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# Bulletin

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## **PUBLIC EDITION OF ADATH SHALOM BULLETIN**

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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

Adath Shalom Bulletin Editor



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Spring has arrived! Daffodils, tulips, and trees are in bloom, gardens are being planted. We have already observed Passover, our celebration of freedom, redemption, and rebirth. Our Jewish calendar shows us so clearly that, in the words of Kohelet, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

The Board has been following several files, including relations with the Campus and the JCC concerning our facilities, security procedures, and arrangements for the High Holy Days. Our Vice-President, Alan Sobel, represented us at a JCC Strategic Planning Session in late February and at an information session that the Federation held with the "Secure Community Network." Federation is considering partnering with this leading security organization that works with Jewish Federations across North America. SCN provides expert support in intelligence-gathering, training, operational guidance, and more.

Alan Sobel and Susan Kriger have negotiated the contract with the JCC for our High Holy Day services, and I am pleased to report that Rabbi Zuker will be providing spiritual guidance again this year.

Alan was also instrumental in having the

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*All events(except for the Jason Moscovitz and Musica Ebraica programs) will occur on the Zoom platform.  
Zoom link will be sent a few days before each event*

- June 15:** **David Brooks**  
11:00am **The Book of Amos** <see page 3 for details>
- June 15:** **Musica Ebraica Choir**  
3:00pm **Mavens of the Musical, Book 2**  
<see page 4 for details AND location >
- July 20:** **Adath Shalom Poetry Group**  
7:00pm **Yehuda HaLevi** <see page 4 for details>
- August 10:** **Jason Moscovitz**  
4:00pm **Light-Hearted Look at Politicians** <see page 3 for details AND location>
- August 24:** **Rabbi Deborah Zucker**  
11:00am **Rosh Chodesh Elul and High Holiday preparations** <see page 3 for details>
- September 7:** **Adath Shalom Poetry Group**  
7:00pm **Gerald Stern** <see page 4 for details>

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

<VIRTUAL>

JUNE 29, 2025

(10:00am to 12:00pm)

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

<VIRTUAL>

August 10, 2025

(9:00 to 11:00am)

carpet flooring in the Chapel replaced. The result is a brighter ambience and a more easily cleaned floor.

Danielle Dugas and Sherill Besser will be looking after the Bereavement Committee. Many thanks to Harvey Goldberg who has been doing this for several years. And Estelle Melzer will now be coordinating the Kiddush Committee. We are grateful to Sylvia Greenspoon who has been ensuring that our services ended on a tasty note. Best wishes and thanks to those who have newly undertaken these tasks.

Thank you, as well, to Danielle Dugas, Ira Greenblatt, and David Kriger who have devised a solution in the form of a lowered drafting table for those who must read the Torah from a seated position.

The Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, June 29 at 10:00 am via Zoom.

Nancy joins me in wishing you a happy, relaxing summer.

**Ivan Cohen**  
**President**

## **ADATH SHALOM ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS – JUNE - AUGUST 2025**

**June 15 – 11:00am (Zoom) David Brooks – the  
Book of Amos**

The Book of Amos is only nine chapters long, and it appears in any full copy of the Hebrew Bible as well as in any copy of The 12 Prophets. The real issue is what makes Amos one of the most widely quoted prophets of all, and the one most often regarded as a socio-economic activist. He is also regarded as one of the harshest prophets, but that impression is based on a misinterpretation of his work. As Dr Pradhana describes him, he is a minor prophet, but with “a special and unique character among the other prophets.”

**August 10 – 4:00pm– Jason Moscovitz – Parinaz  
and Paul’s residence**

An evening of political discourse but not the kind you would think.

Jason Moscovitz promises a light-hearted look at the politicians he covered over 30 years with CBC radio and television. Call it the humour of politics, our political leaders, as the human beings they are filled with their virtues, their strengths, with an emphasis on their vulnerabilities and weaknesses. Fun for sure!

**August 24 – 11:00am (Zoom) Rabbi Deborah  
Zuker – Rosh Chodesh Elul and High Holiday  
preparations**

*From: Top Ten Ways to Prepare for the High Holidays  
by Rabbi Debra Orenstein*

Cultivate awe. Spend time in nature. Look carefully at a tree or a river or the night sky. Play with young children. See the world through their eyes because they tend to perceive the world as a place of delight and majesty.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote: “Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement.... Get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed.”

Experiments confirm what we know intuitively: time seems to slow down and expand when we experience awe. We feel refreshed and renewed by awe-filled experiences and encounters. Awe “makes life feel more satisfying than it would be otherwise”. That quote comes from Psychological Science magazine, but it could just as easily come from the Machzor, which asks us to see ourselves in relation to something far larger than ourselves – God, the Jewish people, the need to repair our world – and to make accommodation – by changing and doing teshuvah (repentance).

**Paul Adler**

## SHOWTIME: MAVENS OF THE MUSICAL, BOOK 2

Mavens of the Musical, Book 2 is the theme of Musica Ebraica Choir's upcoming concert on Sunday June 15 at 3pm at KBI.

Featuring the memorable show tunes of Broadway, Second Avenue and old Yiddish Theatre, along with a few surprises, this concert will get your toes tapping.

Guest soloists, Cantor Jason Green, Cantor David Malecki (founding conductor of the choir), and singer Ulyn Georgette will entertain with the music of Berlin, Gershwin, Harlin, Goldfaden, and many more. With a nod to the dreams of new immigrants coming to America, love, adventure, dreams broken and fulfilled, this concert is certain to bring a smile to your faces.

**Conductor:** Larry Tarof

**Accompanist:** Tania Granata

*Tickets are \$25 and are available at Eventbrite:*

[Buy Tickets by Clicking Here!!](#)

**Joel Yan**



*Depiction of Second Temple Burning  
(From internet)*

## ZOOM POETRY READING GROUP

Adath Shalomniks and friends continue to meet approximately every month, on Zoom, to read and share in the pleasure of poetry, which really does sound better read aloud (most of the time).

As earlier announced, Murray Citron was to tell us about the Soviet Jewish poets murdered in Moscow in 1952 on the Night of the Murdered Poets, including Itzik Fefer, David Hofshsteyn, Izi Kharik, Leib Kvitko, Peretz Markish, followed by the reading of some of their poems. This event had to be cancelled, but Murray is now a resident at Hillel Lodge, and we are hoping that he will soon be able to do this presentation.

On Sunday, July 20 we will go back in time and read from the poetry of Yehuda HaLevi (1075 - 1141), considered to be one of the greatest Hebrew poets. Steve Acker will tell us about this Sephardic poet, physician, and philosopher who was born in Spain and died in Egypt, enroute to the Holy Land.

On Sunday, September 7 we will be read works of another American poet, Gerald Stern (1925 - 2022), friend of poet Stanley Kunitz, who has been called an "American original, . . . a sometimes comic sometimes tragic visionary." His poetry frequently references his Jewish and Eastern European heritage. Fenja Brodo will give us a short bio of the poet before we begin.

All our readings are on Zoom, at 7 pm on Sunday evenings. Everyone is welcome to join us, either to read aloud, or to just listen and enjoy. Rather than analyze the poetry, we focus instead on what we liked about each poem. Links are sent out several weeks in advance of each reading of poems available on the internet by that poet. Those who wish to read aloud are asked to send me their selections at least a few days before the reading, so that a document of the poems to be read can be prepared which is projected on the screen while each is being read.

Anyone interested in attending who is not yet on the email list to receive these poetry links should send me an email to be added to the list. A reminder and Zoom link are sent out the week before the event.

**Ellen Caplan**