

קולות מים KOLOT MAYIM REFORM TEMPLE

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Kolot Mayim Annual General Meeting

7:00 pm Wednesday July 22nd, 2013

Learn the financial status of your Temple

Elect your New Board!

Congratulate the new winner of the **Louis Sherman Award!**

Schmooze with your fellow congregants.

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From Rabbi Louis



When did we receive the Torah?

It is very strange. Nowhere in Torah does it say precisely when we received the Torah on Mount Sinai. The most significant single defining event of the Jewish story (though there may be other opinions about this) is not defined in the story.

The Holy Day (two days outside of Israel in traditional circles) of Shavuot is known as the

Festival of Weeks, the Festival of the Harvest (wheat) and the Festival of First Fruits. There is no mention of the giving of the Torah.

Instead, we are given the opportunity to create a story within a story. We continue to participate in the creation of the story. In fact there was a great argument as to when the Holy Day Festival of Shavuot was to be, and maybe the day was celebrated on different occasions by different groups of Jews until only one date was decided upon. The controversy hinges on what is meant by the meaning of "the day after Shabbat". The traditionalists defined this day as "Sunday" using Shabbat as the usual way of the seventh day. The alternative explanation was that "Shabbat" referred to the day of Pesach (Passover), which is also known as a "Shabbat". It was this latter interpretation that won the day and using the dates given in the Torah, we arrive at the current date for Shavuot, and therefore, the current date for receiving the Torah.

It is because of the connection between Shavuot and the receiving of Torah that the Reform movement instituted the Confirmation ceremony on this day. The idea was that at Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, the youth were really too young to take on adult responsibility regarding belief and observance, and a somewhat later age was more appropriate.

Also relatively new (16th Century) is the custom of staying up all night to study on the first night of Shavuot to make amends for the story that we "slept in" the morning we received Torah. The souls of each one of us were there to receive Torah at Mt. Sinai. Each heard the Torah given in our own unique way and understood it profoundly in our own unique way. Now we each have an opportunity to teach it and share it with others in our own unique way.

What is your unique Torah? What is the sharing that only you can do? What is your unique contribution to Kolot Mayim, to the larger Jewish community of Victoria, to the world? Are you doing it?

President's Message



Hello Kolot Mayim family,

Now is the time to plan to support our "Shul." It is the time of year when we ask everyone to step up and take some responsibility for keeping the Synagogue afloat. On Wedneday July 17th, we will be having our AGM at the JCCV at 7:00 p.m. It is imperative that people consider serving on the Board. The available positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer well as committee members to serve on the Ritual Affairs, Religious School, Community Development, Care and Concern, and Social Action committees. We cannot continue to run on empty. Please give some thought

as to how you can best serve our congregation.

On Friday, May 24th, we had a family service and vegetarian pot-luck dinner. Six wonderful children and their parents came, and we had a wonderful time. The Rabbi had musical instruments and everyone made a joyful noise unto Hashem. It was loud and the children actually participated in a meaningful way thanks to our gifted Rabbi. He had them totally engaged. It was such a hit we are considering doing this bi-monthly beginning in September. We would also like to reinstitute regular pot luck dinners on other Fridays during the month.

Thanks you to everyone who has been bringing donations to our food box. The food bank at the James Bay Community Project, where I bring our donations tell me they are so grateful as the cupboard has been sparse lately. It is the same at the Mustard Seed and other places. I have several bags for Jewish Family Services as well, so please keep up the spirit of tzedakah.

It seems our "**Sponsor an Oneg**" has taken off. We have already had several sponsors and there are more planned in the near future. It is heartwarming to see such a response.

The storytelling workshops have been very successful and now we can look forward to the performance piece at the Belfry on June 23rd. I hope everyone is planning to attend to see our Kolot Mayim story tellers as well as the stories from from the Hindu and Moslem communities. This event is sponsored by the Internationall Community Association and they have financially supported each group. Let's make this a successful event.

On June 21st Julie Elizabeth will be Bat Mitzvah; the service to be lead by Joe Gougeon-Ryant and Lynn Greenhough. Reva will supply the Oneg. In lieu of gifts Julie would like it if people would donate to a special (Parachet) fund to have a beautiful curtain designed and made for our Aron Kodesh.

Mazel Tov to Rennie and Alec on their tenth wedding anniversary.

Until next time,

Did you know ...

that the Alaska Jewish community have dubbed themselves the Frozen Chosen?



Sponsored Onegs

Please consider hosting an Oneg Shabbat. It's a great way to honour an occasion or an individual, and introduce new people to our congregation.

We will provide the tea, coffee and juice, as well as advertise the event; you provide the munchies and the people. What could be simpler?

Upcoming Onegs:

June 10th Oneg sponsored by Arlette Baker in honour of Rennie & Alec's 10th Anniversary, and Kis's Conversion.

June 14th Oneg sponsored by Charlotte
Sutker in honour of Louis's 70th birthday.

June 21st Oneg sponsored by Reva Hutkin in
honour of Julie Elizabeth's Bat Mitzyah.

Sincere Thanks

I am writing on behalf of the **2013 Mitzvah Day** Planning Committee to thank the Congregation so much for the generous donations of children's books. We were able to give two large boxes of wonderful books to the Single Parent Resource Center.

I spent a delightful afternoon looking through them and getting quite weepy as I recalled reading to my girls when they were young - and there were some of the same books!

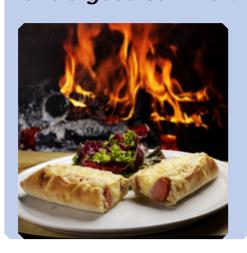
Your generous gift will enable many of the needy single parents and their children to experience the joy of books and reading.

Thank you again. Kolot Mayim is a small congregation with a big heart.

Sandy Fagan

There will only be one combined newsletter during July and August.

Have a good summer!



Kolot Mayim-at-Home

Tuesday, June 4th at 7:30 pm, Joe & Ann Gougeon-Ryant invite up to four people to a viewing of the film, In Darkness, which describes the true events of surviving the Holocaust by being hidden in the sewers of the Lvov Ghetto. Not an easy movie, it portrays nonetheless the tenacity of the human spirit, unexpected generosity to others, and personal transformation. Numbers are limited by the size of our TV room so we are operating on a first-come, first-serve RSVP system. Call 250-384-9351 or email <jgougeonryant@shaw. ca> to reserve your spot. ONLY 2 PLACES LEFT.

The congregation is most sincerely invited to celebrate the

מביאין אותו ואפקים

בלה עדי מסירה לן כתבו שנח

Bat Mítzvah of Julie Elizabeth.

Fríday June 21st 7:30 pm

Oneg following hosted by Reva Hutkin

No gifts are necessary, however, if people wish to honour Julie in some way, she would be very pleased if they would make a donation to the **Parochet Fund** of Kolot Mayim. These funds will be used to commission a beautiful new curtain for our Ark.

A Word from our Chairman, David Koschitzky Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA)

The Centre recently led an 18-person delegation to the World Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly in Budapest. As the WJC's Canadian affiliate, we appreciated the difficult decision to hold the Plenary Assembly in Budapest, but we felt strongly that it was necessary to show the support of world Jewry for the Jews of Hungary.

The fact that more than 750 people attended -- including representatives from 100 countries around the globe -- was a display of solidarity both for Hungarian Jews and for Jews in small, isolated or threatened communities elsewhere. And with 200 journalists, the meeting also drew attention to the situation in Hungary, attracting unprecedented press coverage. CIJA was proud to represent the Canadian Jewish community at this important gathering.

Our collective message to Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán was clear: Words are not enough. We want to see action and a tangible improvement in the protection of the rights, and dignity, of minorities – including Jews – Continued on page 7.

Religious School Report

There is happy news to report from the National Bible Contest - All the students who travelled to Montreal, Grace Gardner, Jordan Fisher Taylor, Cameron Chouinard, Solomon Bodrug and Nathaniel Hope Tucker, made the semi finals and Solomon and Nathaniel made the finals in our division. When it was all over. Nathaniel took third prize! They worked hard and they are all winners for having represented our community so well. Many thanks to Khione Gardner and Elysse Chouinard for assisting Leah Glicksall and helping ensure everyone had a great time.

Leah Glicksall is prompting everyone to sign up for Camp Miriam. If you are interested in a fun Hebrew Camp experience her email is camp.miriam@gmail.com.

There is an information session for those parents and students who are going to be preparing for their Bat Mitzvah/Bar Mitzvah this coming year at the Hebrew school. The session is on Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 PM at the Temple Emanuel Social Hall. Annika Gafter-Ricks is definitely preparing for hers, she is planning a summer Bat Mitzvah celebration through Kolot Mayim.

Amanda Gafter-Ricks,

Co-Chair, Religious School Committee

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.

Last year's winner was Julie
Elizabeth. Come to the
AGM on July 22nd to see
who this year's winner
will be!

CIJA, continued from page 6. living in Hungary.

Similarly, our message to the Canadian Government has been clear and was relayed to Ministers Jason Kenney and John Baird following the Plenary: Canada must maintain its focus on combatting both traditional and modern antisemitism and should continue its focus on Hungary as a place where this scourge is again surfacing.

The Canadian delegation to Budapest, led by Moshe Ronen, represented a wide demographic range. There were three students among the group as well as representatives of the survivor community. Below are some of their own reflections.

David

There is a small graveyard behind Budapest's majestic Dohany Synagogue that contains the remains of thousands of Jews who perished in the last weeks of the Holocaust. The full brunt of the hate-driven genocidal madness of Eastern and Central Europe descended on Hungary's Jews in the last year of the war. With only 5,000 troops in Hungary, but with the assistance of

The following donations have been received since the last Voice.

In honour of Rennie & Alec's Anniversary -Joel & Sandy Fagan, Joe & Ann Gougeon-Ryant, David & Dorothy Torontow, Julie Elizabeth & Reva Hutkin

In honour of Rabbi Louis's 70th birthday - Julie Elizabeth & Reva Hutkin

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND Gerry Marks Reva Hutkin

PAROCHET (ARK CURTAIN) FUND In honour of alec & Rennie's 10th Anniversary - Julie Elizabeth and Reva Hutkin

In honour of Julie Elizabeth's Bat Mitzvah - Dorothy & David Torontow, Susan Halpert

Hungary's fascist Iron Cross regime and a cooperative native population, the Germans were able to murder 600,000 of Hungary's Jews in a matter of months. As much as we're aware of the horrors of the Holocaust, it is virtually impossible to contemplate the level of hatred that allows an otherwise civilized people to dehumanize others to the point that they can revel in, or even stand by in the face of, the cold-blooded murder of millions of men, women and children.

Yet, less than 70 years after the infliction of those horrors, a blatantly antisemitic fascist political party has polled 17% of the popular vote based on a platform of unmitigated Jew-hatred. . . It [has become] clear to me and other delegates that...Hungarians have never fully come to terms with their complicity in and responsibility for the Hungarian Holocaust.

The indelible impression of my stay in Budapest was that we, as Jews, need to be eternally vigilant in the continuing struggle against antisemitism, racism and all other forms of hatred and intolerance.

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As a student, I was pleased that the WJC recognized that Jewish students on campus are on the front lines of antisemitism and anti-Zionism. [I hope that] the WJC will help students ensure that anti-Israel groups abide by student government rules mandating respectful conduct. Cont'd. p. 8.

Invitation to volunteer in Israel, and for Educational Partnership Programming

Shalom U'vracha:

I write to invite Kolot Mayim Reform Temple to volunteer on its next Israel trip at Negba's Houses of Hope for children and youth at-risk, either at our Jerusalem or Beersheva facilities. Visitors to Negba will enhance their Jewish identity through hands-on, face-to-face interaction and will engage in Tikkun Olam by helping our children in many activities.

Equally important, your presence will also expose Negba's kids to the concept of K'lal Yisrael by forging relationships with Diaspora Jews.

Below please find detailed information about a visit, and about possible long-distance educational partnership projects. I'd be happy to explore the possibilities to further build the world Jewish community.

B'Shalom,

Daniel Sheer, Director,

Public Relations, North America

Negba- Houses of Hope for Children At-Risk in Israel

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What was particularly instructive was to hear firsthand the extent of antisemitism in Greece. Hungary, and France. It is important for organizations like WJC to continue vigilance to stem the growth of this hatred... the Canadian Jewish community should continue to support WJC and other international Jewish organizations and those of us who witnessed first-hand the concerns of the Hungarian Jewish community [must] educate our community of these concerns in whatever way possible.

Negba's mission is to help Israeli children from underprivileged homes develop their social, emotional, intellectual and cultural capacity to the same level as children born into families with greater opportunities. Through informal education, individual tutoring, balanced and nutritious meals, enrichment and cultural activities, Negba's Houses of Hope enable children at risk to flourish and grow into inquisitive young adults prepared to continue with higher education or build a vocational career following their national service tenure.

Volunteer at Negba While Visiting Israel!

Travelers to Israel on a personal vacation or on an organized synagogue, school or community program are welcome to volunteer at Negba's Houses of Hope for children at risk, ages 6-14. Visitors to Negba will enhance their Jewish identity through hands-on, face-to-face interaction, and they will engage in Tikkun Olam - repair of the world. Equally important, visitors will also expose Negba's kids to the concept of K'lal Yisrael by forging relationships with Diaspora Jews. Negba's children greatly desire to get to know you!

Where: At Negba Houses of Hope in Beersheva and Jerusalem

When: Sundays through Thursdays, during the hours of 13:30 to 17:30

(During the week before Pesach and during July - from 9:00 to 13:00)

Duration: From 1 to 3 hours

(Long term volunteer opportunities also available from a week up to 10 months)

Volunteer at negba, continued from page 8.

How You Can Help:

- Cook, serve and eat lunch with our children, and wash up afterwards
- Assist in homework or tutor in various subjects (basic Hebrew preferred but not required):
 - Math / Cheshbon 10 (computer program)
 - Light English language teaching
 - Tutor a child in reading
 - Tell a story
 - Instruct in computers and the Internet
- Play educational board games and puzzles
- Participate in arts and crafts projects
- Teach the kids to play baseball or another sport
- Perform a concert or play and show off your talent
- Prune, weed and tend the Teen Club of Hope garden with Negba's youth
- Paint and lightly renovate Negba's premises needing repair

Seeking an Israeli Collaborative Program for Your School Class? Considering a Reciprocal Shared Learning Venture for Your Professional Staff? Looking for a Social Action Tzedaka Project for Your Child or Synagogue?

EXPLORE THE OPPORTUNITIES AT NEGBA!

If you're searching for an Israel project that enhances Jewish identity, includes hands-on involvement and impacts your life and the lives of your peers across the globe, then Negba is your natural partner. Those goals are of great important to us, too. We'd be delighted to explore these and other possibilities with you:

Collaborative Programs between Your School Class or Youth Group and a Negba Youth Group

Hanukah – Distance Dialogue: Jewish Identity Exploration. Expressive arts project, written statements and SKYPE video conference about what being Jewish means to me

Purim- Mishloach Manot/ Purim card exchange

Yom Ha'atzmaut / Pesach- Distance Dialogue: Am I free? Expressive multimedia project about the meaning of independence to me as a youth today

Together, design and edit a shared website about a particular topic

Cooperatively write a news article to each community's newspaper about the other community Collaborate to produce a joint B'nai Mitzvah album

Study a shared B'nai Mitzvah theme or Torah portion together

Periodic SKYPE video conferencing to dialogue on selected topics of shared interest

Peer to peer Hebrew and English language tutoring

Shared movie critique; view and then engage in a dialogue about that film

Other idea that you'd like to propose....

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The final workshop for Service Leaders and wannabe Service Leaders will be on June 3rd at 7:30 pm at Rabbi Louis's home. all welcome.

The Victoria and Vancouver Island Jewish Burial Society

The Jewish Burial Society of Victoria and Vancouver Island is a service organization founded to assist all Jews with end of life requirements. We administer four totally separate and distinct sections in the Hatley Memorial Gardens and provide space for all persuasions of Jewish life from orthodox to secular, complete with cremation if specified.

The Society works with the Victoria Chevrah Kadisha in preparation of the body for burial, and works with the family in all ways to ensure that the concern and embrace of the entire community for the bereaved.

While we are a non profit Society, regretfully, end of life does not respect one's pocketbook, and costs are dear. There is a small membership charge that must be paid to become a member of our Society, and arrangements for this, and for burial requirements may be made at any time. We recommend dealing with one's self and saving the pain and expense of the survivors at a very stressful time.

For additional information on a highly confidential basis, call Joel Fagan (250 477-2006), Jack Shalinsky (250 477-1012), or Michael Goldberg (250 598-9094).

Those we remember ...

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| OBSERVED | CIVIL DATE | HEBREW DATE | NAME | RELATIONSHIP | MOURNER | |
| DATE | YEAR OF | YEAR OF | | 1 | W | |
| June 3, 2013 | June 21 2006 | 25 Sivan 5766 | Sally Mintz | Mother of | Ken Mintz | |
| June 4, 2013 | June 4, 1978 | 28 Iyar 5738 | Helene Levy | Grandmother of | Arlette Baker | |
| June 5, 2013 | June 5, 1971 | 12 Sivan 5731 | Samuel Harbison | Father of | Glenn Harbison | |
| June 7, 2013 | June 7, 2012 | 17 Sivan5772 | Ray Torontow | Brother of | David Torontow | |
| June 10, 2013 | June 10, 2010 | 28 Sivan5770 | Leon Gueller | Father of | Paulina Gueller | |
| June 11, 2013 | June 11, 1997 | 6 Iyar, 5757 | Rachel Ruth Krasnick | Mother of | Jeffrey Krasnick | |
| June 13, 2013 | June 13, 1992 | 12 Sivan 5752 | Jack Pollick | Father of | Frances Aknai | |
| June 16, 2013 | June 16, 1988 | 1 Tamuz 5748 | Anne Magidman Simpson | Grandmother of | Bill Katz | |
| June 17, 2013 | June 17, 2012 | 17 Sivan5772 | Richard Dinning | Brother in Law of | Julie Elizabeth | |
| June 19, 2013 | June 19, 2011 | 17 Sivan5771 | Gertie Cohen | Aunt of | Reva Hutkin | |
| June 21, 2013 | June 21, 2007 | 5 Tamuz 5767 | Marion Edith Kirk | Mother of | Donna Kirk | |
| June 23, 2013 | July 4, 1993 | 15 Tamuz 5753 | Rosa Gans/Ruth bat | Mother of | Michael Gans | |
| | | | Avraham | | | |
| June 23, 2013 | June 23, 1977 | 25 Sivan 5736 | Bertha Booth | Mother in Law of | Len Jaffe | |
| June 23, 2013 | June 23, 2012 | 3 Tamuz 5772 | Georgina Schulstad | Mother of | Jacquelene Seigel | |
| June 24, 2013 | June 24, 1983 | 13 Tamuz 5743 | James Munroe Donnenfield | Brother of | Betty Cohen | |
| June 26, 2013 | June 26, 1989 | 23 Sivan 5749 | Michael Kendal | Father of | Alan Kendal | |
| June 27, 2013 | June 27, 1979 | 2 Tamuz 5739 | Moses Katz | Father of | Bill Katz | |
| June 30, 2013 | June 30, 1960 | 5 Tamuz 5720 | Alice Spigelman | Mother-in-law of | Phyllis Chuly | |
| June 30, 2013 | June 30, 2008 | 27 Sivan 5768 | Louise Hawksford | Friend of | Urania Levinson | |
| June 30, 2013 | June 30, 2011 | 28 Sivan 5771 | Bunny Harrison | Friend of | Caroline & Martin | |
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Our Kabbalat Shabbat Services

during July and August,
will be on
the second and fourth Friday
of each month; that is,
July 12th and 26th,
and August 9th and 23rd.
Services will be held at the JCCV, as
usual, and begin at 7:30 pm as usual.
All summer services
will be led by lay leaders.



Torah Study

Saturday June 15th at 4:00 pm at Rabbi Sutker's Home, 1135 McClure Street. Everyone is welcome.

June 2013

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Sivan-Tammuz 5773

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| White squares indicate days Rabbi Sutker is with us. | | | | | | June 1 Shelah Lekha 23 |
| 2 24 | 3 25 7:30 pm Service Leadershiip Workshop chez Sutker | 4 26 | 5 27 | 6 28 | 7: 30 pm 7 K.Shabbat 29 Service led by Joel Fagan Oneg by the Arlette Baker | Korah 8 30 |
| 1 Tammuz Rosh Chodesh | 10 2 | 11 3 | 12 4 | 5 | 7:30 pm 14 Kabbalat 6 Shabbat 5 Service led byRabbi Louis Oneg by the Charlotte | Hukkat 15 7 Torah Study 4:00 pm at Rabbi Louis's home |
| 16 8 | 17 9 | 18 10 | 19 11 | 20 12 | Bat Mitzvah 21 Julie Elizabeth3 Service led by Joe G-R, Lynn G, & Joel F. Oneg by the Reva Hutkin | Balak 22 14 |
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Opportunities for Professional Interaction and Shared Learning

Negba encourages the development of reciprocal relationships between its social service and education professionals and their colleagues working with children at risk in Diaspora Jewish communities. Peers in both communities could learn from one another about the challenges and uniquenesses in dealing with children at risk in both communities. Dialogues conducted via SKYPE videoconferencing, written correspondence and possible exchange visits in each city would facilitate the exploration and sharing of strategies and techniques in dealing with children at risk. Together, the two communities would grow stronger as one.

Suggested Tzedaka Project Opportunities

Looking for a Tzedaka project for students, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah or other occasion? Negba's kids would be grateful for your support. Your gift -whatever amount- will be recognized with a Partnership Certificate, and we'll feature your generosity in our newsletter and website. We'd be happy to discuss your area of interest to find a project right for you. Here are some of the possibilities:

Purchase Supplies (Hoes, Planters, Soil, Seed) for the Teen Garden of Hope - Any Amount

Purchase Arts and Crafts Supplies - Any Amount

Purchase Sports Equipment (Soccer Balls, Jump Ropes) - Any Amount

Purchase Books & Educational Games - Any Amount

Purchase a DVD or Computer Game - \$50

Sponsor Transport Costs to Bring a Kid to Negba for a Year - \$70

Purchase a Bicycle - \$275

Send a Kid to Negba's Summer Sleep-Away Camp (7 Days) - \$375

Purchase a Computer for After-School Math Tutoring - \$650

Provide a Child's Nutritional Hot Lunch for a Year - \$900

Sponsor a Storyteller Workshop to Encourage Reading - \$965

Sponsor a Jewish Identity Workshop (15 Kids) for a Year - \$1,200

Sponsor an Animal Therapy Workshop (15 Kids) for a Year - \$2,700

Sponsor Therapeutic Horseback Riding (15 Kids) for a Year - \$5,000

Sponsor a Negba Child for a Year - \$6,000

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