



Scholar-In- Residence Weekend

Our annual Scholar-In-Residence was held on November 5th through 7th. It was a very memorable event. Dr. Jeffrey Veidlinger presented Jewish thought, history and culture of Eastern Europe. We learned about the Russian Jewish Theater, its actors, costumes, art and themes of various plays. Dr. Veidlinger also discussed the use of Yiddish in the theater and its prevalence in Eastern Russia. One of the highlights of the presentation was the video from the Shtetls. Seeing and hearing the people who continue to live there and the stories of their experiences from WWII was extremely moving. One of the videos made a personal connection with a congregant: Eric Farkas got to view the town where he grew up and the Synagogue in which he had his *Bar Mitzvah*!

In addition to the inspiring discussions, we were treated to wonderful food and elaborate table presentations. All of the weekend events went smoothly and the feedback from the congregation was very positive. The attendance was very good and everyone seemed to really enjoy the weekend.

The Adult Education Committee has donated two of Dr. Veidlinger's books to the shul library. They are: *The Moscow State Yiddish Theater – Jewish Culture on the Soviet Stage*, and *Jewish Public Culture in the Late Russian Empire*. Please check them out through the office and enjoy them.

The Adult Education Committee thanks the congregation for its support, both monetarily and for the turnout. The committee is looking forward to future adult education programs for our congregation.

Jules Stiber, Adult Education Committee



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