



Adam Frank

I'm originally from Montréal and have lived in Vancouver since 1999 – I moved here to take up a faculty position in the English Department at UBC. Before that I lived up and down the eastern seaboard of the US pursuing various degrees and doing postdoctoral research (in Providence, Durham, and New York City). As a child I attended secular Jewish schools (*Peretz-schule*) in Montréal where I acquired some Hebrew and Yiddish.

Marguerite Pigeon and I met in Vancouver in 2004 (both of us were, at that time, somewhat disaffected easterners) and we now have two boys, Merle and Lewis, who are enrolled in B'Yachad and Bright Lights. We're lucky to have found Matthew Gindin, a wonderful teacher and the primary reason we are part of the Or Shalom community. We're so pleased to have met Rabbi Hannah and to be introduced to the lively activities here that let us explore and communicate Jewish values, learning, and tradition to our children.

If I had to summarize my own feelings about Jewishness in one sentence I would say: To live in diaspora and make a home in books.