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Photo by Deena Kinarthy



From Rabbi Moch

"The Story Continues: Haman Lives On"

Purim is almost here; it falls on March 12. This week, before Purim begins, I am asking all the members of Kolot Mayim to busy themselves, joining a friend and together making mishlo'ach manot (portions of Purim treats). I am asking you to bring those treats to share with each other on Friday, March 10, when we read the Megillah, Scroll of Esther. Then I am asking you to volunteer to return on March 12 to pick up remaining mishlo'ach manot and a delivery list of a few names of members and close friends of Kolot Mayim who did not attend the Friday before and deliver to those individual, plates of mishlo'ach manot to celebrate our past victory over evil. I am also asking you all to bring matanot la-evyonim, gifts for the less fortunate in the form of cheques to Kolot Mayim and marked "Matanot la-Evyonim," or non-perishable food gifts that will be part of our "Purim to Pesach Food Drive for the Hungry."

I wish I could say that would be enough for us to observe on this Purim, but there is also far more we must be prepared to do. This will be as important a Purim as I can remember to join with each other in reading again the story in Megilat Esther on Friday, March 10. The Megillah tells a familiar Jewish story of dark powers who wish to do away with the Jewish people. It may seem all too familiar a story to bother hearing again, but we find ourselves living in a year when anti-Semitism has begun rearing its ugly head in the biggest way I can remember in my lifetime.

One part of the story of Esther has particular importance for us to hear today: the lesson Esther learned from Mordechai about when one must speak up for one's self and one's people, and speak out against evil. Times of danger occasionally arise when we must stand up and speak out, even at great personal risk, because the risk of remaining silent is far greater. Mordechai was not the kind of person who wore his Jewish identity like a badge of honour. Remember, he originally instructed Esther to keep the fact that she was Jewish a secret. At the same time, Mordechai would never compromise his highest Jewish values. Under no circumstance would he bow down to the evil Haman and show the reverence and

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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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Rabbi, continued from page 1. devotion reserved for God. Once, however, Mordechai heard of the decree that the Jews would all be killed, he knew the time to speak up and to act had come. The Jewish people would need to stand up for themselves, beginning with his young cousin, Esther, residing in the royal palace and holding the fond attentions of the king.

When Mordechai sent word to Esther of the need to approach the king, Esther reacted in a defensive way, reminding Mordechai that she could not approach the king on her own, not having been summoned by him, without putting herself at mortal risk. Esther was clearly not ready to take that risk. She determined to do so only after Mordechai helped her realize that being in her privileged position would not ultimately protect her and that perhaps she had been put into this position – the inference being, by God – just to help her people through this difficult time. Convinced of the need and the urgency, Esther did not hesitate again. She risked going before the king and then carefully crafted the way in which she would prepare the king to hear her important plea for mercy.

We live in a time of great danger, not specifically to the Jewish people, at least not yet, but a time of danger to many people who live at the periphery of power, a time of danger to democracy and to freedom. The Haman of today is not hard to recognize in the guise of Stephen Bannon, the chief strategist of the new Presidential administration south of the border. He seems to be successfully manipulating the new buffoon king of America, Donald Trump, to finish a job already well underway to deconstruct democracy and American government by, for and of the people and it is happening before our very eyes.

This is a time to stand up and speak out and act to confront a great danger because it is a great danger to all, not just to Americans. Do not think that because you find yourselves north of the border, you will be safe from what is going down just to the south. And perhaps you find yourselves here so close to the United States just for the purpose of helping in ways that others further away could not. Be attentive to the danger arising and be ready to speak up and to act in defense of freedoms. Stand up for the need to respect minorities and give refuge to those in need. Demand that your Canadian leaders enter the king's presence with the purpose of convincing him to change an evil course he has been manipulated into taking by an evil counsel.

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Rabbi, continued from page 2.
May we together turn a time of
fear and danger into a time of
festivity and celebration.

! Have a happy Purim

Rabbi Shimon



Chai חיי

CHAI FUND

Wishing a **Speedy Recovery**
to **Joe Gougeon-Ryant** —
*Morris & Janna Bleviss, and
Julie Elizabeth & Reva Hutkin*

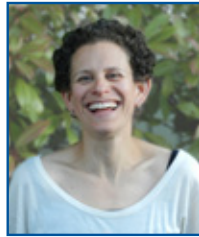
Condolences to **Lynn
Greenhough and Aaron
Devor** on the passing of
Harry Greenhough — *Julie
Elizabeth and Reva Hutkin*

In memory of **Marshall
Rotstein** — *Katrina
Hanevelt*

In support of **Temple
programming** — *Joel Fagan*

In memory of my parents,
Fernand & Renée Lévy —
Arlette Baker

*Donations may now be
made on our website via
PayPal and credit card.*



President's Message

Purim is almost here! Join us for a dramatic
megillah reading/Shabbt service on Friday, March
10th. Invite friends or family to Hamentaschen-
baking bees in your own homes and bring the
baked goodies to share at the Oneg, as well
as to be delivered on Sunday March 12 to congregants not in
attendance at the Service.

If you're feeling very spunky, come along with the kids of our
combined Hebrew School for a Purim Parade downtown on
Sunday morning, March 12th.

On the heels of a beautifully successful Tu b'Shevat seder, it
is already time to act on our upcoming Pesach Seder which is
Monday, April 10th (first night). Many hands are already busy
preparing and if you would like to be one of them please contact
me or any board member or the Temple number 250-704-2503.

And as always, give me a shout for any reason at all.

Katrina



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 week,
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!***

Celebrate פורים Purim with Kolot Mayim!!!!



What are you doing the week of March 5-10? Call a friend to join you and bake hamentaaschen and other goodies to share on Purim.

On Purim, Jews share with friends, tasty treats called *Mishlo'ach Manot*. We will deliver what you make to Kolot Mayim friends on Purim (March 12).



Friday, March 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

and

Purim Megillah Reading

Come in costume!

Bring the *Mishlo'ach Manot* — the goodies we will share for dessert with each other and deliver to others on Purim day, March 12th — you made.

Bring *Matanot La-Evyonim*. These are gifts for the poor (cheques or non-perishable food items for those who often go hungry).



Sunday, March 12th from 1:00 p.m. until

Help deliver the *Mishlo'ach Manot* to congregants and a few special friends. Join our ***Hamentaschen Chauffeur Corps*** by leaving a message that you will help at [250-704-2503](tel:250-704-2503).

Shabbat Services

**Kabbalat Shabbat &
Purim Celebration**
Led by Rabbi Shimon Moch
Come in costume!

7:30 p.m.

March 10th
with music by
Deena Kinarthy

& 24th
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.

March 4 (JE*), 11(M**), 18 (JE), 24 (M)

Parashiot to be Studied:

March 4: Terumah 11: Tertsaveh;
18: Ki Tisa; 25: Vayakhel
(JE* = led by Julie Elizabeth)
(M** = led by Rabbi Moch)

Shaharit Services

led by Rabbi Moch
11:30 a.m.

March 11th and 25th

**All events are at the JCCV,
3636 Shelbourne Street.**

Care and Concern

The Care and Concern Committee of Kolot Mayim wants to reach out and offer whatever we can when our community members are in difficult times. But often by the time I become aware of a member needing support they have already dealt with it and are "carrying on." If you know someone who is going through a "bad patch" or a full blown crisis, please let me know so I can find out what they need, hopefully fill that need, or put them in touch with someone that can. PLEASE..... *Deb Weiss*, Chair.
778-265-0533 or <dweiss1@shaw.ca>

Roving Family Shabbat Dinner

7:00 pm

Friday March 17th

at the home of

Leah & Elinor Kinarthy

RSVP to 250-382-2433

or <lkinarthy@gmail.com>



Hamentaschen-Baking Party



Saturday March 4th
12 Noon

Please call to RSVP or for directions.
250-382-2433 or leahk@shaw.ca



Flour and eggs for the dough will be provided.
Please bring your own favourite fillings.

Those we remember ...
March 2017
Shevat-Adar 5777

Names will be read on March 10-11th

Marshall Rotstein
Sidney Devor
Martha Greenfield
Marvin Rochweg
Cassie Ostrov
Sonia Rawicki Agulnik
Harry Agulnik
Annie Marks

Names will be read on March 24-25th

Rita Barwin
Maurice Ryant
Saul Holiff
Selig Weiss

*May their memory
be for a blessing.*

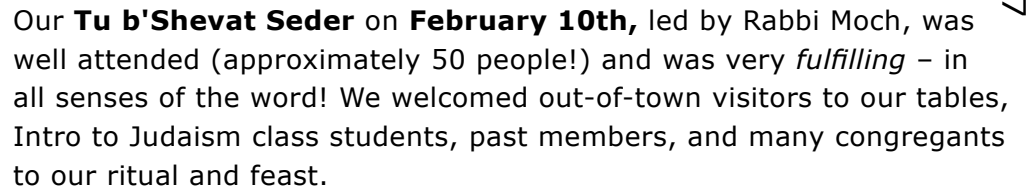
The Victoria and Vancouver Island Jewish Burial Society

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).



it was; Arlette Baker, Dorothy Torontow, Neomi Summers and Rabbi Moch, who provided the various fruits and nuts – some very exotic – needed to commemorate the holiday; and the many members who helped set up and clean up, and who cooked and brought delicious dishes to share: Arlette Baker, Sequoia Springfield, Janna Bleviss, Les Halpert (sadly Susan wasn't able to attend, and we missed her), Caroline Hergt, Leah Kinarchy (just back from Israel and still jetlagged), Susan Abrill, Aaron Banfield, Alain Turbide, and Richard Weiss. My apologies if I've missed anyone.





My Journey Back to Zion

By Deena Kinarthy

It has been nearly 10 years since the last time I was in Israel. The last time I was there, I was 24 years old and fresh out of university, touring the country with a group of 20 other 20-somethings from all over Canada via Taglit Birthright. Now, a decade later, I have returned to the prodigal homeland, with a different mindset and perspective. My future husband (the love-of-my-life) and I journeyed to the holy land together for an adventure vacation and to meet a great branch of my family that dates back several generations.

A couple summers ago, the two of us ventured to his home province, the magical rural PEI, and I met all his lovely family and experienced the vibrant Maritime culture in which he was raised. It seemed only fitting that our next big adventure together would be to the country where half my family and generations of paternal lineage originate from. Our clan goes back many generations, to the first settlers of then-Palestine, in the early 1900s. I think my great grandfather was the first mayor of Petah Tikvah. There's a couple of streets named after us. My father has told me many colorful stories about the boulevards of Tel Aviv where he wandered as a boy.

Before departing on our long 10+ hour flight from Victoria to Toronto, to Tel Aviv, I was somewhat apprehensive. Not for myself, but for my partner. Will my non-Jewish boyfriend be accepted into the family? Will he be overwhelmed with culture-shock? I mean, this was actually my third time visiting Israel, but his first time outside of North America.

To my delight, my partner fit right in. We spent most of our time based in Tel Aviv, a vibrant cosmopolitan port city, which he said kind of reminded him a bit of New York. Staying with my parents in a quaint and quirky part of the old section of the city, we were set up in a two bedroom apartment near the Chukka Carmel market. Every day, we would wake up, and just around the corner, spend our mornings in a lovely café, where we ordered Shakshuka and cappuccinos, with a side of salad, tahini, and challah bread. We would venture into the crowded market as well, by foot, browsing the displays of exotic fruits, pastries, nuts and dates, dangling jewelry, and handcrafted art.



If anyone is planning a trip to Israel, I would recommend going in the off-season in the wintertime. The weather was mild, the average temperature settling at 20 degrees Celsius, a far better climate than the snowy, blizzardy weather back in Canada in January.

We were able to sightsee and tour around the country a bit too. One of the highlights of our trip was climbing up Masada just before sunrise, and perching atop the ancient fortress, overlooking the Dead Sea, just as the bright sun began to rise up through the clouds. I will never forget that picture perfect image in my mind.

Another highlight of our trip, was a private day tour we took to Jerusalem. Our tour guide, Ori, was very knowledgeable, and guided



The Western Wall

My Journey, continued from page 9. us through the very narrow pathways of the old city, inside the Jewish and Armenian quarters. We ended up stopping for a breath at the Wall, where I wrote a prayer or wish on a tiny piece of paper and placed it between the cracks of ancient stone. One cannot help but stand in awe of the history of that place in all its glory.

On one of our last few days in the country, we made sure to visit my great aunt Tamara, the eldest member of our clan, and the last of the old generation. Tamara is 90 years of age, and a true sabra.

She is a kind but tough lady. In fact, she used to be the secretary to Prime Minister Begin. Tamara can read people; she is a straight shooter and doesn't mince words. Right away, after introducing my partner, she said to him, "I like you. Welcome to the family." Religion doesn't matter to her, but if you are a good person, that's what counts. At that moment, all my apprehension melted away. In true *dugree** fashion, my great aunt added, "So, I am getting old. You must hurry the wedding so I can attend!" We all laughed, wholeheartedly.

So, that sums up my journey back to Israel this time around. Hopefully, it won't be another 10 years before we return again!

Shalom! Deena 



Temple in Jerusalem



Deena with Jaffa Tree



Deena at Ein Gedi



Deena atop Masada



Deena at Sunrise



Deena in Nature Tunnel, Ein Gedi


****dugree*: an Israeli word for straightforward or honest.**

The Secret Book of Grazia dei Rossi

by Jacqueline Park

There are so many Jewish historical novels being published today, that I am finding no shortage of delicious books to read! After Rashi's Daughters, and Rav Hisda's Daughter, I have now finished the first book of two, about a Jewish woman who lived in Renaissance Italy.

To quote the back cover blurb: " [It] is a sweeping tale of intrigue and romance set in a time rife with court politics, papal chicanery, religious intolerance, and inviolable social rules. Grazia, private secretary to the world-renowned Isabella d'Este, is the daughter of an eminent Jewish banker, the wife of the pope's Jewish physician, and the lover of a Christian prince. In a "secret book," written as a legacy for her son, she records her struggles to choose between the seduction of the Christian world and a return to the family, traditions, and duties of her Jewish roots. As she re-creates Renaissance Italy in captivating detail, Jacqueline Park gives us a timeless portrait of a brave and brilliant woman trapped in an unforgiving, inflexible society."

I highly recommend this book; it's a really good read. — Julie Elizabeth 



Israeli Salad

Israeli chopped salad is a staple throughout Israel and the Middle East. It's hard to find a home that doesn't serve their own version: chopped in large chunks, or diced very fine; some add an array of herbs like cilantro and mint, and some keep it simple with just parsley or no herbs at all.

Our version is simple, fresh and is even more perfect when the vegetables are in season and local. But have fun, and add your own twist.

Other ways to enjoy Israeli salad:

Israeli salad ceviche; Israeli salad with chickpeas, feta and mint

INGREDIENTS

2 plum tomatoes, seeds removed and diced
1 bell pepper, diced
1/2 English cucumber, diced
juice of one lemon
1/4 cup chopped parsley
2-3 Tbsp olive oil
salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

Add all vegetables to a large bowl.
Toss with parsley, lemon juice, olive oil and salt and pepper. — from The Noshers at thejewishvoice.com

PURIM

Saturday
March 11TH/
Sunday
March 12th

B r i n g
Hamentaschen
to share and
distribute, to
the Friday night
Service and
Megillah Reading.
Deliver them to
members and
friends on Sunday
afternoon.

More Info on page 4.

ROSH CHODESH

NISSAN
TUESDAY
MARCH 28TH

*All our
Kabbalat
Shabbat
Services
feature music.*



MARCH
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CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

LED BY RABBI SHIMON MOCH

FRIDAY MARCH 10TH

Celebrate Purim!
Come in Costume!
Read the Megillah!

7:30 pm
with music by
Deena Kinarthy

FRIDAY MARCH 24TH

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, March 11th & 25th
Led by Julie Elizabeth, March 4th & 18th

PARASHYOT

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