



Avi Dolgin

If I seek to describe myself,
I need the proper word.
So just call me Avi D.
I am a Jewish nerd.

I grew up in a Jewish home,
I went to Hebrew school.
I carried on after bar mitzvah.
Even then that was not cool.

Jewish summer camps for years
Filled me with great elation.
I even was the chazan at
Rosh Pina junior congregation.

And so it was in campus years
That I walked through Zalman's door
And there I found the Jewish world
Could be still so much more.

Politics. Theology.
Even sacred weed.
I find inside the Jewish tent
All things that I might need.

In '73 when in BC
Zalman sent me to Daniel & Hana
And I found there new forms of prayer
I knew I wanna, wanna.

We built a small community.
Today that's Or Shalom
And though I've davened near and far
This stays my only home.

I was the first Treasurer
Have been Chairperson and the rest.
Made Or Shalom the first synagogue
With website in the Canadian West.

But it's in the davenning
I give and get what I need.
In my Shacharit or Divrei Torah:
Politics. Theology. Weed.

If that's not what speaks to you
Then please apply your rigour
To the gift you have for all of us
That makes our tent still bigger.