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Annual General Meeting

7:00 pm
Wednesday July 15, 2015

at the JCCV
3636 Shelbourne Street

- * to hear Executive and Committee Reports
- * Review Financial Statements and approve 2015-16 Budget
- * to elect a new Board of Directors for 2015-16
- * to learn the latest developments in our rabbinical leadership
- * to present the Louis Sherman Award

3rd Annual Kolot Mayim Family Pot Luck BBQ

Saturday August 1st from 4 pm on

at Julie & Reva's

102 Meadow Park Lane, corner of Burnside West

Bring whatever you want to BBQ for yourself(ves), and something to share (side, salad or dessert) plus any alcohol if you want it. We have soft drinks.



Bocce ball anyone?

Everyone welcome!

RABBI

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From Rabbi Moch

Violence and rage fill the news of the day. This should not surprise us. We have known violence and rage for a long time. The Torah portion this first week of July, tells of Pinchas, becoming enraged after seeing an Israelite man cohabiting with a Midianite woman. Overcome by zealous revulsion for such moral depravity, he violently kills them both. The time has come for us to take a self-reflective look at what causes us moral revulsion and what does not produce moral outrage in us that perhaps should.

The news from the United States for months now has been of violence against African Americans, most of it violence inflicted by police against unarmed individuals. Many of these attacks involved victims totally innocent of any wrong doing. Last week that violence inflated by the hatred of a demented, young white-supremacist, left nine people dead in an historic Charlestown, South Carolina Church.

It might be easy for Canadians, who enjoy a diversity unsurpassed anywhere, to pass judgement on Americans for so much racial profiling and violence. We studied the Korach Rebellion in June at Julie and Reva's house. We noted in that discussion that often, when we criticize others, our judgments of others in fact reflect our own ills and twisted thinking. On the day I am writing this opinion, June 21, Canada has designated as Aboriginal Heritage Day, celebrating a heritage that Canadians have long suppressed. Not two weeks ago, the "Truth and Reconciliation Commission" released its report after eight years of recording testimonials of the cultural violence done in Canada to the First Nations of this land. We are now beginning to understand the devastating effects of children being ripped from their parent's homes and the nurturing care of their communities. We are listening, for the first time, to stories of the abuses that frequently began from the moment the children were torn from their homes and which continued through their stays in residential schools, abuses that included emotional, physical, and sexual, combined with cultural deprivation. Those traumatized children were forbidden to speak their native languages. Many committed suicide. More than 6,000 died in the Residential Schools, their bodies never returned to their parents. Canadians have also taken note – finally – of the tremendous number of aboriginal women who have disappeared, most presumed dead. Aboriginal women in Canada experience three times as much violence, both domestic and non-domestic, as non-aboriginal women. [Continued on page 4.](#)



Acting President's Message

Dear Chaverim,

With summer upon us, we enter into real island mode at Kolot Mayim, with services on the first and third Fridays, July 3, 17, August 7 and 21. The first three services will be led by Julie Elizabeth, the last by Morris Bleviss.

We also look forward to seeing everyone at the 3rd Annual BBQ on Saturday August 1st, from 4:00 on. we have Bocce Ball, and you're welcome to bring other outdoor games if you have them. Please also bring something to BBQ for yourself/ves, as well as something to share (side dish, salad or dessert), and BYOB if you would like alcohol. Soft drinks will be available.

It is very important that everyone who can turn out for our Annual General Meeting on July 15, beginning at 7:00 pm at the JCCV. We will elect our new Board of Directors and approve the next budget, as well as present the Louis Sherman Award for Outstanding service to Kolot Mayim. You will also be apprised of the latest developments in our rabbinical leadership.

By mid-summer, we will have a freshly-trained Lay Leader as Julie Elizabeth completes the URJ sponsored Hadrachah training in Wisconsin. This will enable her to be our dedicated Service Leader in the absence of a rabbi, and give her the ability to do limited life cycle events as well.

At summer's end we will have Rabbi Leigh Lerner leading our High Holiday Services. I am sure I will see you all there, if not before. We will have the URJ's hot-off-the-press Machzors for the High Holidays this year. These books will be in a similar format to our Shabbat siddurim and will contain all the transliterations! There will be one book for the Rosh Hashanah services, and one for Yom Kippur services. We are still accepting donations (\$50.00 per set) to cover the cost of these books, which we have already purchased. The gift of a set of Machzorim to the Temple is a perfect way to remember your loved ones who have passed on, or to celebrate current simchas. Make cheques payable to Kolot Mayim Reform Temple, and mark the subject line with Mishkan HaNefesh.

Enjoy the summer!

B'Shalom.

Katrina Hanevelt

Acting President

Slate of Nominees for 2015-16 Board of Directors

Executive Committee

President	Katrina Hanevelt
Past President	Reva Hutkin
Vice President	vacant
Secretary	Caroline Hergt
Treasurer	Morris Bleviss

Committee Chairs

Ritual Affairs	vacant
Membership	Aaron Banfield
Publicity	Serena Stone
Members At Large	Hal Yacower
	Peter Barwin

[Rabbi, continued from page 2.](#) It is healthy that Canadians are finally beginning to talk about this tragic history, and continuing violence against our aboriginal neighbours, but talking about it just *begins* the task of eliminating it. Living in Edmonton during that past fifteen months, where 90% of the street people are aboriginal, I have seen first-hand the prevalence of racial profiling. One Nakoda Sioux friend, who lives in Red Deer and who works as a nurse, tells me that not a day goes by that he is not degraded by his fellow workers and patients for being native. He has begun retraining in environmental sciences in hopes that he will experience less abuse in that work sector. That friend was raised by his grandmother in a nurturing environment, and he speaks fluent Nakoda. He was sheltered from what has happened to most First Nations individuals. Their societies were once nurturing environments. The children were at the center of the community, surrounded by their mothers' care. Around them were the elders to advise and provide continuity and guidance. Around them were the warriors who protected the community. When the Canadian government ripped aboriginal children from that protective and cultural sustenance, to put them in traumatically abusive schools that raped them of any sense of cultural continuity and security, they produced one quantifiable result: a generation filled with rage. This rage resulted from the extreme disorientation and alienation they felt – both at those residential schools, and again when they finally returned home. As they grew, these children often anesthetized their emotional pain with alcohol or drugs. They transmitted their rage and dysfunction to the next generation and that generation transmitted it to the next. Today, non-aboriginal Canadians have a moral obligation – a path of teshuva - to help empower indigenous communities. We must do whatever we can to help first nations find the healing they need. It will take a long time and much societal support to help them return to cultural stasis.

Torah and Judaism tell us over and over again to protect the disadvantaged, "Do not oppress the stranger, but treat him as the home-born for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." We understand that message, but when we speak about the oppression of aboriginal nations, we do not refer to strangers coming from elsewhere to live among us. We speak of the nations we conquered as we occupied their lands and made them our own.

We get mixed messages about such a scenario from our TaNakh, our Hebrew Scriptures. We are told in Deuteronomy 20:16-17, "In the cities of the nations the ETERNAL YOUR GOD IS GIVING YOU AS AN INHERITANCE, DO NOT LEAVE ALIVE ANYTHING THAT BREATHES. ¹⁷ Completely destroy them - the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites - as the ETERNAL YOUR GOD HAS COMMANDED YOU." In fact, this did not happen per these instructions. Instead, the various Canaanite nations lived with the Israelites for several centuries as the Israelites grew in strength. After we hear Joshua speak of conquering the entirety of the land and leaving no survivors, we then hear Joshua speak of the nations that "remain among you." He warns Israel not to mention, swear by, serve, or bow down to their gods. In Judges, which follows the period of Joshua, we read: "[they] did not drive out the Jebusites"; "[they] did not take possession"; "they did not drive them out completely" (1:21-36) "I will not drive them out before you" (2:3). In fact, these nations remain "to this day" (1:21). Here we find the paradigm for how both Canadian and American authorities approached the aboriginal inhabitants of the lands they (we) conquered. We did not utterly destroy them. We killed the majority and we undermined the culture of the survivors trying to forcibly assimilate them.

Such accounts, as the conquest of the Canannites or the genocidal war against the Amalakites in our Holy Scriptures, push me decidedly into the camp of Reform Judaism and prevent me from ever espousing an Orthodox belief in the absolute, infallible Divine nature of Scripture. [Cont'd p.5](#)

Rabbi, continued from page 4. The internal voice of revelation I hear with every fibre of my being tells me that, not only would God never sanction such actions; God finds those actions morally repugnant as God surely finds our continuing mistreatment of aboriginal people in our midst even today. If there is one thing we learn from the prophets, it is that God despises our immoral action and our inaction when immorality thrives around us. This is a time in Canada for more than talk and testimony. ***It is a time for real teshuva.***

The people of Shoal Lake Indian Reserve in Manitoba on the Ontario border, represent one community which continues to suffer our sins. At the turn of the 20th Century, crews cut a channel to divert tannin-laden, boggy water coming from Falcon Lake, away from an aquaduct intake for Winnipeg.

Using gravel carved out from Shoal Lake's ancestral land, crews built a dam to ensure Winnipeg's water remained untainted. On one side, contaminated water flows to the residents of Shoal Lake 40 reserve. On the other side, clean water flows to Winnipeg.

A running water system was built for Shoal Lake 40 in the 1990s but it did not meet standards and there was a cryptosporidiosis outbreak in 1997. For 17 years, its 270 residents have remained under a boil-water advisory, the second longest-running advisory of its type, according to Health Canada.

In the dry summer and in the cold of winter, Shoal Lake residents can get in and out, but when the ice gets thin, many trying to go to or from the Reserve have fallen through the ice and died. In the Spring and Fall, the mud makes access impossible. Janis Redsky will never forget the time, thirty years ago, that she was doubled over in pain, not able to deliver her baby. An ambulance came but her husband could do no more than watch it on the other side of the impassable lake, as it turned and left. Janis' baby died and she could never have another. Thirty years later, the situation has not improved. Is it not time for the City of Winnipeg, who brought this hardship on these people to cough up the \$30 million needed to build a bridge? Shoal Lake is one example among many. ***The time for Teshuva – not talk – has come.***

Rabbi Shimon

A Mitzvah doesn't have to be a complicated thing

One of our long time members, **Len Jaffe**, is not well, and doesn't really have anybody here in Victoria. It would really please him to have short visits from Temple members. But please call first, and not before 4 p.m. He could also use some food, so if you cook a little extra for yourself/ves, and could spare it to bring to him, that would be a double mitzvah!

If you don't have Len's contact information, please contact Joe Gougeon-Ryant.

When I visited Len recently in the hospital, I noticed that he really enjoyed playing Solitaire on his phone. So if any of you like to play cards, he might enjoy a game or two.

Another long time member, **Arline Leshner** is in the hospital, and would enjoy visits as well. She is on 2 South at VGH, but is hoping to be moved to an intermediate care facility (Sandringham) shortly.

Julie

Victoria Reform Jewish Cong - Kolot Mayim Reform Temple
Statement of Operations
For the 12 months May 31, 2015
(Unaudited)

	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Units	37/59	39	
Revenue			
Membership dues			
Membership dues	28,760	24,150	4,610
Membership Subsidies	(2,645)	(1,500)	(1,145)
Fair Share	4,610	6,000	(1,390)
	<u>30,725</u>	<u>28,650</u>	<u>2,075</u>
Programs / Committees			
Social Action	(100)	0	(100)
Religious School			
Religious School Fees (6/8 students)	2,725	3,689	(964)
RS Fee Discounts	0	(1,620)	1,620
Grant from Federation	1,250	1,250	0
Congregation Emanu-el & supplies	(4,204)	(5,676)	1,472
	<u>(229)</u>	<u>(2,357)</u>	<u>2,128</u>
Religious affairs			
HHD Ticket	1,366	1,800	(434)
HHD Expenses	(1,086)	(1,000)	(86)
Other holiday & Oneg expenses	(2,347)	(1,870)	(477)
	<u>(2,067)</u>	<u>(1,070)</u>	<u>(997)</u>
Gross Revenue	28,329	25,223	3,106
Expense (see Attachment A)			
Rabbinical Leadership	23,089	30,775	7,686
Staff Expenses	1,361	1,400	39
General Expenses	9,236	11,212	1,976
Total Expense	<u>33,685</u>	<u>43,387</u>	<u>9,702</u>
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	(5,357)	(18,164)	12,807
Other Revenue/Expense			
Donations Received	40,384	2,564	37,820
Other Revenue	25	0	25
Interest Revenue	456	500	(44)
Revenue from events	(66)	1,000	(1,066)
Pesach Seder -	(241)	0	(241)
Net Other Revenue/Expense	<u>40,558</u>	<u>4,064</u>	<u>36,494</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	35,201	(14,100)	49,301
Allocable to 'Building the Congregation Fund'		(6,000)	
Allocable to Unrestricted Reserves		(8,100)	

Victoria Reform Jewish Cong - Kolot Mayim Reform Temple
Statement of Operations
For the 12 months May 31, 2015
(unaudited)

Attachment A

	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
General Expenses			
Accounting & Legal	25	25	0
Advertising & Promotions	600	1,250	650
Minor Equipment	0	0	0
Insurance	1,979	2,200	221
Office Supplies	72	500	428
Postage	57	37	(20)
Repair & Maintenance	0	0	0
Telephone	201	200	(1)
Books & Supplies	0	0	0
URJ Dues (MUM)	1,562	1,600	38
Interest & Bank Charges	6	0	(6)
Facility Lease Cost	3,217	3,600	383
Newsletter & Website	1,518	1,800	282
Total General Expenses	9,236	11,212	1,976
Staff Expenses			
WorkSafe BC	61	0	(61)
Administrator	1,300	1,400	100
Total Staff Expenses	1,361	1,400	39
Rabbinical Leadership			
Rabbi/student	14,125	18,125	4,000
Scholar in Residence	1,767	2,000	233
Grant JFVVIS	(2,000)	(2,000)	0
Rabbinical Expenses	9,197	12,650	3,453
Total Rabbinic Expenses	23,089	30,775	7,686
Totals			
Revenues	78,624	39,833	38,791
Expenses	(43,422)	(53,933)	10,511
Net Surplus (Deficit)	35,202	(14,100)	49,302

Victoria Reform Jewish Cong - Kolot Mayim Reform Temple
Statement of Financial Position
As at May 31,

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
VRJC - CC Revenue Account	1,200	1,219
High Interest Savings	80,269	50,482
	<u>81,469</u>	<u>51,701</u>
VRJC CC Shares	5	5
Kolot Mayim Operating	8,154	3,949
Kolot Mayim CC Shares	5	5
US\$ Coast Capital	2,146	35
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>91,780</u>	<u>55,696</u>
Accounts Receivable		
Members	0	500
Prepaid expenses	1,620	630
Total Current Assets	<u>93,400</u>	<u>56,326</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>93,400</u></u>	<u><u>56,326</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	275	300
Deferred Revenue	1,550	500
	<u>1,825</u>	<u>800</u>
Equity		
Reserves Restricted		
Youth Fund (Gala proceeds)	6,601	6,601
J. Laing Legacy Fund	2,334	2,334
Building the Congregation Fund	13,479	13,229
Passover Outreach Fund	429	429
Social Action Fund	2,569	1,923
Youth Group Fund	137	137
Parochet Fund	0	48
Total Reserves Restricted	<u>25,548</u>	<u>24,700</u>
Reserves Unrestricted		
Congregational	30,821	30,425
Surplus and deficit - current	35,201	396
	<u>66,022</u>	<u>30,821</u>
CU Shares	5	5
Total Equity	<u>91,575</u>	<u>55,526</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>93,400</u></u>	<u><u>56,326</u></u>

Victoria Reform Jewish Cong - Kolot Mayim Reform Temple
Budget - Statement of Operations
For the 12 months ended May 31, 2016

	Units/heads	31/50
Revenue		
Membership dues		
Membership dues		24,600
Fair Share		4,400
		<u>29,000</u>
Programs / Committees		
Social Action		<u>(400)</u>
Religious School		
Religious School Fees		1,740
Grant from Federation		1,000
Congregation Emanu-el & supplies		<u>(2,740)</u>
		<u>0</u>
Religious affairs		
HHD Ticket		1,500
HHD Expenses		(1,200)
Other holiday & Oneg expenses		<u>(3,400)</u>
		<u>(3,100)</u>
Gross Revenue		25,500
Expense (see Attachment A)		
Rabbinical Leadership		37,000
Staff Expenses		1,400
General Expenses		<u>16,500</u>
Total Expense		<u>54,900</u>
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)		(29,400)
Other Revenue/Expense		
Donations Received		40,500
Other Revenue		400
Interest Revenue		500
Revenue from events		0
Pesach Seder -		0
Net Other Revenue/Expense		<u>41,400</u>
Surplus (Deficit)		<u>12,000</u>

Those we remember ...

**July-August 2015
Tammuz-Av 5775**

Yahrzeits for the following people will be observed on the dates as listed below:

July 17

Dorothy Hale Blakely
David Lazarus Shalinsky
Barb Burney
Arthur Blakely
Nathan Ryant
Rosa Gans/Ruth bat Avraham
Leah Yacowar
Esther Auerbach
Ian Taylor
Les Young

August 7

Mary Jaffe
Clifford Eric Shalinsky
Jack Leshner
Audry Conlin
Barry Goodman
Jack McCulloch
Mary Hutkin
Art Bleviss
Roseline Van Wilde Rode

August 21

Gwen Fogel
Louis Ostrov
Bob Kadanoff
Sheina Gans



You Say It's Your Birthday

January, March, June or November (or any of the other months not listed)...Nope, that's not the birthday about which we are writing. Jewish Treats wants to know: Do you know your Hebrew birthday?

Knowing the date of one's Hebrew birthday can be an important building block in one's Jewish identity. There are two reasons why one might want to have this information. The easy and obvious reason is that two birthday parties are better than one! (Hey, you've got lots to celebrate, right!)

On a more serious note, however, the Jerusalem Talmud (Rosh Hashana 3:8) relates that a person has a special mazal on his/her date of birth on the Hebrew calendar. "Mazal" is a difficult word to translate, often defined as luck or fortune. Mazal, however, is a much more spiritual concept--it is the spiritual influence that affects a specific person or time. Some days are known to have particularly good or particularly bad mazal. For instance, the ninth of Av (Tisha Ba'Av--date of the destruction of the Holy Temples) is a day of notoriously bad mazal for the entire Jewish nation.

A person's birthday is a day of positive mazal for that person because it is a day that represents potential. Great leaders of Jewish life have viewed birthdays in many different ways. Some have felt that a birthday is a day meant for introspection, reflection and resolution for the future. Others have used it as a day to celebrate with those close to them, or to bring the celebration to others by handing out tzedakah(charity) and brachot (blessings).

So now that you know the significance of this date in your life, we repeat: Do you know your Hebrew birthday?!

Muslims And Jews Spent A Day Of Prayer Together And The Result Was Beautiful

On a quiet California morning in May, a group of Jews and Muslims came together on a Los Angeles beach to pray.

The worshippers laid out prayer mats and the sounds of their chanting, in both Hebrew and Arabic, mingled with the crashing of the waves.

"We were just so surprised that we could do this together and it's very similar," said participant Maryam Saleemi. "It was kind of like an 'Aha Moment' that we're praying to the same God, why aren't we doing this all the time together?"

The day of joint prayer was part of an initiative called Two Faiths One Prayer, which guided the group of 20 Muslims and Jews to five different public spaces across the city on May 3. The group traveled together on public transportation and had plenty of opportunities to find common ground.

At Los Angeles' City Hall, the group was joined by about 60 to 70 others for an extraordinary joint prayer session. It was followed by a dinner where Muslims recited their nighttime prayer, or Isha, and Jews recited liturgical poetry, called Piyyutim.

The event was organized by fellows from New Ground, an interfaith organization that focuses on strengthening the bonds between Muslims and Jews.

Tuli Skaist, a New Ground Fellow, said that sharing a prayer space with his Muslim friends actually enhanced his own experience. He hopes to plan more events like this in the future.

"We really hope this is just the beginning," Skaist told HuffPost. "And that people will do it on their own, take inspiration from this, and start praying with each other. It doesn't only have to be within the context of an organized event." <huffingtonpost.com>

The Louis Sherman Award

This award is presented annually to a member of Kolot Mayim Reform Temple who has made a singular contribution to our synagogue over the previous year. It is named after one of the earliest members of our Temple, Mr. Louis Sherman. Mr. Sherman was a retired concert violinist, who was a generous benefactor of a number of local arts groups. He became a member of Kolot Mayim very late in his long life, and found his association with us to be very meaningful and gratifying. Sadly, he died several years after he became a member. However, shortly before his passing he donated a significant sum of money to the Congregation, with the expressed intent that his generous gift be used to purchase a Torah. This purchase was carried out shortly thereafter. It is a lasting testimonial to Mr. Sherman's generosity.

In 2004 Caroline and Martin Hergt created the Louis Sherman Award to honour his memory.

Come to the AGM on Wednesday July 15th at 7 pm at the JCCV, to see who this year's winner is!

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.

Chai

THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

CHAI FUND

Hank Peters, Joe Meyers (Campbell River)

MACHZOR

June Kadanoff

NEVE MICHAEL CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

Julie Elizabeth & Reva Hutkin,
Arlette Baker

CABARET

Jane Hastings and Jean Wilson



Deb Maiké, at our recent Cabaret, singing her heart out! Those who attended will agree that the evening was incredible! Such talent at our own little JCCV! Photo by Julie Elizabeth

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, regrettably, 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).

July-August 2015							Tammuz-Av-Elul 5775						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
			1 July 14 Tammuz CANADA DAY	2 15	K. Shabbat Service led by Julie Elizabeth	3 16 Balak							
5 18	6 19	7 20	8 21	9 22	10 23 NO KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE	11 24 Pinchas							
12 25	13 26	14 27	15 28	16 29	Rosh Chodesh 7:30 pm K. Shabbat Service led Julie Elizabeth	17 30 Matot-Massei							
19 3	20 4	21 5	22 6	23 7	NO KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE	24 8 Devarim							
26 10	27 11	28 12	29 13	30 14	NO KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE Vaetchanan	31 15 3rd Ann. 1 Aug. KM Family Fun Day & Pot Luck BBQ 4:00 pm on at Julie & Reva's							
2 17	3 18 BC DAY	4 19	5 20	6 21	K. Shabbat Service led by Julie Elizabeth	7 22 Eikev							
9 24	10 25	11 26	12 27	13 28	NO KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE	14 29 Re'eh							
16 1 Elul Rosh Chodesh	17 2	18 3	19 4	20 5	7:30 pm K. Shabbat Service led Morris Bleviss	21 6 Shoftim							
23 8	24 9	25 10	26 11	27 12	NO KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE	28 13 Ki Teitzei							
30 15	31 16												

Have a great summer,
everyone!



Hadassah-WIZO Summer Picnic

Please mark the date, Sunday, July 19
on your calendar now!

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO (CHW)
Victoria invites you to attend a
Summer Picnic on Sunday, July 19 from
noon to 3:00 pm at 6105 Castlerock
Road, Saanich. Bring a picnic lunch,
lawn chairs, blanket, etc. There will be
cookies and fruit juice boxes for sale,
sunshine clowns and fun games for your
entertainment.

Admission:

Family (2 adults + their children): \$12

Under 5 years: free

6 thru 15 years: \$2

16 years & over: \$5

Game & food tickets 25 cents each,
each child gets 1 game ticket with
admission

For further information contact
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Victoria - A Jewish Legacy



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Two Tours that Bring Victoria's Jewish History to Life

Every Thursday in June, July, August

1 pm Tour of Congregation Emanu-el

\$10 Free for children under 12

2 pm Leisurely 90 minute Walking Tour
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\$15 for Adults \$13 for Students/Seniors

\$2.00 discount for taking both tours

Meet at the synagogue 1461 Blanshard
Street (Corner of Blanshard and Pandora)
for both tours

For information or to book a private tour
please contact:

Synagogue tour: stories@maggidah.com

Walking tour: www.discoverthepast.com

Save the Date!

Coming Soon:

Victoria International Jewish Film Festival

*Vancouver Island's newest film festival
celebrating the Jewish experience through film.*
from

November 7-9, 2015

at the Cineplex Odeon theatre at Yates and Blanshard.

Celebrate five movies over three days with the Festival Pass.
(includes five movies plus the Opening Night Reception – a \$72. value!)

Adults: \$62! Seniors/Students: \$50!

Look to this space in the coming months for more details about the film titles.

For more details:

Single Tickets:

Adults: \$13 per film

Seniors/Students: \$10 per
film

Exception: \$20 for Opening

Email: victoriajewishfilmfestival@gmail.com

Phone: [250-208-8534](tel:250-208-8534)

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Sponsorship opportunities available.

To get involved as a volunteer or for
more information, please contact
Sandra Glass at s.glass@shaw.ca

Have we got a film for you!





Two Fundraisers Under Way.

Kolot Mayim has been approved to take part in the Thrifty Foods Smile Card Fundraising Program. We will receive an automatic 5% of the amount you load on your Smile Card – there is no cost to you.

Ask the cashier at Thrifty's to load any amount you wish onto your Smile Card **before** having your grocery order rung through. You can load your Smile Card with cash, debit card or credit card. When your card balance is running low, load it again to continue to support Kolot Mayim. It's that simple.

When using a credit card to load your Smile Card you will still get your credit card points and you will continue to get your AIR MILES reward miles. Remaining balances will be shown on your receipt after each purchase. Kolot Mayim's name will also appear with a thank you for your support.

The term of this fundraising programme expires next year on April 30th, 2016 at which point we can re-apply for an extension. Thrifty's allows us to receive \$1,000.00 annually which is paid to KM monthly by cheque.

As a hands-on test we have been using the Smile Card for a few weeks– it is super convenient with no signature or pin number required – it's a good feeling knowing that Kolot Mayim is benefitting with each time you visit Thrifty Foods.

You should have already received your Smile Card by mail. If not, then kindly let us know and we will arrange to have a card mailed to you. Your participation will be appreciated.

Social Action Fundraising Project: Neve Michael Children's Village in Israel

"At Neve Michael, our mission is to provide our children with daily sustenance, a warm, family atmosphere, the best education and therapeutic care, so that they can overcome their past traumas and develop into healthy and vibrant young men and women."

The children at Neve Michael range in age from six to teenagers and come from all walks of life — Jewish, Christian, Muslim — but the language is Hebrew. The Village provides a twenty-four hour Crisis Centre to receive children at risk, and offers family units supplying love and support, on-site elementary school, day care facilities for disadvantaged children in the area, therapy, counselling, and so much more. The children who end up here, come from the most horrific backgrounds. Some have witnessed one parent killing the other, have been sexually, physically or emotionally severely abused, or have run away from such homes and are living on the street. There is also a teenage (thirteen to eighteen) Girls' Crisis Centre. *"Every girl has her own story. Some express it in words, others can only convey their past traumas through the haunted looks in their eyes."*

Each "home" is fully equipped with full-sized kitchens, modern bathrooms, tv, computers, shared bedrooms, etc. Tsvia told us that with donations they buy Melmac dishes for all the houses, and that these are made in Canada.

Please send your donations to Kolot Mayim Reform Temple and earmark your cheque in the subject line with Neve Michael. Every dollar you give will be matched 100% by our Temple.

Reva Hutkin Fundraising Chair