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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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## HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS 2025

*All services will be in person this year at the Soloway JCC, unless specified otherwise. Tickets are required. Please order tickets for any service you would like to attend at*

<https://AdathShalomHH.eventbrite.ca>

*Please direct any questions about members' and non-members' High Holiday tickets to*

*Andrew Oakes at [oakandrew2@gmail.com](mailto:oakandrew2@gmail.com).*

**Monday Sep 22 Erev Rosh Hashanah**

7:00pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

**Tuesday Sep 23 Rosh Hashanah Day 1**

9:30am Morning Service

**Wednesday Sep 24 Rosh Hashanah Day 2**

9:30am Morning Service

**Saturday Sep 27 Shabbat Shuva**

9:45am Service at Ottawa Jewish Community School Chapel

**Sunday Sep 28 Kever Avot**

11:00am Congregational visit to the New Jewish Cemetery, Herbert's Corner's  
Please confirm with Danielle Dugas (  
See page 4 for details.

**Wednesday Oct 1 Erev Yom Kippur**

6:20pm sharp Kol Nidrei

**Thursday Oct 2 Yom Kippur**

9:30am Morning Service (Yizkor at approximately after 11:00am. Since Yizkor may begin a little earlier, it is strongly advised that attendees show up before 11:00am)

5:20pm Study Session, followed by Mincha, and Ne'ilah

7:40pm Shofar blowing/End of fast (Ma'ariv follows, then Havdalah)

**Tuesday Oct 7 Sukkot I**

9:45am Service at the Ottawa Jewish Community School Chapel with Hallel, Lulav and Etrog

**Tuesday Oct 14 Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah**

9:45am Service at the Ottawa Jewish Community School Chapel with Hallel, Yizkor and Geshem

**High Holiday Kiddush will be scheduled as follow:**

1:00pm(approx.) RH Day 1 and RH Day 2

After Havdalah Yom Kippur Breaking of Fast

**Please note that, except for start times, all High Holiday service times, including Yizkor, are approximate.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Friends!

This September Bulletin reminds us that our short summer is coming to an end. What a summer it has been! After a cool start, we have experienced bright sunny days and record-breaking heat. I hope that your summer has been enjoyable, with ample opportunity to travel, to visit friends and relatives, or simply to relax and refresh at home.

The Shul, of course, has been functioning throughout the summer. Shabbat services have been well attended and expertly led by our corps of volunteers. We are grateful to Estelle Melzer and her kiddush helpers for the delicious Kiddushim that have provided a good opportunity for socializing after the services. We continue to pray for the release of the remaining hostages in Gaza and for a lasting peace in Israel. Security has been a major concern, especially with the rise of antisemitic incidents here and elsewhere. David Kriger and the synagogue's security committee are working hard to ensure that we gather in safety.

With September, our attention turns to the High Holiday season and the joy of gathering as a community to pray and celebrate together. We are grateful to members of the High Holiday committee, led by Deborah Leader, who are organizing what I expect will be meaningful and moving services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We are very pleased to welcome back Rabbi Deborah Zuker as our visiting rabbi for the High Holidays. She will provide spiritual leadership for our services, as well as present several learning sessions as we approach the holidays.

The start of a new year gives us occasion to reflect on the past year as well as our hopes and plans for the future. As a congregation, we acknowledge that the continued success of Adath Shalom relies upon the willingness of its members to undertake key tasks. Please take this opportunity to consider how you can help Adath Shalom survive and thrive. If you are not doing so already, please come to services, learn new skills, or volunteer to help out in whatever way is comfortable. You will always be welcome.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*All events(except for Nov 2) will occur on the Zoom platform.  
Zoom link will be sent a few days before each event.*

**September 14: Michael Tobias**

2:00pm: **Jewish Genealogy** <see page 6 for details>

**September 21: Alan Sobel & David Kriger (with the Adath Shalom Security Committee)**

11:00am **Response to an Active Attacker: Run! Hide! Defend! for the High Holidays** <see page 6 for details>

**October 19: Rabbi Deborah Zuker**

11:00am **The Holy Days are over... "Are You Tending to Your Spirit?"** <see page 6 for details>

**October 26: Adath Shalom Poetry Group**

7:00pm **Dannie Abse** <see page 7 for details>

**November 2: Rose Anne Hoffenberg**

10:30am: **Pre-Abstract Expressionism – Barnett Newman and Friends**  
<see page 7 for details>

**November 30: Adath Shalom Poetry Group**

7:00pm **Gerald Stern** <see page 7 for details>

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

<VIRTUAL>

October 5, 2025  
(10:30am to 12:30pm)

Nancy joins me in wishing you and your families a *Shana Tovah u'Metuka*. May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a sweet and healthy new year, full of peace and happiness!

***Ivan Cohen***

## VISIT TO THE OSGOODE CEMETERY

Dear Adath Shalom,

Some traditions are best maintained, even when their usual leader, Joel, is temporarily out of walking-on-uneven-ground commission. This invitation to meet at the Osgoode cemetery will allow us to remember and mark the life of loved family members, friends and former congregants buried at Osgoode. We shall also pause to name persons we know buried at Bank St. We will conclude the visit with El Male Rahamim and a recitation of the mourner's Kaddish.

I ask that everyone attending prepare this visit by bringing and sharing with the minyan a reading, a song (pre-

selected from the internet if you wish), a psalm, a prayer, a poem, that is pertinent to you and the visit.

I also request that you bring with you a copy of the words of the Mourners' Kaddish.

Finally, I ask that you RSVP me, not later than Friday September 26, confirming your attendance on Sunday 28 at 11am, concluding around 11:40 am. It is a demanding time of year already: let us head to Osgoode confident that we'll have a minyan. If travel assistance is needed, please know there is room for two passengers in my car.

Thank you.

Wishes and prayers for a shana tova.

***Danielle Dugas***



## SHALOM WELCOME TO RABBI DEBORAH ZUKER



Adath Shalom Congregation is very pleased that Rabbi Deborah Zuker will provide spiritual leadership for our High Holiday Services at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre on Rosh Hashanah, September 22-24, 2025, and on Yom Kippur October 1-2, 2025.

By way of background, Ottawa-born and raised, Rabbi Zuker is the first woman Conservative rabbi to serve in the city. She is a proponent of egalitarianism in traditional Judaism.

Rabbi Zuker's educational background includes a Master of Social Work and a master's in Jewish studies from the Joint Program at Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary, as well as a Master in Talmud and Codes.

Rabbi Zuker's first congregation was in Peabody, Massachusetts at Temple Ner Tamid from 2011 to 2015, where she focused on creating family programming and fostering community collaboration. Rabbi Zuker returned to Ottawa and was Kehillat Beth Israel's Associate Rabbi from 2016 to 2022.

She also trained in family mediation, and, for over a decade, has been involved in counselling. Rabbi Zuker has a private practice that offers one-on-one Jewish spiritual counselling and life cycle rabbinical services, including divorce counselling. Her clients represent all parts of the religious spectrum.

Rabbi Zuker also helped spearhead JOIN, the Jewish Ottawa Inclusion Network, which works for greater inclusion for children and adults with special needs in the Ottawa Jewish community. Her sons, Joseph and Daniel, children with exceptionalities, have helped expand and inspire her approach to the needs that face Jewish communities.

Rabbi Zuker has asked questions that challenged us during past High Holiday Services. Once again, we can look forward to the opportunity to gain experience with her.

For an inspiring introduction to Rabbi Zuker, click here -> [watch a replay of her last Adult Ed session from August 24](#)

# ADATH SHALOM ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2025

### **Sunday September 14 2:00 pm, (Zoom) Michael Tobias** **Jewish Genealogy**

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A native of Glasgow, Scotland, actuary and data management consultant Michael Tobias, is known as the unofficial walking encyclopedia of the community's history. An MSc in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies, he received the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies Lifetime Achievement Award in Washington DC in 2011. He was awarded an OBE for services to the Jewish community in the Queen's 2021 New Year's Honours List. He is a co-founder and board member of Jewish Records Indexing-Poland (1995-), president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain (2022-), Honorary Research Fellow-Genealogical Studies, University of Strathclyde (2020-), and former Vice President of Programming for JewishGen Inc. (1995-2018).

### **Sunday September 21 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, (Zoom) Alan Sobel & David Kriger** **with the Adath Shalom Security Committee** **Response to an Active Attacker: Run! Hide! Defend! for the High Holy Days**

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Experts tell us that training and preparedness are the most important steps synagogues can take for their own security. Each one of us has a part in safeguarding our collective security.

As the High Holidays approach, it's time for a refresh. Alan & David urge ALL members to come to this important review of our Run! Hide! Defend! protocols for responding to an active attacker, tailored to when we are in the SJCC for our High Holiday services. There will be time for questions.

### **Sunday October 19 11:00 am (Zoom) Rabbi Deborah Zuker** **The Holy Days are over...“Are You Tending to Your Spirit?”**

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Staying connected to Jewish traditions doesn't have to come at the expense of our most deeply held values—or individual identities, according to our High Holidays spiritual leader, Rabbi Deborah Zuker. How do we approach everyday life so that we continue to grow Jewishly, she asks on her website:

[rabbideborahzucker.com](http://rabbideborahzucker.com)

Rabbi Zuker will share some insights from her rabbinic private practice, in which she provides support to people in Ottawa and beyond who want to keep their Jewish values alive, add more meaning and inspiration as they age and face family challenges.



**Sunday November 2 10:30am Rose Ann Hoffenberg  
National Gallery of Canada - Great Hall  
Pre-Abstract Expressionism – Barnett Newman and Friends**

Is this huge work of three stripes, *The Voice of Fire*, by Barnett Newman, a work of art? We'll have a look at pre-Abstract Expressionism works to help us answer this question. The tour will also feature the art of Cezanne, Braque, Picasso, Mondrian, Chagall and Rosenquist. We will highlight the lives and contributions of the Jewish artists as well as the Jewish connections of other pieces of art.



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***Paul Adler***

## **ZOOM POETRY READING GROUP**

Our poetry reading group continues to go strong, with more poets slated for the coming months. We meet on Zoom on Sunday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, approximately every 4 to 6 weeks, when we take turns reading aloud poems written by a Jewish poet, selected in advance. Typically, there are about 12 people in attendance. One doesn't have to commit to attending in advance, and newcomers are always welcome.

On Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> we made an exception and met in person at Hillel Lodge (in their synagogue) in the afternoon, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Murray Citron spoke briefly about the Soviet Jewish poets murdered in Moscow in August 1952 on what has become known as the Night of the Murdered Poets. We then read together from the works of these poets, in translation - Peretz Markish, David Hofshsteyn, Itzik Feffer, and Leyb Kvitko, including a few poems translated by Murray.

On Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm on Zoom we will be reading from the works of Welsh poet and physician Dannie Abse (1923 - 2014) who has received numerous literary awards. Some of his work is said to reconcile Jewish and Welsh themes and traditions. Sheila Baslaw will speak about him before reading.

And on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm on Zoom the poet of the evening will be American Gerald Stern (1925 - 2022), who has been referred to as an "American original . . . a sometimes comic sometimes tragic visionary." His poetry frequently references his Jewish and Eastern European heritage. Fenja Brodo will open by telling us a little about him.

Come to read, or just to listen. Links are sent out in advance of each reading of poems available on the internet by that poet, from which you can choose what to read to

the group. If you are not already on the mailing list to receive these links, send me a request by email. A reminder and Zoom link are sent out in the week before the event.

***Ellen Caplan***