



Dear Friends,

Shalom from the Walnut Street Synagogue, the center for Jewish history, education and culture serving Chelsea, Greater Boston and beyond and the historic home of Congregation Agudas Sholom.

Your support has been critical in helping us to expand our program offerings and preserve, maintain and secure our 115-year-old building that is on the National Register for Historic Places. We have served the community since 1909 at the corner of Walnut and Fourth Streets, but our reach now extends well beyond Chelsea.

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

- We concluded our year-long *Taste of Jewish Culture* series with Jewish food researcher and Israeli tour guide Joel Haber with over 2,300 registered individuals.
- Our three-part *Spring Speaker Series - Jewish Experiences in America* attracted over 525 participants. This series was dedicated in memory of Chelsea native, author and educator Norman H. Finkelstein, z"l. We were pleased to welcome Civic Spirit and the Orange County Jewish Community Scholar Program as partners for our final program.
- Live online from Israel, our four-part series, *Jerusalem: The Holy City's Development from Antiquity to Today* had over 450 registered individuals.
- Conducted **High Holiday services** in our 1,109-seat sanctuary
- Hosted a private young adult **Passover Seder** and a young adult **Shabbat dinner**. We aim to expand such offerings geared to young adults from across Greater Boston.
- Hosted **two weddings** in our historic building. We hope to host more simchas going forward!
- Partnered with the **Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center** on the **Jewish Neighborhood Voices** project. The public launch for the project was held across the street from us at the Williams School in Chelsea and we were pleased to welcome attendees after that program for tours of our building.
- **Chanukah celebration** in Chelsea Square with Tobin Bridge Chabad and Temple Emmanuel
- **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)**
- **Continued partnership** with **Yad Chessed**, the Waltham-based social services agency that is focused solely on providing for basic needs for members of the Massachusetts Jewish community

We will be releasing details of our upcoming *Chelsea Jewish Heritage Day* program and online film and travel 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.

We ask for your help to keep our momentum going with expanded offerings while also recognizing that our costs continue to increase, especially with security, maintenance, insurance and utilities for our **American Jewish historic landmark**. Your donation in any amount will really make a difference!

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

Am Yisrael Chai!

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