

Dear Friends,

Shalom from the historic Walnut Street Synagogue in Chelsea, Massachusetts, home of Congregation Agudas Sholom.

Our shul has stood at the corner and Walnut and Fourth Streets since 1909 and is on the National Register for Historic Places. The maintenance needs for our 124-year-old building are substantial and we ask for your help so we can make needed repairs and offer more in-person experiences and expand our online offerings.

We are proud to report the following highlights from the past year -

- Year-long *Taste of Jewish Culture* series with Jewish food researcher and Israeli tour guide Joel Haber with over 1,500 registered to date from every continent
- **High Holiday services** in our 1,109-seat sanctuary
- Chanukah celebration in Chelsea Square with Tobin Bridge Chabad and Temple Emmanuel
- Purim celebration in Winthrop with Temple Tifereth Israel and Tobin Bridge Chabad
- **Host** of one of only two offsite sessions for the annual conference in Boston of the **Association for Jewish Studies** with Dr. Samuel Gruber (featured speaker at our Founders' Day program in 2019)
- Continued collaboration with the best partners for high quality stimulating online offerings including the Lappin Foundation and the Orange County Jewish Community Scholar Program (CSP)
- CSP commissioned YouTube video by art and architecture historian Dr. Samuel Gruber
- New partnership with Yad Chessed, a Waltham-based social services agency that is focused solely on providing for basic needs for members of the Massachusetts Jewish community
- New partnership with the National Library of Israel USA to make an online exhibition of their collection available to our community
- Jewish Neighborhood Voices project in process with the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center

We will be releasing details of upcoming speaker and film series in the near future. If you are not receiving our Email announcements with upcoming program listings, please contact us at central.walnutstreetshul@gmail.com.

Please join us in **preserving and protecting this important American Jewish landmark** and in helping us to expand our programming to serve Chelsea, Greater Boston and beyond for years to come.

I wish you and your family a safe, enjoyable and healthy summer.

L'Shalom.

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President, Walnut Street Synagogue

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