, and with thanks to Joel and others serving as coaches, we will soon have an adequate number of people who can chant or read the Torah portion (or some part of it) directly from the sefer Torah.

We are indeed a learning congregation.

David Brooks, Co-President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 12** *May Shabbaton with Rabbi Hamerman*
- D'var on **Reason the Bible has two sets of Ten Commandments**
 - Afternoon Presentation: Meaning of the songs "Yersushalayim Shel Zahav" and the "Hatikvah"
- See article on page 4 for more details.
- May 13** *Rosh Chodesh Poetry Group*
7:00pm at the home of Toby and David. See article on page 5 for more details
- May 20** *Shavuot I Service (Only Shavuot Service)*
With Hallel and Yizkor
- June 9** *Bat Mitzvah of Tzipi Wolfe*
- June 16** *June Shabbaton with Shawna Dolansky*
- D'var on Parshat Korach
 - Afternoon Presentation: Institution of kingship in ancient Israel as seen in the haftarah.
- See article on page 4 for more details.
- July 7** *Abayudaya Shabbat Service*
See article on page 3 for more details.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

(3:00 to 5:00pm)

May 13 at the home of Toby and David

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(10am to 12pm)

June 17 in Ottawa Jewish School lunchroom

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S **PRE-AGM REPORT**

Executive:

- Co-President: Elaine Vininsky (2017-2019)
- Co-President: David Brooks (2017-2019)
- Treasurer: Paul Adler (2017-2019)
- Financial Secretary: Andrew Oakes (2018-2020)
- Recording Secretary: Phyllis Wolfe (2017-2019)

Trustees at Large:

- Sherill Besser (2017-2019)
- Peter Wolfe (2017-2019)
- Harvey Goldberg (2017-2019)
- Estelle Melzer (2018-2020)

One position remains open for trustee at large: If you wish to nominate someone or you are interested in joining our Board, please contact me.

Also, we are looking for a Co-Chair for the Ritual Committee. Again, if you or someone you know is interested in these positions, please contact me. Committee Chairs are not required to attend Board meetings.

Thank you,

***Susan Landau-Chark, Past President
Chair of Nominating Committee***



COME TO OUR ABAYUDAYA **SHABBAT AT ADATH** **SHALOM ON JULY 7**

Lorne Mallin will lead an Abayudaya-style Shabbat on our regular Shabbat service on July 7. He will teach and lead several prayers and melodies that are used by the Abayudaya Jews in their services and celebrations. Lorne learned these melodies when he spent six months working with the Abayudaya in Uganda. Lorne continues to fund-raise to support several Abayudaya families and students with their post-secondary education.

Abayudaya prayer melodies to be taught and sang on July 7 include: Hinei Ma Tov, Psalms 93 and 150, Nishmat Kol Chai, Mi Chamochah and Adon Olam – some in Hebrew alone and some with Luganda, the main tribal language. Lyric sheets will be provided. In lieu of a D'var Torah, Lorne will also be speaking about their history, music and Jewish practices.

Note: We are looking into organizing a further session after Shabbat when Lorne can present a talk with beautiful slides about the Abayudaya and lead an Abayudaya musical singalong, accompanied by musical instruments. Lorne presented this as a workshop at Limmud 2018 where it was very well received. Details are still being worked out. Watch for an email with final details.

This is a good and time-sensitive opportunity as Lorne will be staying in Ottawa only until the end of August. Then he'll go back to Vancouver and on to Tokyo to be near his daughter and granddaughter. This past year while in Ottawa, Lorne has lead monthly Chanting and Chocolate sessions, held on the last Monday of every month at Temple Israel. For details see <http://chantingandchocolate.com> and the article published in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin at <http://www.ottawajewishbulletin.com/2017/07/chanting-and-chocolate/#more-75259>

Joel Yan and Lorne Mallin

MAY SHABBATON WITH
RABBI SHIMSHON
HAMERMAN– MAY 12

Dvar:

Why does the Bible include two sets of the Ten Commandments? What was wrong with the first set? Is one better than the other?

Shimshon will lead the Shacharit and Musaf services and teach new melodies for:

- Mi-komocha
- Uvyom Hashabat
- Blessing the New Moon
- Kedusha
- Yismechu Vemalchutcha
- Sim Shalom

Session After Lunch:

We will discuss the meaning behind two famous Israeli songs to gain some insight into the authors' intent and controversies surrounding each one.

- Yerushalayim Shel Zahav
- Hatikvah

Rabbi Shimshon Hamerman

ANNIVERSARIES

At a recent board meeting it was decided to start listing members' wedding anniversaries (see page 5) in our shul bulletins as a way of commemorating these special events in the lives of our members. If you would like to see your anniversary listed in the bulletin, please email the date of your wedding anniversary to Lawrence Wolofsky (memberinfo@adath-shalom.ca). He will include this in our shul database, so that your anniversary date can be listed in future shul bulletins.

Joel Yan

JUNE SHABBATON WITH
SHAWNA DOLANSKY
JUNE 16

Dvar

Parshat Korach provides an interesting and difficult narrative on leadership and its challenge(s). The d'var Torah will discuss both the literary difficulty of the narrative as well as the content; a somewhat disturbing tale of what can happen to those who challenge Moses' authority over Israel.

Session After Lunch

Questions of politics and power in ancient Israel thematically link Korach with the Haftarah, which is an excerpt from the book of Samuel. The lecture after lunch will discuss this portion of Samuel and the questions and tension in the Haftarah around the institution of kingship in ancient Israel.

Shawna Dolansky

OTTAWA JEWISH PASTORAL
CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

Temple Israel, Or Hanesamah and Kehillat Beth Israel have banded together to produce the Ottawa Jewish Pastoral Care Training Program. The 10-week course, which runs on Tuesday evenings from May 22 to July 24, 2018, "will enable participants to become part of a newly established volunteer Jewish Pastoral Care Team, based out of either the Ottawa Hospital Heart Institute or Queensway Carleton Hospital." The fee is \$50 per person. However, using the vast powers you granted to us when you elected us as co-presidents, and recognizing that pastoral care is an area where Adath Shalom is weak, Elaine and I decided that the congregation will reimburse the \$50 fee for as many of you as wish to take the course.

David Brooks



Yariv and Georgette invite you to.....

Tzipi's bat mitzvah
Where: Adath Shalom Congregation
OJCS gym
31 Nadolny Sachs Private
When: June 9th 2018
At 9:30am
Kiddush lunch to follow
RSVP by May 18

**ADATH SHALOM ROSH
HODESH POETRY GROUP**

We will be getting together again on Sunday **May 13, 2018** at **7 pm** to welcome the new month of Sivan with poetry, at the home of Toby and David Brooks.

As a change to our usual routine of each person bringing one or several poems to read aloud, Tibor Schatteles will give a presentation on a 17th century Jewish poet, Signora Sarra Copia Sullam of Venice. All shul members are welcome to attend.

Ellen Caplan

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שבועות
שמח!

**ADATH SHALOM GOOD
NEWS**

Editor's Note: This column is for sharing good news of our members. If you have a special occasion that you are celebrating with your loved ones, a graduation, special birthday, anniversary, and recovery from illness or anything else you would like to announce, please send it to the bulletin editor, Peter Wolfe

Congratulations to Toby and Joel Yan

- They are thrilled to announce the arrival of their grandson Adam Joseph., born on April 28, 2018 in Jerusalem. Proud parents are Meira and Gidi.

**ADATH SHALOM WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

Parinaz and Paul Adler	May 4
Toby and Joel Yan	May 21
Chris and Stephen Shugar	June 6
Sylvia Greenspoon and Rick Levine	June 8
Leslie and Eliot Tepper	June 9
Agnes and Tibor Schatteles	June 26