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From Rabbi Moch

We just observed the fast day of Tish'a Be-Av that remembers the destruction of the first and second Temples in Jerusalem and many other terrible events in Jewish history that happened

in the Hebrew month of Av. Think about times in your personal life when you felt the center of your life had been ripped away from you and you had no idea how to continue, yet you did.

Think about and consider what strength you were able to draw upon to help you through those difficult times. Find a friend to share that with and ask him or her that same question and to share with you what strength came to his or her aid.

Sometime simply by listening and sometimes by sharing our own perspective, we can offer saving strength to others. I recall some years ago trying to be a comforting presence to a family whose hope had been crushed by a tragic accident. Their 25-year-old son, was boating with friends in shallow water in Tampa Bay. The son decided to go for a swim and dove in head first not realizing how shallow the water was. The boy who represented all their dreams for the future was paralyzed from the neck down. It was too early to tell if he would regain any control of his extremities. I shared with the bereft parents a passage from the prophet Isaiah (40:28-31). It is a messages of consolation and hope after tragedy that Isaiah preaches.

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Eternal, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not weary or tire. God's understanding is inscrutable. God gives strength to the weary and to those who lack might God increase power. Youths may grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble and fall, yet those who wait for the Eternal will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary, they will walk and grow faint."

The family wrote out the last verse and taped it up on their son's hospital room wall where he would read it every day. They and their son received much strength from that verse; it gave them renewed hope in the possibility that he would one day walk and run again. They prayed that he would one day be able to walk

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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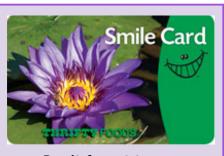
physically. They also prayed that if that would not be the case, that their son would walk again in terms of the achievements he would one day accomplish, even were he to remain physically paralyzed.

When hope seems distant to any of us, let us remember Isaiah's words and find renewed strength and vigor to live life fully in the moment, cognizant of present blessings and future potential and of the strength we can help others find when their own strength fails them.

I wish all my Victoria and Vancouver Island friends strength to live in the moment and enjoy every one of God's bountiful blessings. Those who are most afflicted may be the same ones who appreciate each blessing all the more.

From sunny and sometime rainy and always sweaty Suriname,

Rabbí Shímon Moch



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Now would be an excellent time to remember that special soneone with a memorial donation of a set of machzorim to the Temple. As well, purchasing a set for your home would allow you to experience personal time thinking about the manv excellent meditations and learnings they contain. These machzorim offer SO much more than we can possibly cover in our worship services.

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President's Message

Wow! September already and High Holidays are just around the corner! Our summer may have seemed slow, but the new Board has been busy getting its feet wet and strategizing for the coming year and beyond.

I want to point out where our focus is this year. The ever energetic and generous Leah Kinarthy, as our chair of Programming, has been cooking up some new, attractive activities that we hope will attract broad participation and bring in more energy. And beyond that, we are looking at getting back to our roots – at how we can build deeper relationships with each other and enable congregants to apply Jewish tradition and wisdom to their own personal challenges.

In short, we want to assure that we all have a nurturing community to come to in difficult times *and* times of joy. Personally, I have always felt that here. I have felt that deeply, and cherish it enough to spend my time doing this work. If you have not felt that recently, I invite you to come have a conversation with me, and we can see what we can do together to change that.

In the mean time, our Sheliach Tzibur, Julie Elizabeth, will be leading services this month with the lovely Marcelina Stanton providing our music. We've got Rabbi Leigh Lerner returning to us to lead our High Holiday services next month and our organizing wizzard, Lynn Greenhough, is busily assigning roles for that.

I look forward to interacting with each and every one of you soon.

L'Shalom

Katrina

The High Holidays are coming!

The Holidays are late this year. Don't forget to purchase your ticket **OR** renew your membership.

Once again, we will welcome Rabbi Emeritus, Leigh Lerner, from Montreal, to lead us in all services, using our new, user-friendly and totally inspiring chumashim, Mishkan Hanefesh.

Plan to attend an inspiring **Selichot Service** at the JCCV, beginning at **8 pm on Saturday October 1st**, where in addition to the ritual, Rabbi Lerner will lead/teach a **Mussar** lesson on Gratitude. It promises to be a very inspiring evening.

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.



Gaby & 'friend' at Chan HaShayarot

Israel the 9th Time Around by Gaby Hergt

I recently returned to Toronto from my 9th Birthright-Israel trip. A common question I am asked each time is "Don't you get tired of the same trip over and over?" Sure, doing the same thing 9 times in a row could get tiresome, but these trips are vastly different each time, depending on the participants and the staff. However, there are a few key aspects of this recent trip that made it so special for me.

For the first time, I knew a participant well before going on the trip. He lives in Toronto and we met at a Shabbat dinner. When he said he

was about to age out of Birthright, I couldn't let that happen! It was just a coincidence that he ended

up in my group. Knowing his

personality and his demeanour prior to the trip allowed me to fully understand the dramatic affect that Birthright can have on each participant during and after the program. It really reminded me how special and necessary having Birthright is.

Having the opportunity to co-staff with Izzy Ezagui, an IDF vet, was also a life changing experience. The passion he displayed for Israel was infectious to each of our participants, and even myself!

I don't think I've ever had such an incredible group of participants before. They showed so much respect for their peers and the staff, it made the trip a breeze and an absolute pleasure. This group makes me wonder how I ever lived the last 25 years of my life without them! Those of us who extended couldn't



Gaby imitating 'Ben Gurion' at a Tel Aviv Beach

stay away from each other; we spent our days on the beach and our nights in the bars. As the time came to depart, we had the best plane ride I've ever experienced leaving Israel. With so many amazing people by my side, it was the only time I didn't cry! Also, trip #10 is just around the corner.

Registration for Winter Birthright opens on September 12, but you can always pre-register for this and upcoming seasons through https://register.birthrightisrael.com/

Mort Fromson's Bagel Balagan

Sunday, September 25th from 2-5 pm at the JCCV! Knead, Bake and then Eat the best bagels ever! Nonmembers \$25, members \$10 at the door. Register at km@ kolotmayimreformtemple.com - Space is limited!



Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Led by Julie Elizabeth September 9th with music by Nehamashira & Greg Davidson & 23rd with music by Marcelina

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.

September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th.

Parashyot to be Studied:

September 3rd: Re-eh; 10th: Shofetim; 17th: Ki Tetze; 24th: Ki Tavo

> All events are at the JCCV, 3636 Shelboure Street.

Everyone is welcome.

Roving Family Shabbat Dinner

7:00 pm Friday September 16th at the home of Susan Abrill

3930 Dawe Road (at Arbutus)

RSVP: 250-532-3982/srussek@uvic.ca

Everyone welcome!



PLEASE NOTE

Beginning in September

our Kabbalat Shabbat Services

will now take place

on the

2nd and 4th Fridays monthly

Also, Torah Study

will now take place at 10:30 a.m. weekly

with our Torah Service following it

beginning in **November**

when Rabbi Moch returns.

The Jewish Community Choir of

Victoria welcomes singers in all voice ranges. While there is no strict audition process, prospective members are invited to an Open House for a chance to sing with the existing group and find the best section fit. The Jewish Community Choir of Victoria's Open House takes place on Monday, September 12, 7:00 pm at Congregation Emanu-el Synagogue, 1461 Blanshard Street (main door) Victoria.

Regular choir rehearsals begin on Tuesday evenings starting in late October. For further information on the Jewish Community Choir, please email Carol at <casjazz@islandnet. com> or phone her at 250-385-3378.

This intimate vocal ensemble includes inter-faithmembers but sings music from a stunning array of Jewish sources from different times and places including traditional and new synagogue music, Yiddish folk and theatre selections, Israeli folk and pop music, Judeo-Spanish or Sephardic tunes, Broadway and Standards and songs by Jewish composers such as Gershwin, Leonard Cohen etc.. Although the choir performs songs in English, Hebrew, Aramaic, Yiddish and Ladino, all songs are learned as transliterated English syllables.



Schedule of Services for the High Holydays I'Shanah Tovah U'metukah!

All services will be at the Jewish Community Centre of Victoria, 336 Shelbourne Street at Cedar Hill X Road, unless otherwise noted. Childminding will be provided on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings.

Selichot

8:00 pm on Saturday October 1st

Erev Rosh Hashanah

7:00 pm, on Sunday October 2nd

Rosh Hashana

Monday October 3rd 9:15 am - Children's Service 10:00 am - Adult Service

Taschlich

1:30 pm at Gyro Park Beach

Erev Yom Kippur /Kol Nidrei

7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 11th

Yom Kippur

9:15 am - Children's Service 10:00 am - Adult Worship on Wednesday, October 12th

Yom Kippur Study Session 3:00 pm

Afternoon Service

3:30 pm

Yizkor and Neilah Concluding Service

5 pm



We are very happy, this year, to have Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom in Montreal, Leigh Lerner, to lead our High Holyday Services. Rabbi Lerner was born in Minneapolis and was ordained in 1972 from Hebrew Union College. His first pulpit as in his home town where he was instrumental in renewing Black-Jewish dialogue. In 1989, he was appointed Senior Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El-Beth

Sholom in Montreal, where he quickly immersed himself in Canadian culture. He has served on many Jewish and secular Boards in that city, creating a Canada French/English/Hebrew siddur, expanded Shiva services including to two complexes for the frail and elderly. He also urged and succeeded in changing Temple By-Laws to open doors wide to the LGBT community, was a strong advocate on the Temple Committee against Human Trafficking. Rabbi Lerner truly lives Tikkun Olam, and we welcome him with open arms.

A communal Vegetarian Pot Luck Break-the-Fast will be held at 7 pm on Yom Kippur Evening. Please call the Temple at 250-704-2503 for location details.

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 There is a small dear. 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).

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Transforming lives begins with something as simple as a friendly smile and a non-judgmental ear.

Our Place, Victoria's innercity community centre serving our most vulnerable: working

poor, impoverished elderly, mentally and physically challenged, addicted and the homeless, needs volunteers.

They have several areas where you can help out including meals (preparation, serving, and cleanup), Personal Care, Health & Wellness, Administration, and Driving. All volunteers will receive

a orientation. Our own Sandy Fagan and Ann Gougeon-Ryant are regulars in the kitchen, helping with the monthly birthday parties.

You, too, can help! Contact Manager of Volunteers at 250-388-7112 ext. 243 or volunteermgr@ ourplacesociety.com



Rose



Safe Travels ??? by Joe Gougeon-Ryant

When Julie asked me to write about our recent travels, my first inclination was to turn down the invitation. After all, many in our congregation have been lucky enough to have enjoyed splendid holidays; what was there about ours that deserved special attention?

On reflection, I have changed my mind. We went through airport security in four places ---- Victoria, Vancouver, London Heathrow (twice) and Barcelona. It was never a pleasant experience and I often thought about the cruel circumstances that so encumber our desire to travel. I found myself wondering about the billions of dollars of expenditure forced upon us by a likely small number of terrorists who wish us harm. Continued on page 8.

Safe Travels??? continued from page 7. But, we were only 50 km away from Nice on Bastille Day when a radicalized, and likely mentally ill, truck driver mowed down and killed 84 innocent holidayers and injured hundreds more. So much for minimizing risks.

The need for security arrangements, as fraught as they are with complications, expense and inconvenience have convinced me that to travel on holidays these days is indeed an act of faith, faith that disaster won't befall us and that the delays and intrusive inspections are worth the trouble.

Fortunately, in the case of Ann and me, it didn't and they were.

Hello & thank you in advance for your consideration!

We're searching the world over for the right child (to portray a Jewish Italian boy at age 6; no accent necessary) for an incredible role in a Steven Spielberg film! The boy is probably not an actor yet (no experience necessary) -- so if you know of a boy within your community/organization/family/circle of friends who seems a good fit -- please advise or FWD this email. You're welcome to distribute this email far & wide!

Please reply to this email, so I know it reached you properly. Please advise if there is a more direct person, email &/or phone number in which to reach your organization. Or if you have other referrals, let us know. Thank you!

Recap: ROLE "EDGARDO" — BOY age 6-8 (to play 6). This is a unique and very challenging part for a truly special boy. The story deals with the complexity of an extremely intelligent and gifted child>s situation – his desire to return to his family & the faith of his ancestors, pitted against his ability to learn the Catechism & engage with the Pope on a level far beyond his years. HE SHOULD APPEAR TO BE A JEWISH ITALIAN child. We are not looking for any kind of Italian accent. LEAD.

STORY LINE "The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara»— Steven Spielberg is making a film about the true story of EDGARDO MORTARA, a 6 yr old Jewish boy from Bologna who was reported to

have been secretly baptized by a maid & was deemed by the Catholic church therefore to be Christian. Pope Pius IX (to be played by Mark Rylance) decreed the boy could not remain w/his Jewish family. He was seized by the Papal State & taken to the Vatican where his indoctrination into Catholicism began. This was a cause célèbre of mid-nineteenth century European politics & the domestic and international outrage against the pontifical state's actions may have contributed to its downfall amid the unification of Italy. This is an incredible story of real historical relevance. NOTE: Several CD's are covering this project, per overall CD Ellen Lewis/Nina Gold. We're all on the same team! If you've already auditioned for this role, it's not necessary to resubmit.

SUBMIT -- All submissions should go through our casting website: https://www.castittalent.com/
TKOEM PLEASE FOLLOW STEPS 1 - 5 ON WEBSITE! Many people are not following directions, so please read thoroughly, preferably via a computer & not just via cell phone. Step #2 is very important! It's where you enter your email, so you can receive watermarked SIDES (scene) & other pertinent info! The video clip you send should be him reading the sides (scene), slate & introduction -- ALL EXPLAINED in document you'll receive via the site, once you enter your email. Please do not send other clips or acting reels.

DEADLINE — Deadline: ASAP or by 9/20 (check for possible extensions; no guarantees!).

Again, all this (& more!) is all explained in full in the directions on website!

Good luck & all the best! Anna, Casting Assistant, on behalf of Debbie DeLisi & Adam DeLisi

Those we remember ...

September 2016 Av-Elul 5776

Raoul Auerbach Father of Julie Elizabeth September 1
Katie Friedman Grandmother of Richard Weiss September 1
Sam Duchin Grandfather of Marla Yacowar September 1
Ron Finestone Brother of Serena Stone September 1
Donald Soutiere Uncle of Rennie Parrish September 1

Bob Kadanoff Husband of June Kadanoff Observed September 2, 2016

Jerome Grief Father of Eric Grief September 3

Louis Ostrov Father of Susan Sandell Observed September 3, 2016

Fay Leshner-Manna Sister-in-Law of Arline Leshner September 4

Esther Kinarthy Mother of Elior Kinarthy Observed September 6, 2016

Ken Lintott Cousin of Rennie Parrish September 8
Ida Halpert Mother-in-Law of Susan Halpert September 9

Michael Miller Cousin of Joe Gougeon-Ryant September 9

Meyer Sugarman Father of Sandy Fagan September 11 Rebekah Ann Robinson Cousin of Rennie Parrish September 11

Gerald Blackman Cousin of Caroline Hergt &

Genevieve Brandt September 12
Grandfather of Ian Aaron September 14

Nancy Shalinsky Mother of Jack Shalinsky Observed September 20, 2016

Mildred Lewis Sister of Alec Lewis September 21 Audrey May Lewis Mother of Alec Lewis September 28

Shoshanah Brandt Mother of Eric Brandt September 29, 2016 Lillian Quinn Mother of Susan Halpert September 29, 1985

The following September Yahrzeits will be observed on their Hebrew dates, which fall in October thsi year:

Betty Aaron, Grandmother of Ian Aaron, October 3, 2016 Arthur Greenfield, Father of Gerry Greenfield, October 12, 2016 Morris Aaron, Grandfather of Ian Aaron, October 12, 2016 Bella Bleviss, sister of Morris Bleviss, October 2, 2016

May their memory be for a blessing.

Carl Wagner

Shanghai's Little Vienna by John Blakely

If you are ever in Shanghai, you should consider spending a half-day or more in Little Vienna, the area where more than 20,000 Jewish refugees lived in the 1930s and during the Japanese occupation in the early 1940s. I was told that in the late 1930s, Shanghai was one of only two ports in the world that had an open door policy for Jewish refugees. Many arrived from Vienna, while some others made their way over land from Russia, via Siberia and Mongolia.



The Ohel Moshe Synagogue

The centre of today's Little Vienna is the Shanghai Jewish Refugees Museum, which was originally the Ohel Moshe Synagogue. The museum consists of: the restored Synagogue; some exhibits showing the arrival of the refugees, their daily living and challenges, and their departure after the end of the War; some audio-visual materials; an archive; and a wall on which the names of all of the refugee families were inscribed. The museum provides Englishlanguage tours, and since I was the only English

speaking guest on a very hot and muggy afternoon this past June, this means that I had a very knowledgeable and helpful tour guide to myself who was more than willing to answer my questions.

Nearby, you will find some buildings that bear some resemblance to structures that one might have found during this period in Vienna, although I found it difficult to imagine being anywhere near the real Vienna. But for me, the museum was the most interesting part of my visit.

I was left with the impression that life in Little Vienna was never easy and that the refugees were never really able to adjust to the climate, the food that was available (and often in short supply) and other challenges of daily living in Shanghai. At the same time, the museum exhibits left the impression of a vibrant and cohesive community that preserved and promoted its traditions and that was free from the persecution that they would have otherwise faced in Germany.

Of course, all of this changed with the Japanese occupation of Shanghai, and with the occupation force's order confining the refugees to the Little Vienna area. One of the stories I was told was that the Japanese occupiers demanded the names of all of the residents of Little Vienna, and that two young scribes responded by providing a list on which the names of all of the residents were deliberately misspelled.

I will conclude with two other anecdotes.

First, one of the exhibits consisted of a Chinese documentary film, which distinguished these stateless Jewish refugees from other foreigners in Shanghai in the years leading up to the creation of the Peoples Republic of China in 1949. In contrast with the evil and rich foreigners who lived 'on the top of the hill', the Jewish refugees lived among and in solidarity with 'the people' and thus deserved to be honoured and remembered.

Second, on the wall that listed the names of all of the refugee families, I noticed that the Marks family (Mordecovich) is among the families listed. Of course, Mordecovich is a very common name, and none of our family came from the Vienna area. But following the collapse of the Soviet

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Union, we did find a long-lost relative from Belarus who survived the Holocaust because he had been conscripted into the Soviet Red Army. Although it is exceedingly unlikely, perhaps we cannot entirely rule out the possibility that some other distant family member might also have escaped the Holocaust by travelling from Belarus overland to Shanghai. If I had more time and the language skills, I might have investigated this remote possibility further in the Museum's archive. Perhaps this will be a project for a future visit.



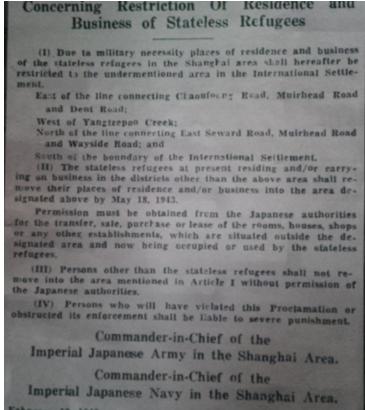
A plaque in Chinese, English and Hebrew



The Roy Roof Garden, built in 1928, the art deco restaurant was the largest place to avoid the summer heat in the Jewish isolated zone during World War II.



A brief history of Little Vienna



The Proclamation confining the refugees to the Isolated Zone.



The modern Shanghai skyhline at night.

Editor's Note: There is an excellent trilogy of novels, which take place in Shanghai during WWII and the Japanese Occupation of Shanghai, written by Vancouver author and Emergency Physician at St. Paul's Hospital, Daniel Kalla. Far Side of the Sky; Rising Sun, Falling Shadow; and Nighfall Over Shanghai, are three fascinating and quick-read novels about a segment of history about which we know little. Reva and I, both, thoroughly enjoyed these books. JE

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Mort Fromson's Bagel Balagan

Sunday, September 25th

at 2:00-5:00 pm at the JCCV, 3636 Shelbourne Street.

Knead, Bake and then Eat the best bagels ever! Non-members \$25, members \$10 at the door. Register at km@kolotmayimreformtemple. com - Space is limited!



Rosh Chodesh

ELUL

Sunday, September 4th



CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 2016/5776

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

LED BY JULIE ELIZABETH, SHELIACH TZIBUR

7:30 pm

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH

with music by Nehamashira & Greg Davidson

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD

with music by Marcelina Stanton

TORAH STUDY

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

Led by Julie Elizabeth

Parashyot: September 3rd: Re-eh; 10th: Shofetim;

17th: Ki Tetze; 24th: Ki Tavo

ROVING SHABBAT POT LUCK DINNERS

Please note that these are now held on the **third** Friday monthly.

Friday September 16th

at the home of Susan Abrill 3930 Dawe Road (at Arbutus)

RSVP to 250-532-2982 or <srussek@uvic.ca>

Advance Notice!!!!!

Selichot with Rabbi Leigh Lerner Saturday October 1st, 8 pm at the JCCV See page 3 for more information.