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From Rabbi Moch

Dear Kolot Mayim Friends,

These two visits in June will be my last visits to Kolot Mayim for the foreseeable future. I have accepted an offer to become the Interim Rabbi for the next year in a congregation in Ft. Collins, Colorado. After that, we will have to see where the wind blows me. My time as Rabbi in Victoria during the last three years has been rewarding. I leave with friendships and attachments that will last a lifetime. The one disappointment during time spent at Kolot Mayim was my inability to help the congregation to grow. To make a congregation grown takes a confluence of factors that a congregation has to offer a community. Those factors include a rabbi who can move people, a leadership with a clear vision of what they stand for and a membership that is willing to step up and offer their time, talents and energies to power that enterprise forward. I pray that the next rabbi and the new Board of Trustees and Officers and each and every one of you will be able to make that happen in the next chapter of Kolot Mayim's sacred journey.

Changes like the one you are about to experience are transition times, akin to wandering in the desert. The post I am assuming is aimed at taking the Ft. Collins Congregation through such a transition time. This past week, we began reading the Book of *Bamidbar*, Numbers, which speaks of our wanderings in the wilderness. This week's parasha, *Naso*, begins with a census of the Levitical clans who serve as officiants in the Mishkan (the Tabernacle). Then God tells Aaron and his sons to bless the people with the words, "Adonai bless you and keep you. Adonai deal kindly with you and be gracious to you. Adonai bestow favour upon you and grant you peace." Next in the parasha, the chieftain of each of the tribes of Israel brings an offering. The language word order deserves noting. "The one who presented his offering on the first day: Nachshon ben Aminadav of the Tribe of Judah." The word order could be interpreted to mean that he was bringing himself as a sacrifice. Indeed, to make a congregation as a sacred gathering of individuals who feel God's blessing in coming together takes people willing to give of themselves, to "offer" something of what makes them unique human beings. I pray that in transition/---> p. 2

Kolot Mayim Reform Temple Mission Statement

Kolot Mayim Reform Temple provides a spiritual home for liberal Jews to worship, study Torah, and observe Jewish sacred times together. Kolot Mayim seeks to build community through spiritual practice and social justice; we embrace Jews by birth and by choice and we welcome individuals, couples and families of diverse backgrounds and abilities. Our members are believers, seekers and doubters. We encourage living true to progressive Jewish values and to the full scope of one's own Jewish practice.

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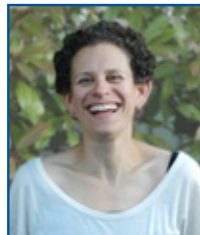
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Visit us on Facebook!

Rabbi, continued from page 1. wilderness time ahead, you will all find resources to give of yourselves in ways that do not deplete your energies, but invigorate and rejuvenate and restore and reconsecrate your lives in new and wondrous ways. In the meantime, let us enjoy our last visits during the month of June and make them sweet times together.

Shimon 



President's Message

Shalom friends!
Well, we're wrapping up an eventful

congregational year with a lot of ... eventfulness. Top of mind right now is that we are, with sadness for us, and happy congratulations for him, bidding farewell to our dear Rabbi Moch as he takes up a full time interim position in Fort Collins, Colorado. In response to this very recent situation, the Board is currently working on specific arrangements with our local lay leaders and other rabbis to ensure we have a full complement of meaningful spiritual services and holiday observances, as well as having our needs met for life cycle events and pastoral care. I'm sure you will all be thrilled to know that Rabbi Leigh Lerner

will return again to lead our beautiful High Holiday services. While we will miss having our own rabbi, the change to local leadership will give us some financial flexibility and opportunity to flex our creative muscles.

Coming right up we have our Annual General Meeting Wednesday June 14 at 7:30 pm. It is imperative that we have as many members as possible present at this meeting. We will present the details of our new leadership arrangements, vote in the new Board, approve the budget, vote on a small change to our membership structure, and discuss important matters on the future direction of our congregation. The Louis Sherman award will be presented and most importantly, the Board will be providing dessert.

Also, in addition to a Pride Shabbat Friday night service the fourth week of June, on Saturday June 24 we will hold a special Saturday morning service followed by Kiddush lunch to celebrate all our dedicated volunteers. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Finally I want to say once again what a pleasure and an honour it has been to serve as president these last two and a half years. This Board has worked very hard and has been an amazing

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**KOLOT MAYIM REFORM TEMPLE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday June 14th - 7:30 p.m.

Presentation of new leadership arrangements election of new Board of Directors President, Treasurer and Committee Reports Approval of 2017-18 Budget small change in Membership Structure Discussion of future Direction of our Congregation Presentation of Louis Sherman Award and d e s s e r t !!!!!

2017-18 SLATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Aaron Banfield

Past President - Katrina Hanevelt

Treasurer - Morris Bleviss

Secretary - Vacant

Temple Affairs - Leah Kinarthy

President, continued from page 2. team to serve with. Even in the face of our many challenges as an organization, they have remained steadfastly positive and managed to eke out all that was needed amidst their full lives, and thrived as friends through it all. This special group, and everyone who has helped through the year, have truly been a blessing to me and to our community.

Katrina 

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MISHKAN HANEFESH
Machzor for the Days of Awe



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source of inspiration
and peace.

Tzedakah: Kolot Mayim

Please remember to bring something for the Tzedakah Box (Watch for case sales for great deals.)

We urge everyone to bring a little something to Shul on Fridays for our Tzedakah Box. We support two Food Banks: Jewish Family Services and the James Bay Community Project Food Bank. If everyone brought one can each service, it would go a long way to helping those in need. Thank you for your support.

Feeding our Tzedakah Box = Feeding Victoria's Hungry!
Please help if you can!

Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat
led by Rabbi Shimon Moch

7:30 p.m.

June 9th

Late observance of Shavuot

Music TBA

& June 23rd
a special PRIDE Service

with music by

Marcelina Stanton

*Please remember to bring food contributions for the **Onegs**, so that we can all stay a little longer and schmooze. And don't forget something for our **Tzedakah box**. Thank you.*

Torah Study

at 10:30 a.m.

Parashiot to be Studied:

June 3rd:* Nasso; 10th:**

Beha'alotcha; 17th:* Shl'ach;

24th: Korach.**

(* - led by Julie Elizabeth;

** led by Rabbi Moch)

(Due to a knee injury, please confirm in Weekly Updates if we will have Torah Study with Julie)

Shaharit Services

led by Rabbi Moch

11:30 a.m.

June 10th

and 24th

in honour of volunteers
Kiddush Lunch following

All events are at the JCCV,
3636 Shelbourne Street.

Shavuot

begins on

May 30th at sunset.

We will have a late observance of it

with Rabbi Moch

on June 9th, beginning at 7:30 pm.

An Invitation for you.....

Rabbi Moch, and our Board of Directors invite all members

to the Shaharit Service on

Saturday June 24th at 11:30 a.m.

followed by a

Kiddush Lunch in honour of our volunteers.

This will be Rabbi Moch's final service with us, and we hope that you will all join us to express our gratitude and wish him well on his way.

Roving Family Shabbat Dinner

7:00 pm

Friday June 16th

Check the

Weekly Update for location



Chai חיי

Chai Fund

In memory of William Cravatts - Arlene Baker

In memory of Evelyn Berk - Joel Fagan

Donations may now be made
on our website, <kolotmayimreformatemple.com>
via PayPal and credit card.

Those we remember ...
June 2017
Sivan-Tammuz 5777

Names will be read
on June 9th-10th

Evelyn Berk
Willam Cravatts
Goldie Ryant
Randor Kinarthy
Hélène Piedboeuf Lévy
Becky Weiss
Ray Torontow

Names will be read
on June 23rd-24th

Frederica Bowden
Ernest Ashford
Richard Dinning
Gertie Cohen
Marion Edith Kirk
Dora Sandell

Name will be read
on July 14th

Bunny Harrison

*May their memory
be for a blessing.*



**The Victoria and Vancouver
Island Jewish Burial Society**

The Jewish Burial Society of Victoria and Vancouver Island is a service organization founded to assist all Jews with end of life requirements. We administer four totally separate and distinct sections in the Hatley Memorial Gardens and provide space for all persuasions of Jewish life from orthodox to secular, complete with cremation if specified.

The Society works with the Victoria Chevrah Kadisha in preparation of the body for burial, and works with the family in all ways to ensure the concern and embrace of the entire community for the bereaved.

While we are a non profit Society, regretfully, end of life does not respect one's pocketbook, and costs are dear. There is a small membership charge that must be paid to become a member of our Society, and arrangements for this, and for burial requirements may be made at any time. We recommend dealing with one's self and saving the pain and expense of the survivors at a very stressful time.

For additional information on a highly confidential basis, call Joel Fagan (250 477-2006), or Jack Shalinsky (250 477-1012).

Care and Concern

The Care and Concern Committee of Kolot Mayim wants to reach out and offer whatever we can to our community members. I will be out of the country for **May and June** and am very fortunate to have **Caroline Hergt** take over for me. You can reach her at 250-477-0292 if you know someone who is going through a "bad patch" or a full blown crisis. You can also let **Rabbi Moch** know as well by emailing him at shimonmoch@gmail.com or contacting him by phone at 206-422-8690 (US number).

Deb Weiss,
Chairperson

Job Opportunity

A reliable person to set-up/clean-up for services and Oneg for us, every second and fourth Friday evening, from 7-10pm at the Jewish Community Centre Victoria, 3636 Shelbourne Street.

Honararium of \$36 per evening.

Position available immediately.

Call 250-704-2503 or email

<km@kolotmayimreformtemple.com>.



A Mussar Gem

"A pious Jew is not one who worries about his fellow man's soul and his own stomach; a pious Jew worries about his own soul and his fellow man's stomach."

Rabbi Yisrael Salanter

The Practice Corner

The Hebrew word for justice is *tzedek* and for charity is *tzedakah*. This shared root reveals that the essence of charity, in the Jewish view, is that it is not acting out of benevolence but justice. Cultivating this trait would mean then to give generously to others with the mental intention that it is not out of pity but a matter of justice to support those in need.



Israeli World Jazz Duo

Thursday, June 8

Caravan World Rhythms presents the Israeli World-Jazz Duo - Noam Vazana and Itamar Erez on Thursday, June 8, 8:00 pm at Hermann's Jazz Club, 765 View Street, Victoria.

Israeli singer and jazz pianist Noam Vazana's hypnotizing vocals breathe life into the ancient Ladino language. Together with Itamar Erez's virtuoso guitar, Noam's infectious ballads bring together Sephardic and Middle Eastern music with Jazz, Flamenco and Mediterranean rhythms.

Info & Tickets: www.caravanbc.com or call 778-886-8908

Here are a couple of youtubes to give you a sense of the headliner Noam Vazana. Her guest Itamar Erez is an accomplished flamenco-world-jazz guitarist, based in Vancouver.

Here's a video clip of Noam: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkr_oERTUDA

Happy
Birthday

Julie Elizabeth

on June 23rd.

We'd love to honour your special
simchahs. Please let Julie know the
dates! <madrona623@gmail.com>

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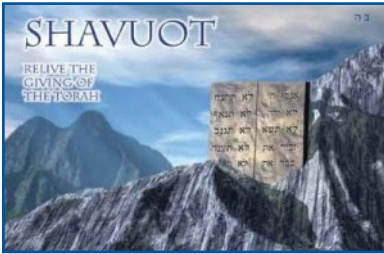
THE VOICE

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Housing Needed ~ New to Victoria

I'm looking for a room near the congregations so I don't have to travel far in the dark after events. I'm a tidy young-ish senior (just turned 60 in August), quiet and loves cats (don't have my own here yet, but am very amenable to them).

Cheryl @ itsabeautifulday@bell.net



This Jewish Holiday Is About Way More Than Cheesecake

When the sun sets next Tuesday, the Jewish holiday Shavuot will officially begin and continue until sundown on Wednesday, exactly 50 days since the first Passover seder.

If you only know one thing about Shavuot, it's probably that people eat dairy-laden treats to celebrate it. That's definitely an important (and delicious) part of Shavuot, but before we get to the cheesecake of it all, there are a few other things to know about this holiday.

Shavuot actually commemorates two separate events: the harvest of early summer and the presentation of the Torah, the holy text of Judaism, to the Israelites on Mount Sinai. Rabbi Yael Rapport of Congregation Beit Simchat Torah in New York City tells Refinery29 that this latter observance has become more significant to the holiday over time. "It's taught in midrashim (our ancient storytelling tradition) that every Jew, from the young to the old, from the leaders to the water-carriers, every Jewish soul that ever was or will be, was present in that moment at the foot of Mount Sinai to accept and commit themselves to this gift," she says.

Nowadays, Shavuot is viewed as an opportunity for Jewish people to learn about their religion and identity — and celebrate it. According to Rabbi Rapport, people often get together the night before Shavuot for a Tikkun Leil Shavuot, a gathering where they study the Torah as a group, exchanging insights on the text into the wee hours.

On the day of Shavuot, people attend special synagogue services and, yes, enjoy those aforementioned sweet dairy confections. Rabbi Rapport says that the exact snack (be it a blintz, kugel, or cheesecake) varies from region to region, but dairy remains the focus of the food. "We don't have any hard and fast halachah (Jewish laws) around why we eat dairy or even that we should eat dairy," she says. Nevertheless, the tradition has stuck — but we doubt anyone's complaining.

Rabbi Rapport says communities will also use this as an opportunity to recognize the young Jewish people among them and those who converted to Judaism. These groups were the most recent to commit themselves to their Jewish faith (either by converting or studying for their bar mitzvah or bat mitzvah).

And that's what lies at the heart of Shavuot celebrations: accepting the word of God, just as the Israelites were believed to have done at Mount Sinai.

<http://www.refinery29.com/2017/05/156242/shavuot-jewish-holidays->





ROVING SHABBAT DINNER

7:00 p.m.

Friday June 16th

Location TBA.

Watch for it
in the Weekly Updates.

ROSH CHODESH

Tammuz

June 24th-25th

*All our
Kabbalat
Shabbat
Services
feature music.*



JUNE 2017/5777

CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

LED BY RABBI SHIMON MOCH

FRIDAY JUNE 9TH

We will include a late Shavuot observance.

7:30 pm

Music to be announced.

FRIDAY JUNE 23RD

Gay Pride theme

7:30 p.m.

with music by

Marcelina Stanton



TORAH STUDY

Every Saturday at 10:30 a.m.
at the JCCV

Led by Rabbi Moch on June 10th & 24th

Led by Julie Elizabeth, June 3rd & 17th*

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