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Thanks,

Peter Wolfe

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have been thinking about the effects of the pandemic on Adath Shalom. On one hand, I think it is fair to say that throughout the pandemic our shul has functioned very well. On the other hand, it has resulted in some of the members giving even more of their time, effort, and energy to help maintain our spiritual home. Adath Shalom volunteers have worked so hard in the past months.

The High Holidays are becoming a distant memory. But thanks to dedicated volunteers, it is a profound memory. The services, which were enjoyed in-person and online by members and their families were lovely and meaningful. Yasher Koach to all who planned, coordinated, and led the services or participated by sharing poems, stories or mini d'varim.

Our on-line services for Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah also required careful planning. Yasher Koach to those who organized and led the services.

Some of our members/volunteers did not have much time to relax after the holidays. We had to start planning for the return to in-person/virtual Shabbat services on a weekly basis as of October 30th. It was profound to be back in our spiritual home for the first in-person services since March 2020. Yasher Koach to those who devoted their time and effort to make the return possible.

As you know, in accordance with the Campus requirements and what we consider a best practice, any member who wishes to attend in-person services must submit a copy of their vaccination certificate, apply to attend, and receive an invitation. Taking appropriate precautions has been a primary concern. Although not required by the Province at this time, we maintain

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- December 5:** **Rabbi David Kay**
1:00pm **The Top 10 Misconceptions Jews Have About Judaism, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the Western Wall, Cremation, Monotheism, Kashrut, and More.** <see page 4 for details>
- December 8:** **Joel Yan**
3:30pm to 4:45pm - **The Basic Building Blocks of Prayer**
<see page 4 for details>
- December 12:** **Adath Shalom Poetry Group**
7:00pm **Poetry of Adrienne Rich** <see page 5 for details>
- December 19:** **Rabbi Ari Goldberg**
10:30am **The Significance of the Struggle to Free Soviet Jewry** <see page 4 for details>
- January 9:** **Rose Ann Hoffenberg**
10:00am: **Marc Chagall: Love Story of Daphnis and Chloé** <see page 4 for details>
- January 23** **Professor Shawna Dolansky**
2:00pm **Israel Museum Tour**
<see page 4 for details>

See page 2 for more events.

UPCOMING BOARD

MEETING

December 5
(3:00 to 5:00pm)

appropriate social distancing. Initially, we experienced a few hiccups in live streaming, but thanks to Harvey's efforts and dedication, the issues were quickly resolved.

You may have noticed that the number of adult education programs offered increased once the pandemic started. The Adult Education Committee rose to the occasion and has continued to provide us with many learning opportunities that challenge us and teach us.

By now, you probably have noticed a theme. We are dependent on a small cadre of volunteers to continue to be a well-functioning shul. The pandemic has posed its challenges in relation to all aspects of how we operate and has created situations that require volunteers to devote more time and effort. Volunteer renewal is an issue. Please consider stepping up.

Sherill Besser

BOARD NEWS

The Board has been busy over the past few months. We have had three meetings since Susan's Board News in the last edition of The Bulletin.

Discussing the planning for the High Holidays and considering the approach to in-person Shabbat services took a considerable amount of Board time. Based on the members' responses to a survey, we decided to recommence in-person services on October 30th. There were a number of issues that arose in the planning. Our initial plan was to enter into a contract with a provider of live streaming services. We learned that the costs would be prohibitive and opted for the purchase and set up of equipment that would allow us to live-stream weekly services. The Board also discussed the safety measures that would be required.

Finally, as you know, Adath Shalom is entirely dependent on the goodwill, energy, and dedication of its volunteers. At the October Board meeting, we discussed the possibility of training members to lead services. Board members also began a preliminary conversation about the possibility of outsourcing some volunteer functions. This discussion will continue over the next few months. It is hoped that we will be bringing a proposal to the AGM in June.

Sherill Besser

UPCOMING EVENTS **(CONTINUED)**

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- January 30:** **Adath Shalom Poetry Group**
7:00pm **Poetry of Irving Layton** <see page 5 for details>
- February 20:** **Dr. Rochy Miller (Australia)**
7:00pm **Not Just a Survivor**
<see page 4 for details>
- February 27:** **Prof. Jason Weir**
10:30am **The Genetics of Judaism** <see page 5 for details>



ADATH SHALOM ADULT ED PROGRAMS (DEC 2021 – MARCH 2022)

All Adult Ed programs will continue to be virtual

Dec. 5 – 1:00pm Rabbi David Kay (He recently retired as rabbi at Congregation Ohev Shalom in Orlando) - The Top 10 Misconceptions Jews Have About Judaism, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the Western Wall, cremation, monotheism, kashrut, and more.

Just how accurate are these things that “everybody knows” about Judaism? Where does Jewish law end and custom – or folklore – begin? Has the meaning (and practice) of well-known Jewish rituals changed significantly over the centuries? The answers may surprise you.

Dec. 8 – 3:30pm-4:45pm Joel Yan - The Basic Building Blocks of Prayer

Learn about the structure of a bracha/ blessing, the different types of blessings, and how they all fit together to construct many of our most important prayers. After reviewing the structure of blessings, we will play detective and identify the beginnings and endings of many of the long blessings in the Preliminary and Shacharit services that we sing on Shabbat. Then we will learn to sing these blessings using call and response, and get the tools online to practice.

Dec. 19 – 10:30am Rabbi Ari Goldberg - The Significance of the Struggle to Free Soviet Jewry

The struggle to free the Jews of the Soviet Union was the most important event in the past half-century of Jewish History. It freed nearly a million Jews from a totalitarian regime dedicated to their cultural and spiritual annihilation. The struggle set important precedents for Jewish activism and collaboration with governmental and non-governmental actors. Sadly, today, thirty years on, the lessons of the struggle are being forgotten along with many of the heroic activists who changed Jewish history. This webinar will explore the place of the struggle in Jewish history and its message for contemporary Jewry.

Jan. 9 – 10:00am Rose Ann Hoffenberg (Marc Chagall)

Rose Ann will tell the love story of Daphnis and Chloé that was written in the third century by Longus and illustrated by Chagall in the late 1950s. This should help to warm us in the winter month of January. In addition, this book is owned by the National Gallery of Canada so there could be an opportunity to see Chagall’s sumptuous colours in person.

Jan. 23 – 2:00pm Professor Shawna Dolansky– Israel Museum tour

A virtual tour of the archaeological wing at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. Shawna will lead the tour and provide insights into what we're seeing as we "walk" through the exhibit.

Feb. 20 – 7:00pm Dr. Rochy Miller (Australia) – Not Just a Survivor

Rochy Miller, a retired medical doctor, and published author, wrote "Not Just A Survivor". This memoir of her mother’s story is both a chilling narrative of an exceptional woman’s life journey, and a personal reflection on being the child of a Holocaust survivor. The book delivers a harrowing personal insight – often in her mother’s own words – into life in the Kovno Ghetto, and the five concentration camps in which she was incarcerated.

But the book is also a celebration of the life of an amazingly optimistic woman who rose above her horrendous experiences, emerged with her humanity intact, and went on to dedicate her life to ensuring the stories of the Holocaust are perpetuated, and the heroism of its survivors are honored.

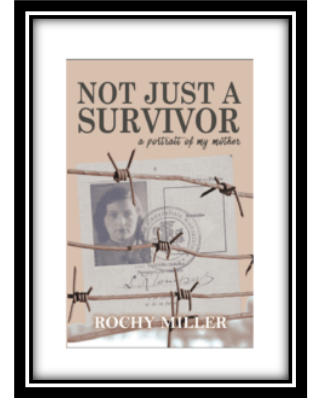


Figure 1: Please click on this image to download and view an audiovisual presentation of a number of Chagall paintings

Feb. 27 – 10:30am Prof. Jason Weir – The Genetics of Judaism

Professor, University of Toronto, Dept. of Ecology and Evolution and Dept. Biological Sciences

Dr. Weir will discuss his research using Y chromosome, male-specific DNA genetic markers to address two biblical stories/assertions:

1. Noah is the ancestor of all humans
2. Present day Cohanim are descended from a single ancestor, Aaron

Paul Adler

ADATH SHALOM ZOOM POETRY READINGS CONTINUES

Our poetry reading group is continuing to meet each month, on Zoom. We begin with an introduction to the poet, followed by a short video clip, when one is available, of the poet reading his or her own work. Individuals who choose to do so then read aloud one or two poems that they have selected in advance, written by that poet, while the poem is projected on the screen for all to follow. Some come just to listen and enjoy.

- At our next poetry reading, Sunday evening, December 12 at 7 pm, we will read the poetry of Adrienne Rich (1929- 2012), American poet, essayist, and feminist. Danielle Dugas will introduce her to us.
- Sunday evening, January 30 at 7 pm we will focus on the work of well-known Canadian poet Irving Layton (1912 - 2006). Susan Gara Markowitz will tell us a little about him.
- Sunday evening, March 6 at 7 pm we will read the poetry of Paul Celan (1920- 1970), Romanian-born, German-language poet and translator. Murray Citron will give us some background about Celan.

If you plan to read aloud, please send me a copy of the poems that you wish to read (a scan, a photo, or a Word document) by the Saturday evening before the reading, at the very latest, so that I can prepare the poems for posting on the screen while you are reading

A reminder and Zoom link will be sent out in the week before the event.

Ellen Caplan



Dear Ira:

We cannot thank you enough for the incredibly generous gift that Adath Shalom recently provided for our school. We are fortunate to have you as a partner in our building and community. On behalf of all of our students - thank you for supporting our efforts to provide Ottawa's best education.

Staci Zemlak-Kenter
OJCS Director of Development

Thank you!!

[Signature]
Head of School



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