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Thanks,

Peter Wolfe

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CO-PRESIDENTS REPORT

Count me in!

I have had two different synagogue experiences during the mourning process for my beloved mother. It started in Montreal at her synagogue during the shiva. Now, I don't remember this Orthodox synagogue as being so religious, although men and women did sit in different sections of the sanctuary and the rabbi's voice was directed at the males in attendance. I guess as a child, I wasn't familiar with the concept of the minyan. My sister and I felt a little weird sitting at the back of the dark chapel, behind the mechitza. However, our voices counted and we felt that we had contributed. Indeed, the "minyaners" were quite friendly to us. One morning, I counted eight men and we waited and waited for more. My sister surprised me: She very cheerily commented that it would be nice if the two of us were counted. The very genial newcomer rabbi said that he had been waiting all week for this statement. Everyone laughed.

The second experience is at Kehillat Beth Israel (KBI). The chapel is bright and, of course, women are counted. Indeed, I surmise that if this wasn't the case, they would be hard pressed to have a minyan on some mornings.

On some mornings, it has been a challenge to drive from Baseline and Fisher to KBI at Kirkwood and Laperriere. Still, where I normally wouldn't have ventured out on icy mornings, I am determined to say Kaddish for my mother. And to compensate for my fear of treacherous conditions, it's as if she "rides on my shoulder" on some mornings, and I have no fear.

Elaine Vininsky, Co-President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 11** *Rosh Chodesh Poetry Group*
7:00pm at the home of Fenja and Ernie. See article on page 7 for more details
- March 25** *Klez11*
See poster on page 7 for more details
- March 31** *Pesach I Service*
With Hallel
- April 7** *Pesach VIII Service*
With Hallel and Yizkor
- April 28** *Bat Mitzvah of Charlotte Bierbrier*

UPCOMING BOARD

MEETING

(3:00 to 5:00pm)

March 11 at the home of Elaine and Andrew

DECEMBER 3, 2017 AND JANUARY 28, 2018, BOARD MEETINGS

At the December 3, 2017, meeting, the High Holyday (HH) Committee chair suggested that congregants be provided with lunch on the second day of Rosh Hashanah (RH). Since the 2017 study session was poorly attended, Ira Greenblatt hoped the food would encourage congregants to stay for the afternoon study session. The goal would be to have services end closer to noon, rather than 1:00 p.m. Rabbi Hamerman, who has been confirmed for HH 2018, has agreed to help prune the service. Rather than a meal, Board members agreed to an enhanced kiddush and \$200, excluding the cost of set-up, was allotted for the extra food.

The HH Committee proposes that RH services would end after a final Mincha service on the afternoon of the second day. We would no longer have a late service extending into Ma'ariv, which is no longer RH. See article on page 5 for more information.

Adath Shalom was approached by Synagogue Connect to offer free membership to visiting Jewish students, who are between the ages of 18-26. All agreed that our congregation should join, and this has been done. We currently offer free HH membership for students age 18-26. However, after investigation, Ian Melzer, co-chair of the Ritual Committee, found that students rarely go to off-campus services. We will have to advertise that free seats are available.

Board members enjoyed an early Chanukah celebration with a potluck, vegetarian dinner.

The issue of purchasing a new sound enhancer or microphone system was discussed at the January 28, 2018, meeting. It would be particularly useful to magnify the quiet Bar/Bat Mitzvah voices and act as a back-up in case the Soloway Jewish Community Centre system isn't satisfactory during the High Holydays.

The Board is keen for the co-presidents to meet with Helen Zipes, president of Kehillat Beth Israel (KBI), who extended an invitation to talk with her and Rabbis Zuker and Kenter. Past Adath Shalom presidents have usually met with the sitting Agudath Israel president.

As a follow-up, David Brooks wrote to Helen and we'll likely get together in the early spring. Possible agenda items include: closer linkages between our youth and adult education programs, rabbinical

It is with great pride and joy
That we invite you
To join our families as

Charlotte בְּהִיר

is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, April 28, 2018

At 9:30am

Adath Shalom Congregation

31 Nadolny Sachs Private

Ottawa, Ontario

Daphne Gilbert and Stephen Bierbrier

Kiddush Lunch to follow Service

RSVP by April 2, 2018

sbierbrier@gmail.com

issues raised by our congregants, KBI's burial rights and plots in the new cemetery. He made it clear that the notion of a merger between our two congregations is not on the table.

We know that, at a more general level, the cemetery issue is under discussion by the management of Jewish Memorial Gardens (JMG). Apparently, JMG is working on a proposal for an unaffiliated burial section. Although JMG now owns all of the land in the two cemeteries, halachic control is divided into areas by the established, founding congregations. These congregations will have to agree to release the land, which they originally owned.

We listened to a presentation on the future of Adath Shalom. Perhaps I'm again wearing my rose-coloured glasses, but I think a 59 per cent participation rate at the parlour meetings is fantastic. I attended the first one and noted that people stayed afterward to snack and talk. Look for more information on our future in Harvey Goldberg's article that follows.

The next Board meeting is on March 11, 2018, at the Vininsky-Oakes home.

Elaine Vininsky

ENVISAGING OUR FUTURE

Hanukah means dedication. So, it was appropriate that during the Hanukah season Adath Shalom rededicated itself to our future as a spiritual community of prayer, study and fellowship.

The future planning process, including three parlour meetings, was a success. Fifty-nine percent of our members made their views known either by attending a meeting or by email. Although people attending the parlour meetings were well aware of the challenges facing our community, they were also enthusiastic about helping to chart a positive forward path to keep Adath Shalom vibrant in the future.

People attending the parlour session, or participating by email, were asked to indicate which scenario they preferred. The results are in. *Aging Together* was favoured by 62% of members and 19% favoured *Staying as we are*. Relatively few members favoured *Association with KBI* (4%) or *Revitalization* (6%).

Some of the key issues raised during the parlour meetings were:

1. The need for a creative ongoing strategy to recruit and retain members.
2. Concern that the pool of people willing and able to daven, read Torah and give Dvar must be expanded and strengthened.
3. Easy and assured access to the purchase of cemetery plots was a concern for some members.
4. Access to Rabbinic advice in times of need was something that some members thought the shul should be working to provide.
5. In anticipation that we may have to hire people to carry out some tasks formerly done by volunteers, the shul should be considering means of increasing revenues.
6. Better and more focused marketing is needed to give Adath Shalom a higher and more positive profile in the Ottawa Jewish community.

The visioning exercise is of course only the beginning. Now that we have a good idea of the path that we want to follow we have to figure out how to get there. The congregation will be kept informed as the planning process progresses.

Harvey Goldberg

HIGH HOLY DAYS (ALREADY!)

OK, admittedly we are still a few months away (seven, as I am writing this. And yes, I know seven is more than a few.) But we have made some changes, and I thought I would share them with you.

First, what is not new. Based on the feedback from all of you, we have been in contact with Rabbi Hamerman and he has agreed to return to us again this coming year.

What is new is that we have decided to change day 2 of Rosh Hashanah. We will start at the same time (8:30), but will finish the service 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 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 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.

There are still some details to be worked out. Most obviously, finishing by noon will require some cuts to the service. We have already received some suggestions on how to do this, including some from the Rabbi. We will be working on this during the coming months.

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

And FYI, erev Rosh Hashanah is Sept. 9.

Ira Greenblatt
Chair, High Holy Committee



This year, one of our members used a box of older stamps to mail the tax receipts. A Canadian history lesson spread over 85 envelopes

PICTURES FROM PURIM
BY STEVE SHUGAR



ADATH SHALOM ROSH HODESH POETRY GROUP

We will be meeting next on **March 11, 2018** at **7:00 pm** in anticipation of the new month of Nissan, which falls on March 17.

Our get together will be at the home of Fenja and Ernie Brodo, 28 Benson St (613 723 2054).

Come and read a few poems by a Jewish poet, or to just listen.

If you can, please bring several copies of the poems you will be reading so that others can follow along.

Ellen Caplan

A poster for a Klezmer music event. The background is orange. At the top left, the word "KLEZ" is written in large, bold, black letters, and the number "11" is written in large, bold, white letters to its right. Below "KLEZ" is the text "A KLEZMER MUSIC EVENT FOR THE KOSHER FOOD BANK OF OTTAWA" in white. Below that is "FEATURING" in white, followed by "A TOUCH OF KLEZ" in large white letters. Below that are the names "SHAINA LIPSEY", "MUSICA EBRAÏCA", "INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCERS OF OTTAWA", and "RUBIN FRIEDMAN & SHIRLEY STEINBERG" in white. At the bottom left, the date and time "MARCH 25 3:P.M." are written in large white letters, followed by "S.J.C.C. SOCIAL HALL" in large white letters, and "21 NADOLNY SACHS PRIVATE" in smaller white letters. At the very bottom, "ADMISSION: A MINIMUM \$10 DONATION TO THE KFB" is written in white. On the right side of the poster is a black silhouette of a person wearing a hat and playing a trumpet, leaning forward in a dynamic pose.