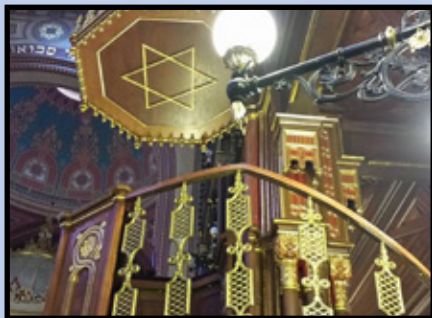




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Great Synagogue in Budapest  
Photo by Aiden Carrie



## From Rabbi Moch

### "If not now, when? And if not me, Who?"

In our summer wanderings we might just want to review the wandering 40 years our people spent in the wilderness while preparing to enter the promised land. During that time, the Israelites bore with them the mortal remains of Joseph, ultimately to be buried in Shechem. Because of their contact with the dead, those Israelites who volunteered to carry Joseph's body became ritually tamei (spiritually at risk and unfit to participate in community events). They asked Moses who consulted God about the fact that these volunteers would be unfit to celebrate and eat of the Pesach sacrifice with the community. God responded by giving people who could not celebrate Pesach with the community for whatever reason a chance to do so a month later at Pesach Sheini, the Second Pesach.

Those who participated in this obligation asked of the people by Joseph, knew that being ritually tamei meant that they would not be able to participate in the approaching community rituals of Pesach. What they did stands out as a shining example for us. They came forward to do a job despite the disability that it imposed upon them of rendering them tamei. They eagerly took up an unwelcome task that needed to be done. And lest we assume that volunteering gave them an excuse to get out of a big family and community religious obligation they may have dreaded, take note that they themselves came forward and asked Moses to help them somehow fulfill their Pesach obligations as well. They could have satisfied themselves and the community with the excuse that they were busy performing another mitzvah and spiritually unable to participate.

People who have every opportunity to be free of responsibility and willfully choose to actively seek obligation indeed deserve an honorable mention.

We all know how to make excuses: It's too hot, too far, too expensive, too difficult etc, etc... Too often we take the path of least resistance. "I'd love to learn more Torah but it's such a schlepp to participate" or "living in a small city on an island is much more challenging than were we on the mainland."

## 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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## The Voice Newsletter

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A wise person once said -  
"The difference between a success and a failure is that a failure makes excuses and a success makes a plan!"

The need for people to step forward remains important in every community, large or small, but in smaller communities like ours, when even one person fails to step forward and take up part of the task, with no one else to take it up, something important gets left behind in our spiritual travels.

We recently honoured many fine men and women who have taken up the multitude of tasks that make our community strong. Still there are some tasks that were not taken up by enough people who wanted to see them through to completion, and important parts of our spiritual tasks were largely left by the roadside. I am specifically referring to our Religious Practices and Religious Celebrations committees and to our Social Action Committee. Please call Katrina and let her know that you will be part of the Religious Practices Committee or willing to work on Community Holiday Celebrations and other major programmes we might undertake. Or call Reva Hutkin and tell her you will join her in identifying at least one important social action project for our community and tell her you will make that programme happen.

It is not just the communal tasks we have to concern ourselves with, but with all of our spiritual functioning, as communities and as families. I remember a member of the congregation I served in Springfield, Illinois, who told me one very cold and snowy Friday night that she never forgot what her parents taught her. "Friday night is our night to go to Synagogue. It doesn't matter if we are tired from a long work-week or if it is miserable weather outside, we get ourselves into a Shabbat frame of mind and head for Shabbat Services."

Forget about looking for excuses or opting for the easy way out. Learn the lesson taught by those men in the wilderness who could have had every excuse in the book and yet happily chose to look for a new mitzvah and to share in the religious life of their community.

*Rabbi Shimon*

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your Thrifty's Smile Card.**



## President's Message

I don't know about you, but I am ready for summer. Some warmer weather, more time outside, and a slower pace. For those of us who enjoy coming to services as often as possible, that might be a bummer. We have always gone down in frequency over the summer months. With our first Friday in July falling on Canada Day, we've opted for only one service this month, and it will not be the traditional format. On July 15 we will be showing a movie, followed by discussion, and including Kiddush and Kaddish. If you will be in town that week, I certainly hope to see you there. As was decided at the AGM in June, we will be changing over to services the second and fourth weeks of the month beginning in August. Those services, (August 12 and 26) will be led by our wonderful Sheliach Tzibur, Julie Elizabeth.

Speaking of the AGM, I want to thank all the members who turned out for it, and to properly acknowledge our outgoing Board and those noble enough to fill their shoes. **Caroline Hergt** has had many roles in the congregation since being one of the founding members, but has been a diligent and reliable Secretary for the last 2 years. She leaves the Board now to spend time with her new grandbaby, among other pursuits, and will be profoundly missed. We welcome **Susan Abrill** onto the Board as Membership Chair. Susan brings with her a wealth of worldly experience, an artist's flair as well as her bubbly personality and wonderful sense of humour. The always equanimous **Aaron Banfield** has stepped out of his role as Membership Chair, and has taken over from Caroline as Secretary. **Morris Bleviss**, **Richard Weiss** and I will continue on as Treasurer, Vice President, and President, respectively.

Everyone enjoy your summer!

*Katriona*

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*Thank you  
to our Kolot Mayim family  
for rejoicing with us  
in the safe arrival of baby Cohen.  
We are most grateful for all your good wishes and mazel tovs!  
the Hergt family*

## 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.

## Presenting ... Kolot Mayim's 2016-2017 Board of Directors

- § **President** - Katrina Hanevelt
- § **Vice President** - Richard Weiss
- § **Treasurer** - Morris Bleviss
- § **Secretary** - Aaron Banfield
- § **Membership** - Susan Abrill
- § **Religious School** - Lynne Marks

*For the size of our congregation a smaller Board is acceptable, and so some members have offered to chair committees that would not require membership on the Board:*

- § **Communications and Temple Activities Co-ordinator** - Leah Kinarthy
- § **Care and Concern** - Deb Weiss
- § **Social Action** - Reva Hutkin
- § **Religious Affairs** - vacant, please consider volunteering for this position

## Care and Concern Committee

I am pleased to take on the position of the Care and Concern Chairperson for Kolot Mayim. Because I am relatively new to the congregation and do not know many of the members yet, I would appreciate your assistance. If you hear of someone within the congregation who is in need of support or could use a caring gesture, would you please let me know. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Caroline Hergt, who will be my "substitute" when I am out of town.

**Deb Weiss** 778-265-0533  
or text 403-827-0533

**Caroline Hergt** 250-477-0292

## Those we remember ...

**Summer 2016  
Sivan-Tammuz-Av 5776**

### July 15th

Gertie Cohen  
Marion Edith Kirk  
Doris Sandell  
Bunny Harrison  
Barb Burney  
Arthur Blakely  
Dorothy Hale Blakely  
David Lazarus Shalinsky  
Nathan Ryant  
Leah Yacowar  
Esther Auerbach  
Les Young

### August 12th

Isla Rose Marie Hergt  
Ian Taylor  
Clifford Eric Shalionsky  
Jack Leshner  
Audrey Conlin  
Barry Goodman  
Fay Finestone  
Stephen Katz  
Mary Hutkin  
Len Jaffe  
Roseline Van Wilde Rode

### August 26th

Esther Kinarthy  
Gwen Fogel  
Art Bleviss  
Louis Ostrov

*May their memory  
be for a blessing.*

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



## Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Led by Julie Elizabeth

August 12th & 26th

*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 11:00 a.m.

August 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

#### Parashyot to be Studied:

August 6: Devarim; 13: Va'ethannan;  
20: Ekev; 27: Re-eh

All events are at the JCCV,  
3636 Shelboure Street.

**Everyone is welcome.**



Last year's recipient, Morris Bleviss, presenting the Louis Sherman Award to stalwart Katrina

## 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.

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**משכן הנפש**  
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Machzor for the Days of Awe



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## JULY SHABBAT VEGETARIAN POT LUCK DINNER

WITH SHABBAT CANDLES, CHALLAH AND KIDDUSH WINE.

**6 PM**  
**FRIDAY JULY 15TH**  
AT THE JCCV.

FOLLOWED BY A SHOWING OF THE HALLMARK FILM,

***LOVING LEAH,***

a sweet movie that presents a journey from religious to observant and a return to Judaism from secular all inspired by love! Well researched and a sensitive portrayal of both Jewish perspectives.

FILM BEGINS AT 7 PM AND ENDS AT 8:45,  
WITH A SHORT DISCUSSION AFTERWARDS.

***EVERYONE WELCOME.***



## ***Summer is BBQ time!***

The congregation is invited to  
a potluck BBQ  
at  
***A PRIVATE MEMBERS' HOME***  
on  
***SATURDAY AUGUST 6TH***  
beginning at  
***6:00 pm***

Beef & veggie hotdogs, and turkey/lamb burgers will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Live music, singing, and Havdallah as the sun sets. The home address will be sent by email in July. Contact 250-704-2503/km@kolotmayimreformtemple.com.





## Spielberg's Upcoming Film is on this Jewish 6-year-old Kidnapped by the Church and Raised by the Pope

By Tamar Fox

One day in June of 1858, a policeman arrived at the home of Momolo and Marianna Mortara in Bologna, Italy, to take away their six-year-old son, Edgardo. The Mortaras were Jewish, but years before their Catholic maid had secretly baptized Edgardo when he was very sick, and she thought he would die.

At the time, Catholic law said that Christian children couldn't be raised by parents who weren't Christians, and should thus be removed from their families. And when the Bologna Inquisitor (i.e. the official whose job it was to eliminate heresy) heard about it, he decided to enforce the rule. Little Edgardo Mortara was taken from his family, and sent immediately to the House of Catechumens in Rome, a boarding school/jail for new Jewish converts. According to historian David Kertzer's fascinating book on the topic, his father was said to have followed the police down the stairs, and then fainted.

The Mortaras brought media attention to their appeal for family reunification from all over Europe and the United States. Christians claimed Edgardo was instantly a devout Christian, dedicated to converting the Jews, while the Mortara family told of a terrified and traumatized boy, who clung to his family at visits. Edgardo was brought up by Pope Pius IX himself, and eventually became a priest. He retained a relationship with his family, but no longer considered himself a Jew. At least, not publicly.

Though perhaps Steven Spielberg's upcoming film on the case will shed some light on how the boy experienced the matter. <[TheJewniverse.com](http://TheJewniverse.com)>

### 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), or Jack Shalinsky (250 477-1012).



Photo by Penny Tennenhouse

Our own **SANDY FAGAN** and others serve cake at **OUR PLACE**.

The homeless shelter is asking for donations of men's shoes, and any new or gently used art supplies, especially wood carving tools, sitting unused in a closet. Many of their family members are very talented artists but lack the supplies to create their projects. Please drop off your art supplies at Reception at Our Place 919 Pandora Avenue. There are also opportunities for community artists to share their knowledge with budding young artists at Choices, interested in developing new skills. Phone **Patricia** for program volunteer opportunities **250-388-7112 ,ext. 263**.



## KOLOT MAYIM

### 5TH

## ANNUAL FAMILY BBQ

**Saturday August 6th**

**at 6:00 pm**  
**at a**  
**private members' home.**

Beef & veggie hot dogs,  
and turkey/lamb burgers  
will be provided. Please  
bring a dish to share.

**Music, singing, &  
Havdallah.**

Call the Temple (250-  
704-2503) or email [km@](mailto:km@kolotmayimreformtemple.com)  
[kolotmayimreformtemple.](mailto:kolotmayimreformtemple.com)  
com for info. Address will  
be emailed in July.

## ROSH CHODESH

### TAMMUZ

**Thursday July 7th**

### Av

**Friday August 5th**

*All our  
Kabbalat  
Shabbat  
Services  
feature music.*



## CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

**JULY-AUGUST 2016/5776**

**NO KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE ON**  
**CANADA DAY, JULY 1ST.**

### FRIDAY JULY 15TH

6:00 pm

Shabbat Vegetarian Pot Luck dinner  
including Candles, Challah and Kiddush wine,  
followed by the film, Loving Leah,  
at 7 pm until 8:45, and a  
discussion afterwards.

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

led by Julie Elizabeth

7:30 pm at JCCV

**Friday August 12th and 26th**

### TORAH STUDY

No Torah Study July 2nd or 9th

Every Saturday at 11 a.m.

at the JCCV

Led by Leah Kinarthy July 16, 23, & 30  
and Julie Elizabeth for the rest of the summer

**Parashyot:** July 16: Balak; 23: Pinehas; 30: Mattot-  
Masei; August 6: Devarim; 13: Va'ethannan; 20:  
Ekev; 27: Re-eh

### ROVING SHABBAT POT LUCK DINNERS

**Fridays July 29th & August 26th @ 7 p.m.**

Check the Weekly Updates for location