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Brundibár:

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**Victoria
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Saturday May 7th

**Alix Goolden
Performance Hall**

In honour of Yom Ha'Shoah

Programme begins at 7 p.m.
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President Pro Tem's Message



Hello Kolot Mayim family,

My family and I have recently returned after eight weeks travelling through Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay. We saw beautiful landscapes and met many friendly people. We were fortunate to miss much of the long, cold winter, and are happy to be back in Victoria

in time for Spring. Now is the time for renewal when our natural world comes alive with the beauty of the spring flowers and blossoming trees.

In the spirit of a new beginnings, I'm happy to announce that **Rabbi Louis Sutker** will become our religious leader next year. Rabbi Louis is a well-respected, long standing member of the local Jewish community. He will conduct High Holiday services as well as monthly services throughout the year. Rabbi Louis and his wife, Charlotte are a welcome addition to our congregation, and we look forward to their joining our Kolot Mayim family.

I am happy to report that the **Community Passover Seder** was, as usual, a very enjoyable experience. Rabbi Jane led us in an engaging Seder that was enjoyed by all. We were happy to welcome a visiting family from Denmark, who joined us that night. It was interesting to hear their experiences as members of a Reform Temple in Europe.

Unfortunately, my family and I were in South America when our Scholar-in-Residence, **Rabbi Shawn Zevit** came to Victoria. I heard he provided a wonderful weekend of learning and spiritual enlightenment. The Friday Kabbalat service was very well attended, and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the Jewish Federation for the grant that allowed us to bring in Rabbi Zevit.

We are all looking forward to the **Brundibár** Concert on May 7th at Alex Goolden Performance Hall. This uplifting opera demonstrates that joy and beauty can outlive evil. The opera was composed in 1938 in Czechoslovakia by Hans Krasa. The children in the Terezin concentration camp were the first ones to perform it. The concert is a gift from the Victoria Children's Choir to our congregation and is in honour of **Yom Shoah, Holocaust Day**. Proceeds are in support of Kolot Mayim and the I-Witness Holocaust Field School Project at the University of Victoria. I encourage everyone to support this event, and to bring their friends. We need volunteers to help with ticket sales and handing

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Rabbi Jane Writes

The Call of Torah

Is bar/mitzvah the goal of a Jewish religious education? This is a very important milestone, when the young adult stands in front of the congregation, leads the whole shabbat service, is called to read from the Torah for the first time, and gives an original drash on the portion. Yet even though it is a significant achievement, bat/bar mitzvah isn't the goal of Jewish education; it's actually a step in that education. Bar/bat mitzvah is the Jewish coming of age ceremony. It is our tribal equivalent of sending a young person out into the wilderness to rely on his/her own skills and find wisdom. For most of our youngsters it is a real challenge, the most difficult thing they've ever done, requiring hard work and preparation. However, bat/bar mitzvah isn't the end - it's not a culmination, but rather a rite of passage. It is a transition to Jewish adulthood, in many ways the beginning of a deeper understanding of the meaning of Jewish traditions.

Our generation of adult Jews has made a tremendous effort to educate our children. Over three quarters of Jewish children receive a formal Jewish education, often over a number of years and at considerable expense. But there is a paradox involved in this fact. Compared to our Christian neighbors, we North American Jews are far less engaged in religious practice. Fewer Jews profess a faith in God or the efficacy of prayer; fewer Jews attend services. Often Jewish parents (mistakenly) think they lack the personal resources to transmit "Jewishness" on their own, so they turn to the local synagogue to take care of the job. Does this sound familiar?

We all want our children to be fulfilled in their Jewish identities; we want to see them called to the Torah. That's an important part of why we send them to religious school. We want them to be comfortable in the synagogue, to be able to pray in Hebrew, to know our customs and heritage. But, the truth is, a synagogue just cannot substitute for a family. Many important aspects of Jewish identity formation take place far away from the library, sanctuary and classroom of Kolot Mayim. As parents of school age (and older) children, we have come to learn that how we act is at least as important as what we say. Jewish education is a partnership between the home and the synagogue.

This month and next, two of our congregational young adults - Chaim Weirnerman and Taylor Cohen-Tanugi - will be called to the Torah as b'nai mitzvah. Our religious school has been a good partner with Chaim and Taylor's families in preparing these thoughtful students for their important day. I hope that the whole community turns out to celebrate their simchas. Chaim will be called to the Torah on Shabbat morning, May 21 and Taylor will be called to the Torah on Shabbat morning, June 25. I look forward to seeing you there.

Rabbi Jane



Chai חַי

Did you know that we have provided you with an opportunity to commemorate important events in the lives of your family and friends? Our Chai Fund appears in the Newsletter every month and contains the names of the donor and the occasion. These can be "Thank You," messages of condolence, good wishes for weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, anniversaries, birthdays, appreciation or anything you find noteworthy. A card will be sent by us on your behalf to the person(s) you wish to honour. Chai Fund donations are a great way to raise much needed funds for our Congregation, and are tax deductible.

All you have to do is send a cheque to the Treasurer, made payable to Kolot Mayim Reform Temple. It may be left in the Kolot Mayim folder at the JCC, or mailed to Kolot Mayim Reform Temple at the JCC of Victoria, 3636 Shelbourne Avenue, Victoria, BC, V8P 4H2.

Donations made during the past month:

In honour of **Reva Hutkin's 75th** birthday
- *Elizabeth Gibson*

To honour the following for their dedication to Kolot Mayim: **Jenny Laing, Joel and Sandy Fagan, David and Dorothy Torontow, and Alec Lewis and Rennie Parrish**
- *Arlette Baker*

In honour of our production of **Brundibár** -
Arlette Baker

If you would like to sponsor an issue of **The Voice**, please contact **Julie Elizabeth** at 250-388-4161 or email her at <madrona623@telus.net>.

Sponsorship costs \$100.00, is tax deductible, and covers our printing and mailing costs ONLY.

President Pro Tem's Message, continued from page 2. out programs. If you can help, contact the Committee Chairs, Lesley Wicks at 250-652-3832, or Jacqueline Seigal at 250-882-3540.

On May 22nd, **Chaim Weinerman** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Everyone is invited to witness this event and celebrate with Chaim and his family. The service begins at 10:00.

Finally, as our contract with **Rabbi Jane** is drawing to a close, it is time to celebrate her, and all the wonderful gifts she has given us over the past three years. We will be having a **party** to honour her on **Sunday May 22nd** at Julie and Reva's home, 2222A Arbutus Road (at Gordon Head). All congregants are invited to attend. More information about this event can be found on page 11.

L'shalom,

Neal Wasser

TEN THINGS TO DO AS A TEMPLE MEMBER

Offer to give a "drash" or lead one of our Services

Volunteer to be on a committee

Start a Temple Book Club

Donate to the Rabbi Fund

Join ARZA Canada and support Israel

Honour other members through the Chai Fund

Write for the Newsletter

Agree to sit on the Temple Board

Bring a friend to Temple events

Encourage our young people

Tzedakah: A way of life.

Kolot Mayim Supports Food Bank

Please bring food donations for the James Bay Community Project Food Bank to the JCC on Friday nights. We have a beautiful box for your contributions, which are deeply appreciated. Packaged goods as well as produce are welcomed.

Donations of cans of beans and soup are especially needed.

For more information, please contact Reva Hutkin, 388-4161, or Ann Gougeon-Ryant, 384-9351.

What is Reform Judaism?

Reform Judaism affirms the central tenets of Judaism - God, Torah and Israel - even as it acknowledges the diversity of Reform Jewish beliefs and practices. We believe that all human beings are created in the image of God, and that we are God's partners in improving the world. Tikkun olam — repairing the world — is a hallmark of Reform Judaism as we strive to bring peace, freedom, and justice to all people.

Reform Jews accept the Torah as the foundation of Jewish life containing God's ongoing revelation to our people and the record of our people's ongoing relationship with God. We see the Torah as God inspired, a living document that enables us to confront the timeless and timely challenges of our everyday lives.

In addition to our belief that Judaism must change and adapt to the needs of the day to survive and our firm commitment to Tikkun Olam, the following principles distinguish Reform Jews from other streams of Judaism in North America.

Reform Jews are committed to the principle of inclusion, not exclusion. Since 1978 the Reform Movement has been reaching out to Jews-by-choice and interfaith families, encouraging them to embrace Judaism. Reform Jews consider children to be Jewish if they are the child of a Jewish father or mother, so long as the child is raised as a Jew.

Reform Jews are committed to the absolute equality of women in all areas of Jewish life. We were the first movement to ordain women rabbis, invest women cantors, and elect women presidents of our synagogues.

Reform Jews are also committed to the full participation of gays and lesbians in synagogue life as well as society at large.

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Torah Study



Everyone is welcome to the Shabbat morning Torah Study Group at Joe and Ann Gougeon-Ryant's home, #110 - 999 Burdett Street (at Vancouver), at 11 am.

This is a lively conversation about how the themes of Torah relate to our lives. Rabbi Jane is preparing weekly materials, and teaches the group when she is in town. On other weeks, it is a cooperative learning session. Please call Joe or Ann at 250-384-9351 for more information.



Jews of Uganda

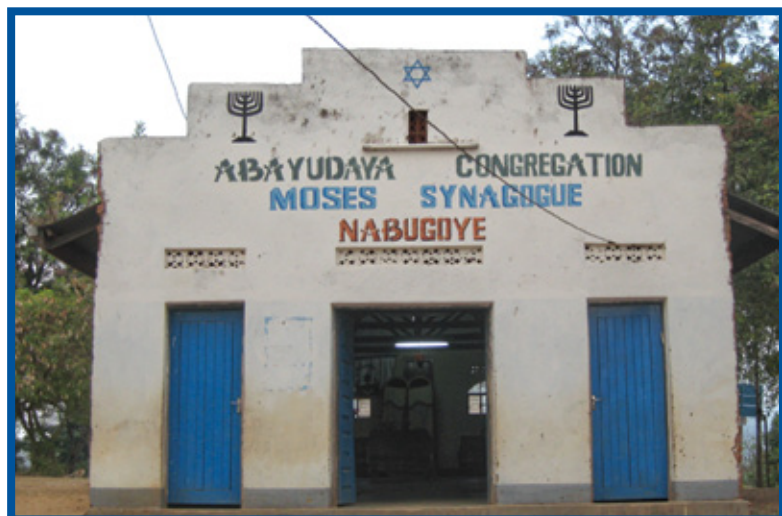
by Lina Zatzman

Picture yourself in a small synagogue with a concrete floor, windows with grates and no glass, plastic chairs, and bookcases filled with Siddurim and Chumashim. The Shabbat service starts and the first song rings out with an African beat, and the congregation singing in three and four part harmony. During the service you hear a rooster crow, chickens cluck, the bleating of goats and a lizard scuttling across the

tin roof. Two or three geckos sit quietly on the wall, waiting for a meal.

I experienced this, and more, in January, when I joined a Kulanu Mitzvah Tour and visited the Abayudaya (Jewish) Community in Uganda. Judaism in Uganda dates back to 1919 when the previously-Christian warrior and community leader, Semei Kakengulu circumcised himself, his sons and many of his followers, and declared themselves Jewish. Through the years, European and American Conservative and Reform Jews taught the community Jewish holidays and rituals, culminating with the ordination of Rabbi Gershom Sizomu who studied in the U.S., the first native, sub-Saharan Black Rabbi. Rabbi Sizomu returned to Uganda and conducted a conversion ceremony for 250, with converts coming from across Uganda, and from [Kenya](#), [Nigeria](#) and [South Africa](#). There are currently approximately 1100 Abayudaya living in five villages.

For more information on Kulanu and its work in Uganda, visit www.kulanu.org



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 bereaved person feels the embrace and concern of the entire community.

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).

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Rabbi Greshom, his wife Esther, and one of their children.

Lina Zatsman, a friend of Editor, Julie Elizabeth, lives in Oshawa, Ontario. Since retiring, she has taken up travelling with a passion! She especially likes visiting Jewish sites around the world. Watch for more articles and pictures from her in future issues.

2011 is a census year!

Don't forget to complete yours and send it in.

For more information, go to
http://census2011.gc.ca/ccr05/ccr05_000-eng.htm

Sayings of the Buddha

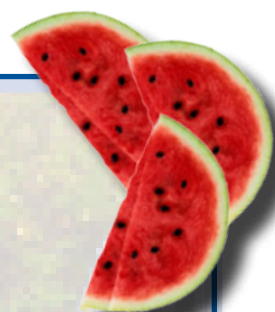
The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single Oy.

Drink tea and nourish life; with the first sip, joy; with the second sip, satisfaction; with the third sip, peace; with the fourth, a Danish.

Be here now. Be someplace else later. Is that so complicated?

Breathe in. Breathe out. Breathe in. Breathe out. Forget this, and attaining Enlightenment will be the least of your problems.

If there is no self, whose arthritis is this?



Mark Your calendars now!

**Kolot Mayim's First Annual
Fun Day, Picnic & BBQ**

Saturday June 11th at 5:30

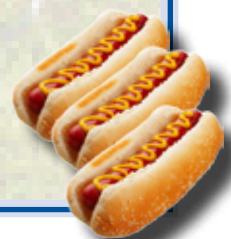
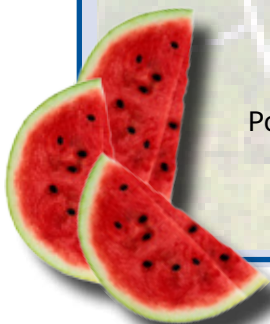
including Havdallah at sundown

**at Katrina and Jay's
1947 Highland Road in View Royal**

Come early for a pleasant 15 minute walk through the woods to Thetis Lake. Bring your bathing suits for a dip in the lake before the BBQ, weather permitting. Free parking at their house.

Fun for the whole family!

Pot Luck Salads, sides, desserts. BYO meat to BBQ.
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The concert will feature songs sung in English, Hebrew, German, Latin and Yiddish, giving the listener a wonderful cross-section of vocal colours and styles.

Songs will include expressions of praise, contemplation, love, satire, and unabashed humour!

From the rhythmic pulses of excerpts from West Side Story, to the satire of Candide, and the calmness of Chatsi Kaddish, to the hope and profundity of Glick's symphony for chorus and orchestra, witness the musical flexibility of Linden!

**Saturday, May 28th at 7:30 pm
at Metropolitan Church,
Balmoral at Quadra Street.**

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for senior/student, at Ivy's Books, Long & Mcquade, First Met. Church office and at the door.



**The Jewish Federation
of Victoria and Vancouver Island**

is now accepting grants applications for Jewish camping scholarships, Israel youth experience grants, and Jewish organization community projects.

Please go to www.jewishvancouverisland.ca and click on Grants and Scholarships on the right hand side panel.

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THE VOICE

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Single senior woman with medium sized dog looking for at least 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit with direct outside access to yard, private patio or ?

House currently on market, ready to sign lease. Wish list includes: No stairs, Master bedroom en suite with walk in shower, laundry in unit.

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'Our' Rennie Parrish receiving a tartan from the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia on Tartan Day. Rennie is President of the St. Andrews and Caledonian Society. [Photos by Alec Lewis.](#)





Those We Remember ...



2010 Obs'd Date	Civil Date of Death	Hebrew Date of Death	Name	Relationship	Mourner
5/1/11	May 2002	Unknown	Rita Sonner	Grandmother	David Levinson
5/1/11	May 2006	Unknown	Nieves Molina	Aunt	Hannah Sandell
5/1/11	May 1, 2008	27 Nissan 5768	Manly Norman Spigelman	Brother	Steven Spigelman
5/4/11	April 21, 2004	30 Nissan 5764	Elfrede Maroke	Aunt	Caroline Hergt
5/4/11	April 22, 1974	30 Nissan 5734	Elias Gans	Father	Michael Gans
5/5/11	May 5, 1995	5 Iyar 5755	Mark Krasnick	Brother	Jeffrey Krasnick
5/6/11	May 6, 1984	4 Iyar 5744	Mary Miller- Finkelstein	Aunt	Don Sher
5/6/11	May 6, 1989	1 Iyar 5749	Joseph Yacowar	Father	Hal Yacowar
5/8/11	May 8, 1975	27 Iyar 5735	Isadore Simpson	Grandfather	Bill Katz
5/10/11	May 10th	Unknown	Barry Fox	Brother	Barbara Fox-Juchau
5/11/11	May 11, 1992	8 Iyar 5752	Lou Cohen	Grandfather	Michele Butot
5/13/11	May 13, 1983	1 Sivan 5743	Alice McCulloch	Grandmother	Rennie Parrish
5/15/11	May 15, 1992	12 Iyar 5752	Sam Finger	Father	Jerry Finger
5/15/11	May 15, 1992	12 Iyar 5752	Robert Shnay	Father	Frederica Bowden
5/15/11	May 15, 2010	2 Sivan 5770	Mort Mickelson	Grandfather	Max & Jac-Lyn
5/19/11	May 19, 1990	24 Iyar 5750	Morris Hibloom	Father	Karen Hibloom
5/23/11	May 23, 1991	10 Sivan 5751	Sonia Preuss	Mother	Jennie Preuss
5/24/11	April 23, 1992	20 Iyar 5752	David Halpert	Father-in-Law	Susan Halpert
5/24/11	May 19, 1987	20 Iyar 5747	Jack Monson	Father	Charlyne Ashford
5/24/11	May 24, 1997	17 Iyar 5757	Goldie Ryant	Mother	Joe Gougeon-Ryant
5/25/11	May 25, 2005	16 Iyar 5765	Evelyn Berke	Mother	Joel Fagan
5/26/11	May 26, 2010	13 Sivan 5770	Robert Estin	Brother-in-Law	Lesley Wicks
5/28/11	May 28, 2010	15 Sivan 5770	David Jonathan Negin	Son	Celia and Morris Negin



All members of the Congregation

are cordially invited to a party

honouring Rabbi Jane

Sunday May 22, 2011

6:00 pm

*at Julie and Reva's
2222A Arbutus Road*

RSVP by May 15th to

*250-388-4161
or madrona623@telus.net*



May 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 27 Nissan</p> <p>Yom Ha'Shoah</p> <p>12</p>	<p>2 28</p> <p>13</p>	<p>3 29</p> <p>14</p>	<p>4 30</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Rosh Chodesh 5 1 Iyar</p> <p>16</p>	<p>6 2</p> <p>7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p>17</p>	<p>7 3</p> <p>Emor 11:00 Torah Study</p> <p>7- Brundibár</p> <p>18</p>
<p>8 4</p> <p>10:00 Rel.Sch. Yom Ha'Zikaron</p> <p>19</p>	<p>9 5</p> <p>Yom Ha'Atzmaut</p> <p>20</p>	<p>10 5</p> <p>21</p>	<p>11 7</p> <p>22</p>	<p>12 8</p> <p>23</p>	<p>13 9</p> <p>7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p>24</p>	<p>14 10</p> <p>Behar 11:00 Torah Study</p> <p>25</p>
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<p>22 18</p> <p>10:00 33 Rel. Sch. Lag b'Omer</p> <p>Farewell Party Rabbi Jane</p>	<p>23 19</p> <p>34</p>	<p>24 20</p> <p>35</p>	<p>25 21</p> <p>36</p>	<p>26 22</p> <p>37</p>	<p>27 23</p> <p>7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p>38</p>	<p>28 24</p> <p>Bamidbar 11:00 Torah Study</p> <p>39</p>
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White squares represent dates that Rabbi Jane will be with us.

Days of the Omer
Parshas are in red type.

URJ Camp Kalsman

As the newest of the URJ Camps, Kalsman presents our children with the opportunity to live a wholly Jewish life while at camp. Campers experience Jewish culture and tradition while in a safe, challenging and fun environment. In a natural setting, campers are given the opportunity to explore their Judaism. Kalsman provides a creative setting for Jewish living and learning, through camp programming. We're particularly proud of our open and inclusive communities that are sensitive to the needs of interfaith and diverse families. Over the past few years, we've watched with pride as campers create lasting friendships and come together as the Pacific Northwest Reform Jewish Community.

Since opening in 2007, hundreds of campers ranging from second grade through twelfth grade have had a chance to experience a Kalsman summer. We offer our campers a wide variety of activity choices that allow them to exercise their bodies, their minds, their creativity and their hearts. From Sports to the Performing and Creative Arts, to Nature and Adventure activities, Kalsman has something for everyone. The facilities at Camp Kalsman are all modern and newly built on our gorgeous 300 acres of land. Our range of buildings and activity areas allows us to meet all the needs of our campers as well as give them areas to grow and explore. A summer at Camp Kalsman is an unforgettable religious, cultural, recreational and emotional experience.

Camp experiences are available in two-week sessions beginning June 19th until August 18th, for 2nd and 3rd graders up to 12th graders. Small discounts are available for families sending more than one child to camp, and some subsidies are also available to those in need. For further information, check out their wonderful web site at <http://kalsman.urjcamp.org/> or at their winter office: 3805 108th Ave. NE, Suite 100, Bellevue, WA 98004; Phone: (425) 284-4484; Fax: (425) 284-4485.

