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Join us on

Friday February 21st at 6:30

for a

Pot Luck Dinner

followed by the

**Dedication of our
New Parochet (Ark curtain)**

by Rabbi Louis at our Kabbalat Shabbat Service.

Oneg following

hosted by Susan Halpert

in honour of

Judi MacLeod (the artist)

and Julie Elizabeth (the inspiration).

Meet the Artist.

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From Rabbi Louis



Shalom everyone,

I recently read a book while visiting my family in Berkeley, California and I was impressed enough to want to share it with you. The name of the book is *My Promised Land*, by Ari Shavit. Mr. Shavit is a well-published journalist in Israel. What makes the book so powerful is its ability to remain heart-centered while leading us through the history of the resettlement of the land of Israel in the 19th, 20th

and 21st centuries. This is difficult to do as discussion about Israel often degenerates into yelling, name-calling and ad hominem and ad-feminem arguments. I know because I have both moderated such discussions and participated in them.

The book attempts to stay centrist politically but has a somewhat conventional leftist perspective that does not, to me, detract from its impact. There is an historical analysis of how the State came into being. There are important interviews with leaders who have shaped the country and who are remarkably candid about choices they made and the forces that led them to make them. The constantly re-occurring subject is how the Arab inhabitants of the land were ignored, and continue to be ignored and often forgotten, and how this has sapped the Zionist enterprise of its soul. It details some of the often ignored facts that led to the expulsion of the Arab inhabitants.

However, the book is not a finger-pointing blaming of our beloved country and its leaders and people. It attempts to show the horrible dilemmas that faced and continue to face the Jewish population as Israel becomes modern and post-modern, and continues to subtly and not so subtly influence the attitudes and actions of its citizens and those of us who care deeply about it. It also points out that actions have consequences that sometimes cannot be predicted but also cannot be ignored.

A deficit in this book, in my opinion, is lack of reference to similar situations that we faced in our history and in our story. That is one reason we continue to read and study TaNaCh (Torah, Prophets, Writings). Study helps to prepare us for the positive choices we can make when faced with similar situations. There are no guarantees, however, as to outcome.

I strongly suggest that everyone read this book. Perhaps we can have a discussion session concerning it and other topics relating to Israel later in the year. Let me know what you think. *r. Louis*

President's Message



Shalom Kolot Mayim family,

We are at the start of a new secular year, 2014, and it does not roll easily off the tongue. Although it is technically winter, noticeable in the rest of Canada, we are blessed with snowdrops and blossoms pushing their way into an early Spring.

Spring is a time of renewal and I am hopeful we are done with end of life issues. I am looking forward to growing our congregation, new and innovative programmes, and surprises that make us smile.

The exciting news this month is that we will be dedicating our new **Parochet (Ark curtain)**, along with matching tablecloths, lectern skirt and challah cover, at a special Kabbalat Shabbat service on February 21st. The service will be preceded by a vegetarian **potluck dinner** at 6:30, and an Oneg, sponsored by Susan Halpert in honour of the occasion, will follow the service. Come fress and schmooze with your friends, witness this historic event, and meet the artist, Judi MacLeod.

Also, this month, on the 7th, **Kouskous (Gary Cohen and Amber Woods)** will be lending their musical expertise to beautify our Kabbalat Shabbat service. And on the 14th, Julie & I will be sponsoring the Oneg in honour of our 7th anniversary.

Many of our congregants have been off on various holidays, and we have bid farewell to **Neal Wasser**, our Past President, who has gone off for six months to travel the world, or at least parts of it. I will miss his wise counsel and support to me in my role of president.

This is a time of planting, especially trees in Israel as we celebrate Tu B'Shvat. I love the idea of planting trees, and I am sure there is a forest in Israel with my name on it. I know the holiday has passed but planting in the Spring seems like a splendid idea.

Thank you for keeping our tzedakah box filled with cans and packages of food. The Jewish Family Services and the James Bay Community Project have benefitted from our donations and they are thankful and appreciative.

It is time to reinvigorate **Kolot Mayim-at-Home** — a simple event, meant for a few people with light refreshments offered. Consider sharing your vacation slides, a movie, having a discussion or whatever your imagination conjures. Julie and I will be hosting such an event at the end of the month; see page 11 for details.

We continue to have congregational and family vegetarian potluck dinners, using Rennie's lovely china. We look forward to everyone joining in these events.

This reminds me that another way to share food is by **sponsoring an Oneg**. There are many occasions that could be celebrated in this way: birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, honouring someone We have had several such uplifting events and have two more planned in February. Please contact Julie if you would like to celebrate a simcha in this way.

Our **Website**, <http://kolotmayimreformtemple.com/>, is being revamped. Our **Web Master, Mike Laing** (Jenny's brother) and Julie are working with the URJ to update it. **Continued on page 4.**

President's Message, continued from page 3. Hopefully, the new Site will be up and running by next month. Also, **Kis Brink** does a wonderful job of managing our Facebook page, and will soon set us up with a Twitter account. To stay informed about community events, the places to look are the Jewish Federation, <http://www.jewishvictoria.ca/>, and the Jewish Community Centre <http://jccvictoria.ca/> web sites.

Reminder: Keep your **Mishebeirich** list current with Rennie's weekly announcements. If someone is now well, please remove his/her name; thanks.

You can make donations to the **Chai fund, Parochet Fund, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Social Action Fund**. Since we do not pass the collection plate every week this is a good way to support our Temple. People enjoy receiving a card from the Chai Fund so instead of supporting Hallmark, send a card from us.

Until next time, *Reva*



Sharon's Final Words: 'I am a Jew, First of All'

By Gil Ronen

In a meeting with MASA participants, Ariel Sharon met with participants of MASA, a program that brings young Jews to Israel from other countries, in what MASA says was his last public appearance, on January 1, 2006, 3 days before the stroke, Sharon revealed that he worries about the Jewish future, 3,000 years hence.

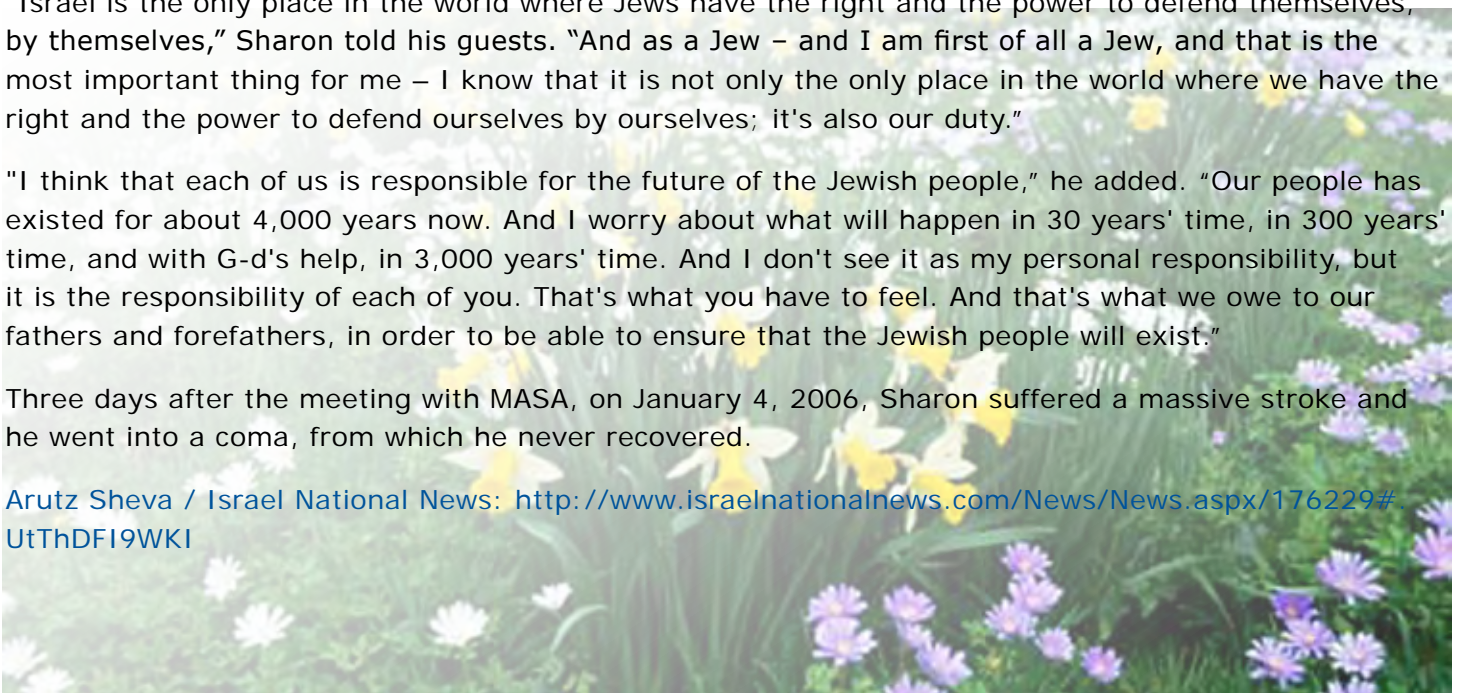
Videotape of the encounter, which took place during the Hanukkah holiday, shows an alert and smiling Sharon, speaking from the depth of his heart to youths about the national values that he believed in.

"Israel is the only place in the world where Jews have the right and the power to defend themselves, by themselves," Sharon told his guests. "And as a Jew – and I am first of all a Jew, and that is the most important thing for me – I know that it is not only the only place in the world where we have the right and the power to defend ourselves by ourselves; it's also our duty."

"I think that each of us is responsible for the future of the Jewish people," he added. "Our people has existed for about 4,000 years now. And I worry about what will happen in 30 years' time, in 300 years' time, and with G-d's help, in 3,000 years' time. And I don't see it as my personal responsibility, but it is the responsibility of each of you. That's what you have to feel. And that's what we owe to our fathers and forefathers, in order to be able to ensure that the Jewish people will exist."

Three days after the meeting with MASA, on January 4, 2006, Sharon suffered a massive stroke and he went into a coma, from which he never recovered.

Arutz Sheva / Israel National News: <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/176229#.UtThDFI9WKI>



Chai חַי

Kolot Mayim has several funds to which you may earmark your donations. They are: **Chai Fund** (General Fund/Temple Operations), **Religious School Bursary and Scholarship Fund** (to support children to attend Religious School), **Social Action Fund** (to support the Congregation's Social Action activities), **Parochet (Ark Curtain) Fund** (to collect funds to commission new Parochets [yearly & High Holiday] and related items), **Jenny Laing Legacy Fund** (to provide bursaries of up to \$500.00 for any adult member of the Congregation to pursue Jewish education), **Building the Congregation Fund** (to build a synagogue congregation in Victoria for Reform Jews), **Youth Fund** (to provide funds for children and youth programmes), **Youth Group Fund** (to support local youth group development), and **Passover Outreach Fund** (to provide free Passover tickets for individuals who could otherwise not afford to attend a community Passover Seder). One last fund is the **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**, which allows our Rabbi to administer funds at his discretion, as per the expressed needs of congregants. **Undirected donations will go into the Chai Fund.**

THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER!

CHAI FUND

In memory of his mother, Arline Parrish — *Rennie Parrish*

Condolences to Rennie Parrish on the loss of his mother, Arline Parrish — *Joel & Sandy Fagan, Morris & Janna Bleviss, Gerald Stanford*

PAROCHET FUND

Condolences to Rennie Parrish on the loss of his mother, Arline Parrish — *Julie Elizabeth & Reva Hutkin, Susan Halpert*

Condolences to Debbie Yaffe on the loss of her partner, Donna Murray — *Reva Hutkin & Julie Elizabeth*

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Condolences to Rennie Parrish on the loss of his mother, Arline Parrish — *David & Dorothy Torontow*

Mazel Tov to Corky & Gerald Greenfield on their **50th anniversary** — *Dorothy & David Torontow*

Kolot Mayim on the High Seas!

by Joe Gougeon-Ryant

On both January 10th and 17th, Shabbat Services aboard the MS Paul Gauguin we're provided by Kolot Mayim, through its delegate, Joe Gougeon-Ryant. The first Service was held just as the ship began to sail away from Tahuata, Marquesas Islands, French Polynesia; the second while at anchor at Papeete, the capital of Tahiti, French Polynesia.

The cruise director, Michael Shapiro, put out the call for someone to conduct Services and Kolot Mayim answered the call. Candles, kosher wine, freshly baked Challah, and siddurim were all provided and Jews from all over the USA and Canada came to welcome the Sabbath bride.

Shabbat was as sweet in the South Seas as anywhere else. How could it be otherwise?



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 that 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), Jack Shalinsky (250 477-1012), or Michael Goldberg (250 598-9094).

Hebrew School Report



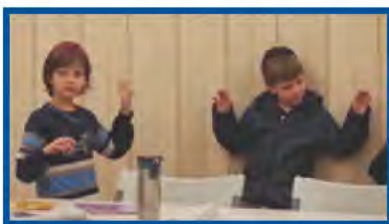
Our Hebrew School is in the second year of being combined with that of Congregation Emanu-El's. Our children have continued to enjoy this arrangement, including a broad spectrum of cultural, religious and language study, and most importantly, creating friendships with a larger

group of Jewish youngsters. Some of the highlights have been Hebrew School Shabbat dinners, and participation in both Emanu-El's 150th celebrations and the return of a restored Torah scroll to the synagogue.

One thing we have discussed at the Hebrew School Committee is raising Kolot Mayim's profile in the school, especially at the upcoming Pesach market, which is the Hebrew School's main fundraiser.

Katrina Hanevelt

Hebrew School Committee Co-chair



Photos by Katrina Hanevelt



Kabbalat Shabbat with 5,000! Biennial. San Diego.

How to Write a D'var Torah

By Larry Kaufman

As most frequently encountered, a d'var Torah (a word of Torah) is a talk or essay based on the parashah (the weekly Torah portion). Divrei Torah (plural of d'var Torah) may be offered in lieu of a sermon during a worship service, to set a tone and a context at the opening of a synagogue board or committee meeting, or to place personal reflection within a Jewish context. Especially at times of loneliness, distress, indecision or other personal difficulties, you may find it helpful to read and interpret the Torah portion with a particular focus on how the thoughts and actions of our foremothers and forefathers—intensely human characters—might help you deal with your own challenges.

Many of the same principles apply to preparing and delivering a d'var Torah as to other presentations before a group: Adhere to the allotted time frame; Make your comments appropriate to the audience; Know what message you want to leave with the audience.

Many people are reluctant to accept an invitation to write or give a d'var Torah for the first time. They shouldn't be, not only because all kinds of help is available, as described below, but also because they will be fulfilling numerous mitzvot: the mitzvah of learning Torah, the mitzvah of teaching Torah, and, perhaps most important, the mitzvah of reminding the community that talmud Torah, the serious study of Torah, is not an activity limited to rabbis but is available to and incumbent upon all of us.

The person who delivers a d'var Torah is called the darshan (interpreter or explainer), and the interpretation offered is known as the drash. As darshan, you have the option of discussing the parashah, the weekly Torah portion, as a whole, or of zeroing in on certain words or verses. Often, your time allotment will make that choice for you. If time permits, you may want to start with an overview of the entire parashah, and then segue to the verses that will be your focus, explaining why you find those verses particularly compelling or worthy of attention.

As you prepare your drash, you are not alone. You are just the latest in a chain of darshananim that goes back two millennia. In fact, you are well advised to approach the text as your predecessors would have, using the PaRDeS* method, the historic approach to studying Jewish text, which focuses on these questions: What's the simple meaning or literal translation? What did that signify in the context of its time? How has it been explained by the rabbis over the centuries? What should it convey to us today?

However, you have an advantage over those countless generations of Torah explicators who have gone before you. You have access to numerous Torah translations and commentaries, including these from a Reform perspective: *The Torah: A Modern Commentary* [Continued on page 8.](#) [How](#)

Tzedakah: A way of life. Kolot Mayim Supports Food Bank

Hundreds of people rely on the various food banks in town. Torah tells us to leave the four corners of our fields for those in need; today, this could be translated to mean the 4 corners of our shopping carts!

I 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 week, it would go a long way to helping those in need. Thank you for your support.

to Write a D'var Torah, continued from page 7. (Plaut, URJ Books and Music); The Torah: A Woman's Commentary (Eskenazi and Weiss, URJ Books and Music); A Torah Commentary for Our Times (Fields, URJ Books and Music).

I personally like to compare translations and commentaries from other perspectives, and typically consult alternate translations—especially the “old” JPS translation as found in the classic Hertz Torah commentary, plus those of Everett Fox and Robert Alter. I also consult what is perhaps the broadest, deepest resource of all by typing into “Reb Google” the name of the parashah.

Although all these resources can show you what others have thought and said about the parashah, your job as darshan is to share with your listeners what you have learned from the text and the sources, and now want to teach them. Here are some guidelines that may help:

If you have a problem with the text, or with the historic interpretations, share it with the group—particularly if your setting permits your presentation to be interactive.

If you are struck by a particular insight, rather than presenting it as your original thought, cite your source—let Rabbi Gamaliel's authority enhance your credibility, and show that you have done your homework.

Show respect for your audience. Chances are that many of them know as much about the material as you do. But don't be intimidated by that either, because chances are even greater that most of them don't.

Be sure to translate any Hebrew word you use. Even as common a word as mitzvah is likely to be heard as “good deed” if you don't clarify it as “sacred obligation.”

If, like me, you prefer to present from a written text, use your manuscript as a guide, but talk it, rather than reading what you have written.

Make regular eye contact with your listeners—be there for them and with them. (It's okay to read brief quotations from the attributed writings of others, but keep them brief!)

Don't try to wing it from the text alone. Because we construe the Torah as a living document, its words can only be understood in the context of the generations.

Just because a d'var Torah primarily is designed to teach does not mean it may not entertain. A touch of humor is in order, as long as it is germane to the lesson. No jokes for joke's sake. As darshan, you have a responsibility to take the material you are presenting seriously, which doesn't mean you can't find the humor in it. What could be funnier than Adam passing the buck—“The woman whom You gave me, gave me the fruit, so I ate,”—or Abraham's negotiation with Ephron the Hittite: “What's 400 shekels between you and me?”

The approach you take with your d'var Torah is dependent on the hand you were dealt. Character analysis is an obvious possibility if you're in Genesis, but won't work if your parashah is in Leviticus, where major themes like purity and sacrifice come to the fore. Even when the text doesn't direct you to your message, the commentators will. And where you find dueling commentators, you might want to resolve their argument to your own satisfaction. As we read in Pirke Avot, The Sayings of the Fathers, “Turn it and turn it, for everything is in it.” As a darshan, you are in charge, and have the privilege of turning it until you find a topic or an issue that resonates with you. [Cont'd on p. 9.](#)

How to write a D'var Torah, continued from page 8 Giving a d'var Torah is serious business, and you should feel seriously honored that you were invited to do so. As you go about preparing your d'var, remember to take the task seriously, but try not to take yourself too seriously. A gentle touch will go far in shedding light on the text, and in earning you the respect of your colleagues, from whom you likely will hear the words "Yasher koach." May your strength remain, so you can teach us Torah again.

*PaRDeS is an acronym for the four levels of understanding: P'shat, the simple meaning of the words, Remez, hint, construed as the context of what lay behind those words at the time they were first uttered, Drash, explanation, or how the text has been interpreted or enhanced by the rabbis over the centuries in the Midrash and other commentaries, and Sod, secret, the hidden meaning that we should extract from the words to make them relevant in our lives today.

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Jewish People Around the World



POLAND: A center in Lublin, in eastern Poland, plans to create "Shtetl" Internet site with descriptions, histories and anecdotes about the towns that were largely Jewish before WWII with on-the-ground sightseeing guides and guidebooks to be available starting in late 2015. <http://www.eurojewcong.org/poland/10580-new-shtetl-tourist-route-planned-for-poland-and-ukraine.html>

PORTUGAL: Plumbers in the city of Coimbra in central Portugal discovered what appears to be 600-year-old Jewish ritual baths (mikvahs) which may turn out among the oldest in Europe. The Jewish presence in Coimbra dates back to at least 1370. <http://www.israelandstuff.com/portuguese-plumbers-discover-600-year-old-mikvahs>



ISRAEL: A memorial honoring gays and lesbians murdered by the Nazis was unveiled in a Tel Aviv park, the first recognition in Israel for non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust. The memorial resembles the pink triangles Nazis forced gays to wear in camps during WWII. <http://www.eurojewcong.org/news-and-views/10592-tel-aviv-memorialises-gay-holocaust-victims.html>



OBSERVED DATE	CIVIL DATE YEAR OF DEATH	HEBREW DATE YEAR OF DEATH	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	MOURNER
February 1, 2014	Feb, 2010	Unknown	Hilda Behr	Mother of	Peter Behr
February 1, 2014	February 1, 1983	18 Sh'vat 5743	Jack Miller	Uncle of	Don Sher
February 3, 2014	February 3, 2011	29 Sh'vat 5771	Ruth Beck	Mother of	Rafi Beck
February 4, 2014	February 4, 1995	4 Adar I 5755	Leon Goldman	Father of	Tony Goldman
February 5, 2014	February 5, 1984	2 Adar I 5744	Adeline Levinta	Mother of	Eleanor Patten
February 5, 2014	February 5, 1996	15 Sh'vat 5756	Steven Brian	Son of	Betty Cohen
February 6, 2014	February 6, 1996	16 Sh'vat 5756	Dorothy Goldman	Mother of	Tony Goldman
February 6, 2014	February 6, 1973	7 Adar I 1 5733	Sidney Devor	Father of	Aaron Devor
February 7, 2014	February 7, 1960	9 Sh'vat 5720	Ethel Ross Sharpe	Mother of	Arline Leshner
February 11, 2014	February 11, 2001	18 Sh'vat 5761	Liberalina Ferriera	Mother of	Eva Katz
February 12, 2014	February 12, 2011	8 Adar I 1 5771	Judy Kahan	Friend of	Dorothy & David
February 13, 2014	February 13, 1943	8 Adar I 1 5703	Fernand Levy	Father of	Arlette Baker
February 13, 2014	February, 13th	29 Sh'vat	Goldie Litman	Grandmother of	Jane Litman
February 13, 2014	February 13, 1943	8 Adar I 1 5703	Renee Levy	Mother of	Arlette Baker
February 14, 2014	February 14, 2010	30 Sh'vat 5770	Robert Litman	Father of	Jane Litman
February 15, 2014	February 15, 2009	21 Sh'vat 5769	Horst Rothfells	Friend of	The Congregation
February 17, 2014	February 17 2008	11 Adar I 1 5768	Chuck Waldman	Husband of	Claire Waldman
February 17, 2014	February 17, 1997	10 Adar I 1, 5757	Clifford Theodore	Father of	Donna Kirk
February 17, 2014	February 17 2008	11 Adar I 1 5768	Morris Miller	Cousin of	Dorothy Torontow
February 17, 2014	February 17, 2005	8 Adar I 5765	Sue Pollick	Mother of	Frances Aknai
February 18, 2014	February 18, 2006	20 Sh'vat 5766	Harry Charles Lewis	Brother of	Alec Lewis
February 19, 2014	February 19, 1984	16 Adar I 5744	Isadore Berger	Stepfather of	Kezia Allen
February 19, 2014	February 19, 1986	10 Adar I 1, 5746	Jack Gerald	Father of	Jeffrey Krasnick
February 19, 2014	February 19, 2007	1 Adar I 5767	Lester Gordon	Cousin of	David Torontow
February 20, 2014	February 20, 1987	21 Sh'vat 5747	Henry Miller	Uncle of	Don Sher
February 21, 2014	February 21, 1984	18 Adar I 5744	Fanny Horowitz	Mother of	Isadore Horowitz
February 23, 2014	February 23, 2003	21 Adar I 1 5763	Mark Schafer	Father of	Karen Schafer
February 27, 2014	February 27, 1988	9 Adar I 5748	Stanley Bradshaw	GrandFather of	Jenny Laing
February 28, 2014	February 28, 1996	8 Adar I 1 5756	Marshall Rotstein	Friend of	Katrina Hanevelt

February 2014

Shevat-Adar I 5774

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Rabbi Louis will be with us when the squares are white.</p>						<p>February 1 1 Adar I</p> <p>Terumah</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh</p>
2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5	6 6	7:30 pm Service led by Reva and Julie Musical Shabbat with Kouskous.	7 Tetzaveh 8 8
9 9	10 10	11 11	12 12	13 13	7:30 pm K.Shabbat Service led by Joe Gougeon-Ryant Oneg by Reva & Julie in honour of their anniversary	14 Ki Tissa 15 15
16 7:00 at ICCM Rouskous & Honey perform Jewish Love Songs	17 17	18 18	19 19	20 20	6:30 Pot Luck 7:30 K.Shabbat Service & Paro- chet Dedication led by Rabbi Louis Oneg by Susan Halpert in honour of Judi & Julie	21 Vayak'hel 22 Torah Study 3:00 pm chez Rabbi Louis
23 23	24 24	25 25	26 7:30 KM-at-Home Moishe Dysher chez Reva and Julie	27 27	7:30 pm K.Shabbat Service led by Michael Gans	28 28

Torah Study



**3:00 p.m.
Saturday February 25th**

chez Rabbi Louis
(Please note new address.)
#314, 1030 Pendergast

Don't miss

Koukous

(Gary Cohen and Amber Woods)

at our Kabbalat Shabbat Service

on

Friday February 7th at 7:30.

And don't miss them

*and the versatile musical duo, Honey
(Nehamashira & Greg Davidson)*

at the JCCV

on

Sunday February 16th at 7:00.

performing

Classic Jewish Love Songs

*from Fiddler on the Roof, Irving Berlin,
Carol King, Leonard Cohen,
and other Jewish songwriters
in a Sing-A-Long/Concert*

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Suggested donation of \$10 for non-members

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Sponsored by the Victoria Society for Humanist Judaism, who gratefully acknowledge the **Jewish Federation of Victoria** and Vancouver Island for its financial support of this event.

Kolot Mayim-at-Home presents

Moishe Oysher,

the DVD, as seen at the Biennial

7:30 pm on Wednesday February 26th

at the home of Reva and Julie
102 Meadow Park Lane (corner of Burnside West)

Dessert and drinks provided.

Space is limited to please **RSVP** to 250-388-4161
or <madrona623@gmail.com>



URJ and Temple Shalom present

**The Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with
Dr. Ron Wolfson**

Ron Wolfson is one of the most innovative thinkers in Jewish Life. He is a visionary educator and inspiring speaker. Come and learn what is next for the future of the Jewish Community, today. Funded in part by the URJ Kodimer Grant, Temple Shalom Endowment Fund and Vancouver Jewish Federation

Thursday to Saturday, March 27-29th

Thursday, March 27 at 7:30 pm at the Jewish Community Centre of Vancouver (950 West 41 St.) **7:00 pm:** "Relational Judaism: Using the Power of Relationships to Transform Synagogues and Organizations" A community wide dialogue for Jewish professional and leaders in the Vancouver Jewish community. Co-sponsored by Jewish Federation.

Friday, March 28 at Temple Shalom (7190 Oak St. Vancouver) **6:30 pm:** Shabbat Dinner hosted by Temple Shalom **8:15 pm:** "Building Good Tents: Envisioning the Synagogue of the Future"

Saturday, March 29 at Temple Shalom (7190 Oak St. Vancouver) **10:00 am:** Shabbat Service **12:00 pm:** Kiddush Lunch **1:00pm:** Live, Learn & Celebrate Shabbat: "The Seven Questions You're Asked in Heaven" Kiddush Lunch sponsored by the Sisterhood of Temple Shalom and Women of Reform Judaism

Cost and Registration: \$50.00 for the weekend includes Shabbat dinner and Kiddush lunch (kids under 19 free).

If you have any questions please contact: Mary Cohene, Event Chair of the URJ Kodimer Scholar in Residence Weekend: mlcohone@shaw.ca Rochelle Garfinkel, Temple Shalom Executive Director: rochelle@templesholom.ca Rabbi Dan Moskovitz, Temple Shalom Senior Rabbi: rabbidan@templesholom.ca

Accommodations: Please contact us for hotel recommendations

**Walking Tour of
Jewish Victoria**

Discover the role that the pioneer Jews had in shaping Victoria.

Experience a guided tour of Congregation Emanu-el, Canada's oldest synagogue lead by the country's first ordained Jewish Storyteller (Maggidah)

**February 23
March 30
April 27
May 25**

**Walking Tours
10:30 am-12 pm**

**Synagogue Tours
1 pm**

Adult Walking Tours:
\$15.00 cash only
Synagogue Tours: \$10.00
Children under 12 free
Senior/Student/discount
for taking both tours:
\$12.00 cash only

Walking Tours begin outside Congregation Emanu-el (Pandora and Blanshard) and slowly wind through downtown ending at Government and Yates. It will be given rain or shine. Led by Gary Cohen.

Synagogue Tours explore fascinating historical displays, the synagogue's unique architecture and dynamic restoration as well as Jewish customs, history, sacred texts and stories.

To book a Walking Tour at a different time contact Discover the Past:

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