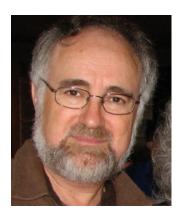
## Avi Dolgin



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 davenned 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.