



In this issue...

Non-Violent Communication Workshop	1
From Rabbi Louis	2
President's Message	3
Fine China & Craft Sale	3
The Last Sukkah in Lithuania	4
My Birthright Trip to Israel	6
Torah Study	7
Tzedakah	7
Serota Book Launch	7
Chai	8
Jack Shalinsky volunteers in Israel	8
URJ Biennial	9
JCCV Film Festival	9
Those We Remember ...	10
JCCV Newcomers' Group	10
Hadassah-WIZO	11
Calendar	11
Yiddish Class at JCCV	12

Kolot Mayim is pleased to present a two-day workshop in **NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION**

**Communication Breakthrough for your
personal, family and business relationships**

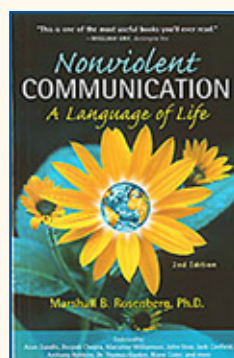
**Presented by Michèle Favarger,
Certified Trainer in Nonviolent Communication**

NOVEMBER 20TH AND 27TH

9AM TO 4PM

AT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE OF VICTORIA

Based on the work of Marshall Rosenberg and the Center for Nonviolent Communication, this workshop can improve communication and the quality of any relationship, be it personal, family or professional. Practical and proven in daily life around the world, Nonviolent



Communication is a reliable language for being heard, hearing others, clearly and confidently expressing our needs and dreams, and for working through conflict with compassion and success. The power of the simple four-step process becomes evident as we integrate it to overcome a lifetime of habitual thinking and responses.

Michèle Favarger, an internationally recognized Certified Trainer for the Center for Nonviolent Communication (NVC), has offered workshops in Canada and internationally, and enjoys facilitating practice groups in Nonviolent Communication. Michèle has a lively and engaging manner of speaking about topics that touch all of us in our personal and professional lives. She relishes every opportunity to share with others and teaches how to embrace conflict for the opportunity it brings.

\$250 FOR 2 DAYS. \$230/PERSON FOR COUPLES

Contact REVA HUTKIN at 250-388-4161 (not before noon, please) or <bubbareva@telus.net> for more information or to register.

RABBI

Louis Sutker

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

Neal Wasser
250-595-3874

VICE PRESIDENT

Reva Hutkin
250-388-4161

PAST PRESIDENT

Jenny Laing
250-686-0503

TREASURER

Morris Bleviss
250-386-5505

MEMBER AT LARGE

Arline Leshner
250-598-9460

MEMBERSHIP

Sharon Shalinsky
250-477-1012

NEWSLETTER

Julie Elizabeth
250-388-4161

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Amanda Gafter-Ricks
250-385-0077

Lynne Marks
250-384-1175

RITUAL AFFAIRS

Jessi Simpson
250-858-1300

Joe Gougeon-Ryant
250-384-9351

**INTERESTED
IN ADVERTISING?**

For rates and copy deadlines,
contact Julie Elizabeth
at madrona623@telus.net

WEBSITE

<http://www.kolotmayimreformtemple.com>

From Rabbi Louis



The Symphony of the Service

Rabbi Louis W. Sutker

The order of the daily, Shabbat and Yom Tov Services can be thought of (or heard, chanted and sung) as a symphony.

The First Movement is the Prelude (or Fore-Pray). The Prelude is both a chant and a melody. The prelude seats the soul in our bodies and physical realities. It alerts us and

enlivens us to be prepared for the rest of the Service and the rest of the day and the rest of our lives. Here we thank the Creator for allowing us another day and for the continuing functioning of our biology. It is entitled Birchat HaShachar (the Blessings of the Dawn).

The Second Movement is Allegro. It engages our emotions and stirs them up arousing appreciation and exultation. It is very melodic with different melodies for different parts some very familiar (HalleluYah!) and some not so familiar. The texts for this opera (works) come mainly from the Book of Psalms (Sefer Tehillim). This movement is entitled Pesukai DeZimrah (Verses of Praise).

The Third Movement is Andante. It engages our intellect and thought and helps us to focus on the essential unity of all creation. It teaches us to think about what we are thinking about and what is important in "the big picture". It reminds us to keep our thoughts focused on the positive aspects of our lives and that our spiritual path wants us to continue to do better incrementally but continually. This movement is called Shema Yisrael (Listen-up Israel).

The Fourth Movement is very quiet and slow, lente. It engages the part of us often called our soul. It brings us to our feet. We then feel the connection between heaven and earth with our bodies the bridge and at the same time that which is being bridged. It is said so low (pianissimo) that only the person singing it can hear it and the tune is very individualized. It is not actually said silently but is mainly internal with just the barest amount of externalization.

If we have done the first three movements correctly this Fourth Movement sets us free of time and space and connects us with emanations from the Ultimate Source. This movement is called the Amidah (Standing Prayer) or Shemonah Esrai (Eighteen Section Prayer). [Continued on page 3.](#)

President's Message

As we settle into Fall our Temple family continues to flourish. The High Holy Days went very well with Rabbi Louis leading us through the services at this spiritual time. Rabbi Louis' warmth and sense of welcoming was evident throughout the services. We had good attendance at the High Holy Day services with many new faces in the crowd.



Thanks to Rabbi Louis and Charlotte for their Sukkah open house. Those attending enjoyed good food and company. We all participated in shaking the lulav and etrog to celebrate Sukkot. Rabbi Louis will lead our Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday November 18th, and Torah Study will take place in his home at 1135 McClure Street at 4 p.m. on Saturday the 19th.

I am happy to announce several births over the past two months: new members to the congregation, Sarah Sandwith and Daniel Wainberg had a boy, Thomas Samuel; Avrael and Lucius Perreault had a girl, Sarah, and Khanna and Merril Sandell had a boy, Louis Israel. A warm Mazel Tov to all!

On a more somber note, we were sorry to see the passing of Bob Kadanoff. Bob and his wife June were founding members of Kolot Mayim and past chairs of the Membership Committee. Bob had an illustrious military and civil career. We offer June our best in dealing with her loss.

Kolot Mayim and the JCC will jointly hold a Fine China and Craft Fair on December 4th, from 10a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the JCCV. Come and buy your holiday gifts and at the same time support KM and the JCCV (our 'home.'). If you want to set up a craft table contact Reva. And don't forget the Nonviolent Communication Workshop coming up on November 20th and 27th. Please support this exceptional learning opportunity. See the front cover for details.

L'shalom,

Neal

From Rabbi Louis, continued from page 2. Following these four movements we return to the Earth with Reading the Torah which may be seen as an interlude. On Shabbat and Holy Days we reprise the Fourth Movement with somewhat different words (Musaf Amidah).

After this we have a final part as a Post-lude (Holy announcements and Adon Olam).

Then we make our way to the refreshment stand.

Rabbi Louis

FINE CHINA AND CRAFT SALE

Dec. 4th - 10:00 - 4:00
3636 Shelbourne



**Fine China,
Collectibles,
Jewellery, Crystal,
Art, Books, etc.**



**Buy some Potato Latkes
and shop for your
Chanukkah/Christmas gifts**



Page 4 **The Last Sukkah in Lithuania – The Vilnius Yiddish Institute**

Vilnius is again Lithuania's capital but Vilne is no longer its Jerusalem!

by Michael Gans



FOREST HUT OF THE JEWISH PARTISAN FORT IN THE RUDNINKAI FOREST (IN YIDDISH, DER RUDNITSKER VALD)

Fania Yocheles Brantsovsky, one of the last, native Yiddish speakers of Lithuania, was born in the Yerusholaim de-Lita, Vilnius, the Jerusalem of Lithuania, in 1922 and lost her entire family in the Holocaust. After meeting her, I soon found out that both of our fathers had been deported to the same concentration camp, Klooga, in Estonia. And while, unfortunately, her father had been killed there, my father was one of the 87 who survived Klooga.

I was astonished as Fania produced an official, April, 1944, Klooga Concentration Camp List of Jewish Prisoners. Number 500 was Eliasch Ganz, born in 1914, in the town of Srednik (Seredžius, in Lithuanian), a carpenter by trade, Prisoner Number 4402, and my

father. I was even more amazed when she provided me with a list of Klooga's 87 survivors. I began trembling as I read my father's name, number 87, the last name on that list.

On July 31, 2011, I, along with some 60 other students, enrolled in the 2011 Summer Yiddish Language and Culture Program of the Vilnius Yiddish Institute at the Vilnius University, were brought, by Fania, to the same forest huts, pictured above, that was home to her and her fellow partisans until the defeat of the Nazis in July 1944.

In a familiar sounding, haymish Yiddish, she explained to us how she escaped the Vilna Ghetto about one hour before its liquidation began on September 23, 1943 and together with Dobke Develtov, who now resides in Los Angeles, they succeeded in making it to the underground anti-Nazi partisan forest fort that was home to around 100 fighters aligned with the Soviet partisans. Most were fellow Jewish escapees from the Vilna Ghetto.



RED ARMY LIBERATORS FIND A PYRE OF HALF-BURNT BODIES AT KLOOGA



FANIA YOCHeles BRANTSOVSKY ESCORTS STUDENTS TO THE JEWISH PARTISAN FORT

Today, Fania is the head librarian at the Vilnius Yiddish Institute. The Institute is the first Yiddish center of higher learning to be established in post-Holocaust Eastern Europe. It is dedicated to preserving the centuries-old heritage of Yiddish language and culture through teaching and scholarly research. Further, through intensive instruction by a truly outstanding international faculty the Institute aims to foster genuine literacy in Yiddish among new generations of students from Europe, the Americas, and beyond, and to train young new teachers and scholars in the field. Finally, inspired by its unique location in Vilnius, the once fabled "Jerusalem of Lithuania," the Institute cherishes the hope of nurturing new cultural contributions in Yiddish.

Fania, along with other Holocaust Survivors who were fortunate enough to be able to resist - including Rachel Margolis and Yitzhak Arad, the former Director of Yad Vashem from 1972 to 1993 - are being threatened with prosecution, defamed in the press as a "murderers" and accused of being a war criminals by the present-day Lithuanian government. [Continued on page 5.](#)



THE PLACARD AT THE VILNIUS YIDDISH INSTITUTE

[The Last Sukkah, Continued from page 4](#) In a continuing effort to rewrite their national history, in which 96% of Lithuanian Jewry, over 200,000 men, women and children were murdered, mainly by Lithuanian fascist paramilitary forces, the Lithuanian government is state-sponsoring the defamation of these Jewish survivors - heroes, intent on revising the narrative about the Holocaust in Lithuania. Dovid Katz, the former Yiddish Institute's director, calls this "Holocaust obfuscation". It involves a series of false moral equivalences: Jews were disloyal citizens of pre-war Lithuania, helped the Soviet occupiers in 1940, and were therefore to blame for their fate. And the genocide that really matters was the one that Lithuanian people suffered at Soviet hands after 1944.

These arguments are as foul as they are unfounded. Jews did not comprise the majority of the pre-World War II Lithuanian Communist party membership and Lithuanian Jewry suffered disproportionately from the Soviet deportations of June 1941, aimed at the bourgeoisie of all ethnic groups. The Soviet Union was profoundly antisemitic.

In the meantime, the president of Germany has honoured Ms. Brantsovsky as a hero of the Jewish resistance against Nazism.

Tirelessly, Fania escorted us through the streets of the old Jewish Quarter, and we stood at sites that held memories of the Vilna Gaon, the Strashun library, Israel Salanter's study house, the poets of Yung Vilne, the Brothers Romm publishing house, YIVO, and many more. During one of Fania's Yiddish-speaking tours, I hate to admit; I could not keep up with her and had to return to my hotel to rest!

One evening, I was moved to incessant tears of sorrow and joy during the Institute's Klezmer music concert featuring Julie Egger, a fellow student and founder, manager and violinist of the San Francisco based Klezmer band Red Hot Chachkas! I highly recommend that you buy one of their moving and stirring, foot stomping CDs. Go to <http://www.redhotchachkas.com/> or contact Julie directly at julieegger@comcast.net.



At one of the Friday night get-togethers over an abundantly set shabes table, I ran into someone with whom I had gone to High School. As a fellow, child of Holocaust survivors, he was in Lithuania to find traces of his murdered family. At those weekly shabes tables, members of the Vilnius Jewish community joined us in hours of individual and group music-and merry-making.

There were wonderful showings of both prewar and contemporary Yiddish films and lectures by Yiddish writers, poets and researchers.

Weekly bus excursions took us to such places as the Holocaust site of the mass murder of 70,000 Jews at Paneriai (Ponar) Forest outside Vilnius. In the lake-side resort of Trakai we visited the ancient castle, the Karaite knesa (house of worship). In addition, we visited a church, located in a small Lithuanian village that once was a shtetl of some 2000 Jewish souls. In that church were the pews, menorahs and other Jewish artefacts looted from that shtetl's two synagogues a day after all the Jews of the town had been shot in a forest, just a few kilometers from their homes.



On our last excursion, to Kaunas, Kovne (in Yiddish), the former capital
[Continued on page 6.](#)



CATHEDRAL SQUARE IN PRESENT-DAY VILNIUS

[The Last Sukkah, Continued from page 5.](#)

of Interwar Lithuania, one-time centre of Lithuanian Jewry's Hebraist and Zionist movements, and the ghetto in which my father was once interred, a group of people relaxing at their café table began holding their noses as we passed by. On that same day, as two orthodox Jewish students stepped off our tour bus, two young Lithuanian onlookers menacingly crossed (sliced) their throats with their index fingers. The next day, from the balcony of a building in which Air Baltic has its Vilnius ticket office, these same two orthodox students were assaulted by a barrage of antisemitic slurs and curses as they left from making their travel arrangements to return to Israel.

While relics of the anti-Soviet struggle are preserved in the Baltics, historic monuments celebrating the courage and heroism of the anti-Nazi resistance are being allowed to quickly disappear. One of them, are those hidden, forest huts of the Jewish Partisan Fort in the Rudninkai Forest (in Yiddish, der Rudnitsker vald) where Fania and the other Vilna Ghetto survivors lived, and which they used as their base when fighting Hitler's Germany and their local collaborators. Standing there, I was struck as to how similar those forest huts were to Sukkoth. Those ramshackle, desert huts our ancestors erected as we traversed the Sinai wilderness, from slavery to the Promised Land, reminded me of the frailty and transience of Jewish life without a home.



Yes, Vilnius is again Lithuania's capital but Vilne is no longer its Jerusalem!



My Birthright Trip to Israel

by Ashley Cohen-Tanugi

The day we landed in Tel-Aviv we had to wait until people from the other camps arrived. There were camps from all around North America. After every one was assembled, we took off to a hostel where we got settled and put into rooms with 3 to 4 roommates; they let us choose a friend, and then we were put in a room with two people from a different camp. We moved to a different hostel every 2 to 3 days.

The first couple of days were obviously a bit overwhelming, but we all got the hang of the schedule. We played a game that made all of us into different groups; there were at least 5 groups. Then we were paired with another group, and that would soon be our bus, but we spent most of our time with our group.

After this, we went and saw different places in Tel-Aviv. We also travelled to Jerusalem, and went to a synagogue. We had fifteen minutes to walk through a food market. We went to a desert where we experienced riding a donkey and a camel, and we slept overnight under Bedouin tents. We also went on hikes everyday; most of them were short and we also went on a water [Continued on page 7.](#)

Torah Study



Saturday Nov. 19th

at Rabbi Sutker's
home,
1135 McClure St.
at 4 pm.

Everyone is
welcome.

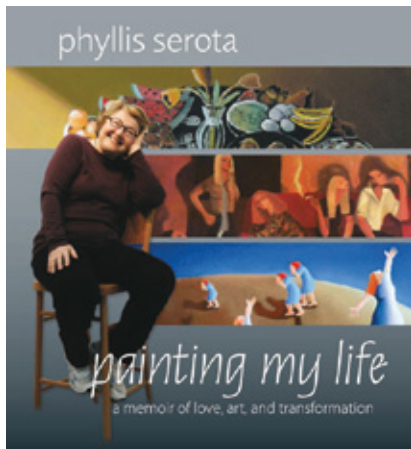
Tzedakah: A way of life.

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.



A BOOK LAUNCH

Book description:
Memoir / Art Book with 104 colour reproductions from Serota's extensive portfolio and 64 family photographs.
\$28.95 • 240 pages • paper • 1-55039-188-7

sononis
PRESS

Sono Nis Press
invites you to a celebration and launch for

painting my life

a memoir of love, art, and transformation

by Phyllis Serota

*

Thursday, November 3, 2011
Hors d'oeuvres/desserts at 6:30 pm
Author presentation at 7:30
Book signing until 8:30

The Art Gallery of Greater Victoria
1040 Moss Street, Victoria BC

This event is free and open to the public

We hope you will join us to honour Phyllis Serota
and her fine book.

*

Sono Nis Press • 1-800-370-5228 • books@sononis.com

*

Phyllis will also be signing copies of her book at:

Munro's Books
1108 Government St
Victoria, BC
Saturday Nov 5, 2011
3:00 – 4:30pm

If you are unable to attend, a signed copy can be reserved
by calling Munro's Books at 250-382-2464

[Birthright Trip](#), continued from page 6.

hike. On the water hike, we walked in a little lake that was extremely refreshing.

We went to a seminar where we learned all about a kibbutz. Then we got to experience what it was like on a kibbutz. We also had the experience of climbing Masada to see the sunrise. We went to a Holocaust museum and learned everything to learn about the Holocaust.

On Yom Habo we all went to the beach and saw other camps that were not from North America, and hung out at the beach all day. We shared a few days with some Israelis as well.

In Israel, we learned about lots of things including Zionism and the "Slut Walk."

This is a walk in which women walk to protest because even if they get rid of provocative clothing, it doesn't stop rapists. We went to a place in the desert where we went scorpion hunting. We learned that you are able to see scorpions with a black light.

Every Friday and Saturday, we would have Shabbat: Friday, we would have a nice Shabbat dinner and do Rikud (Israeli dancing). Saturday, we would do Havdalah and have a Medura musical, which is like a talent show where people who want to act or sing, can do it, and we all watch them. We also went to the Kineret (Lake Gallilee) where we built rafts; it took us all day to build them. [Continued on page 8.](#)

[Birthright Trip](#), continued from page 7. It was really fun. We got to paint our own flag, then the next day we sailed the Kineret. After that our counsellors rented a disco boat and we danced on the boat for two hours!

We did so many things, its hard to remember them all. In the limited time of 5 weeks, we all grew so close to each other, we were like brothers and sisters. Then came the time when we had to count down the days — 4, ... 3, ... 2, ... 1, and then came the day we all dreaded: it was time to say goodbye. We said goodbye to faces, but not to friendships. We all cried, and then we were on the plane home.

Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible for me.

Chai תי

Donations received since the last newsletter:

In honour of the Sandell baby and grandchild – Julie Elizabeth and Reva Hutkin, Joe and Ann Gougeon-Ryant

In honour of the Wainberg/Sandwith and Perrault babies - Julie Elizabeth and Reva Hutkin

In honour of Neal Wasser's birthday and retirement – Joe and Ann Gougeon-Ryant; Julie Elizabeth and Reva Hutkin; David and Dorothy Torontow

In honour of the Bleviss/Ginsberg marriage – Joel and Sandy Fagan, Julie Elizabeth and Reva Hutkin

In honour of David and Dorothy Torontow - Peter and Merial Barwin

Jack Shalinsky Volunteers with Israel Defense Force through Sar-El

Five years ago Sharon and Jack volunteered a few days after the 2nd Lebanese War ended and were stationed for 3 weeks at Afula, just south of the Lebanese border. It was an exciting and stimulating experience which further entrenched their already strong commitment to Israel and was one they recommended to all and hoped themselves to be able to repeat often.

This year, to celebrate a special birthday, Jack has returned for another 3-week stint. This time he has much cleaner work as he is stationed at Matzrap medical base on Tel Hashomer army base very close to Ben Gurion airport. Living in barracks is a challenge at any age and even more so for we "soft" North Americans. Imagine Jack's delight when he learned that this time 2 of his bunkmates are the same ones with whom he shared a room back in 2006...and he has known them from their teenage years in Montreal! For the next three weeks he and about 25 other volunteers will be living in segregated barracks and will be eating, sleeping and working with IDF soldiers.

Always passionate about Jerusalem as our capitol city, Jack will be spending every off-duty moment that he can there. Each week he leaves the base Thursday night after work and returns Saturday night after Shabbat. Needless to say, the volunteers leave their uniforms at the base.

If anyone wants further information about this wonderful volunteer program check out <http://www.sar-el.org/>

Experience the power of thousands of Reform Jews learning, praying, dancing, singing and shaping the future of Reform Judaism together!



Register now for the URJ 2011 Biennial
December 14–18 in Washington, DC urj.org/biennial



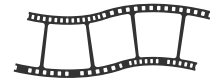
President Obama to Address the 2011 URJ Biennial

Early Bird Registration Deadline Extended to November 11

President Barack Obama will speak at the URJ Biennial taking place outside Washington, DC, on December 14-18. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity, register now!



JCCV JEWISH FILM



The Concert

Saturday Nov. 26th at 7:30

Thirty years ago, Andrei Simoniovich Filipov, the renowned conductor of the Bolshoi orchestra, was fired for hiring Jewish musicians. Now a mere cleaning man at the Bolshoi, he learns by accident that the Châtelet Theater in Paris invites the Bolshoi orchestra to play there. He decides to gather together his former musicians and to perform in Paris in the place of the current Bolshoi orchestra. As a solo violin player to accompany his old Jewish or Gypsy musicians he wants Anne-Marie Jacquet, a young virtuoso. If they all overcome the hardships ahead this very special concert will be a triumph. *Written by Guy Bellinger*

2009, France, 119 min., Comedy | Drama | Music

Director: Radu Mihaileanu

Writers: Radu Mihaileanu (scenario), Matthew Robbins (collaboration),

Stars: Aleksey Guskov, Mélanie Laurent and Dmitri Nazarov



Those we remember ...

OBSERVED DATE	CIVIL DATE YEAR OF DEATH	HEBREW DATE YEAR OF DEATH	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	MOURNER
November 1, 2011	November, 1991	Unknown	Eugene Molina	Grandfather	Grace Sandell
November 1, 2011	November, 1975	Unknown	Sharon Yacowar-Frohlinger	Sister	Hal Yacowar
November 5, 2011	November 5, 1971	17 Cheshvan 5732	Katie Kadonoff	Mother In Law	June Kadonoff
November 8, 2011	November 8, 1950	28-Cheshvan-5711	Sara Miller	Grandmother	Don Sher
November 11, 2011	November 11, 2010	4 Kislev 5771	Doug Whittier	Friend	Jenny Laing
November 11, 2011	November 11, 1981	14 Heshvan 5742	Jules Szabo	Grandfather	Caroline Hergt
November 12, 2011	November 12, 1996	1 Kislev 5757	Edith Brodtkin	Sister	Joe Gougeon-Ryant
November 13, 2011	November 13, 2009	25 Heshvan 5770	Eric Blitstein	Brother	Paula Blitstein
November 16, 2011	November 16th	Unknown	Benjamin Sharpe	Father	Arline Leshner
November 18, 2011	November 18, 2001	3 Kislev 5762	Ann Knight McChesney	Grandmother	Heather Gatland
November 19, 2011	November 19, 2009	2 Kislev 5770	José Mario Ferreira Costa	Brother	Eva Katz
November 20, 2011	November 20, 2003	25 Heshvan 5764	Margaret Gatland	Grandmother	Heather Gatland
November 20, 2011	November 10th	23 Cheshvan	Shemuel Ben Abraham	Father	Samuel Perez
November 25, 2011	November 25 1995	18 Heshvan 5756	George Dinning	Father-in-Law	Julie Elizabeth
November 26, 2011	November 26, 2007	16 Kislev 5768	David Marks	Brother	Gerald Marks
November 28, 2011	November 28 2005	26 Heshvan 5766	Ethel Barnett	Mother	Fran Rothman
November 28, 2011	November 28, 2010	21 Kislev 5771	Jo Lavitch	Mother	Kezia Allen

JCCV Newcomers' Group

The Victoria Jewish Community Centre is starting a program for people who are new to Victoria or who have moved here in the last three years or so. This group is open to anyone who wishes to meet other newcomers and wants to integrate into the Jewish Community and to learn about the Jewish opportunities available in Victoria. Please contact Joanne Helm at 778-426-2996 or <helmj@shaw.ca> for further information. The group will meet initially at the Centre on a Monday afternoon in mid November.

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES:

- *Out and About — visits to all things Jewish (5 religious groups) and some things that are just interesting and fun
 - *Walking Groups
 - *Dining out in a group at various restaurants
 - *Dining in at a hosts house
 - *Book Club
 - *anything else anyone wants to organize.

*On Friday
November 18th,
Rabbi Louis
will lead a
Special Service
to welcome all our
new members.*

*We hope to see
many old and new
faces there!*



Hadassah-WIZO of Victoria

'Genealogy and Legal Sleuthing: a quest for U.S. citizenship'

by Citizenship and Immigration lawyer, Julia Herzog

Thursday Nov 24, 2011

7:30 PM

At the home of Sharon Shalinsky, # 5204 - 2829 Arbutus Road

RSVP requested by Nov 21 to Celia Negin, 250- 995-1414,
morcel@shaw.ca

Gala Chanukah Party

Thursday December 22, 2011

At the home of Ana and Alex Porzecanski

2391 Beach Drive

*On behalf of Hadassah-WIZO of Victoria,
thank you and Chag Sameach.*

November 2011
Cheshvan-Kislev 5772

THE VOICE

Page 11



Synagogue in Vilnius, Lithuania

November 2011

Tishrei-Kislev 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4	2 5	3 6	7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat, led by Joe Gougeon- Ryant 4 7	Lech Lecha 5 8
6 9	7 10	8 11	9 12	10 13	7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat, led by Jenny Laing 11 14	Vayera 12 15
13 16	14 17	15 18	16 19	17 20	7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat, led by Rabbi Louis 18 21	Chayei Sara 19 22 Torah Study 4:00 chez Rabbi Louis
20 23 9-4: NVP Workshop	21 24	22 25	23 26	24 27	7:30 Kabbalat shabbat, led by Joel Fagan 25 28	Toldot 26 29 10:00 pm Selichot Service at JCCV
Rosh Chodesh 27 1 Kislev 9-4: NVP Workshop	28 2	29 3	30 4			White squares indicate days Rabbi Sutker is with us.

Religious School Report

On the first day of Hebrew School the Kolot Mayim children and parents were welcomed warmly to the school by Leah Levi, the director of the Emmanuel Hebrew School, who was so pleased to see this example of co-operation between the two communities.

The children are enjoying being part of a larger community of Jewish children, as each of our children, who formerly all studied together in one very small class, are now each part of a larger, age appropriate grouping. We are also very happy to welcome Jack and Sarah Kushner, whose family joined Kolot Mayim this fall, as part of our new school arrangement. Jack is in Grade 4, and Sarah is in the B'nei Mitzvah class.

Our children are enjoying learning about the holidays in their classes, and are starting to learn more Hebrew. Last week's class started with Havdallah in the Sukkah on the porch at Emmanuel, after that the younger students made soup with veggies they brought from home, and the older students learned how to say "the lulav is under the table" in Hebrew.

The students then went to the Sukkah at Rabbi Harry's, bringing cards for the Sukkah and the wonderful soup made by the younger children. After each student shook the lulav and etrog, they got their chance to hit a pinata, and to enjoy the chocolate treats hidden inside. Some of our Kolot Mayim children then went on to Rabbi Louis's Sukkah, enjoying a veritable "Sukkah crawl" that morning.

The leaders of the Emmanuel Hebrew School are very amenable to discussing anything that will help to make our children feel comfortable in the school, and are sensitive to recognizing the differences between our approaches and traditions and their own. We are working with them on ensuring that the B'nei Mitzvah instructors at Emmanuel are aware of our approach to B'nei Mitzvah as they work with our children.

Thus far, our new departure in Hebrew education for our children is working very well.

Lynne Marks, Co-Chair, Religious Education

YOU ALREADY KNOW

שפּרײַץ SHPRITZ

גליטש GLITCH

קלאַץ KLUTZ

שמועס SHMOOZE

בייגל BAGEL

8 Thursdays:
Jan 5 to Feb 23
7:30 to 9:00 pm
at the JCCV

\$140.00/person*
*10% discount
for JCCV members
*reduced rate for seniors

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Instructor: Michael Gans

Graphics Design: www.hegral.com