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Chag Sameach Sukkoth



Join Rabbi Louis and Charlotte
in their Sukkah
1135 McClure Street
Sunday October 7th
12 Noon until 2:00 pm

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From Rabbi Louis



Where do we go from here?

(Theme suggested by Kalman Sutker)

We have tilled and fertilized the soil during the month of Elul.

We planted the seeds of requesting pardon from others and of giving forgiveness when asked, on Rosh HaShanah.

We protected the seedlings and fertilized them with our own energy and food on Yom Kippur.

We will watch over them from our frail huts on Sukkot and then harvest them.

We will sit in silence and exhaustion as the workers and guests go home on Shemini Atzeret.

We will dance with joy at the abundance and beauty of our produce on Simchat Torah.

What do we do now? You know the answer:

We will eat together and absorb and enjoy the harvested fruit and produce.

We will give part of it away to others who did not have such a good harvest, or who had no land to plant.

We will freeze and dry some of the harvest for the coming year.

We will start to think about how to enrich the soil more in the coming year.

And then we start all over again.

r. Louis

Simchah Torah Celebration

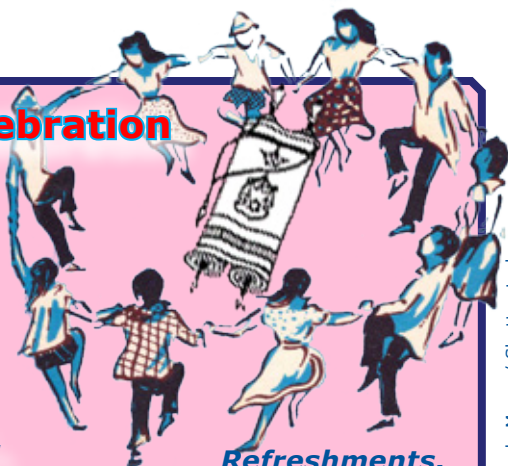
*Come sing and dance
at the JCCV.*

*and rejoice in the Torah
with Rabbi Sutker*

Monday October 8th

7:30 pm. Fun for all ages.

Refreshments.





Shalom Kolot Mayim Family,

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated Rosh Hashana, Tashlich, Yom Kippur, and hopefully been inscribed in the Book of Life for another year. We still have more celebrating to look forward to: Succoth and Simchat Torah. I love this time of year when our Jewishness is in the forefront of our lives. Rabbi Louis has been teaching us Torah, singing up a storm, and leading wonderful services, for which we are thankful.

On October 8th, we are invited to Rabbi Louis and Charlotte's home to enjoy their Sukkah, and the next evening, the 9th, at 7:30, we will celebrate Simchat Torah by singing and dancing with our Torah, to commemorate the final reading and go back to "Bereshit," the beginning.

Now that we are back to our full schedule, I want to remind everyone how important it is to bring something for our donation box. Tzedakah is an important component of who we are. Jewish Family Services and the James Bay Food Bank are the main recipients of your donations, and they are most grateful.

Julie and I are working together to bring our Website up to date, and Mike Laing (Jenny's brother) continues to upload our newsletter to the Site, and is implementing the changes as we send them to him. Thanks to Kis Brink, we are now on Facebook. She needs everyone on Facebook to like our Site so we can get a better URL. Invite your contacts to like us as well.

The Interfaith Community is organizing a story-telling event. They will help those of us interested in participating, to write our stories and then to present them to an audience in a performance. The series of workshops begins on October 28th at 1:00 pm at the JCCV.

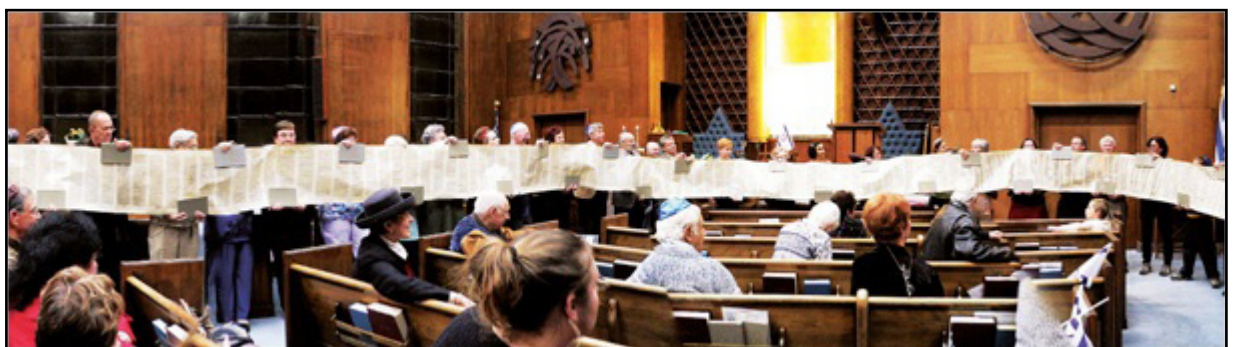
Neal Wasser is also organizing another Non Violent Communication Workshop for November. Also known as Compassionate Listening, this workshop was very successful last year, with an ongoing support group that grew out of it. Watch your Weekly Updates for details.

On October 28th at 3:00 pm, Rabbi Louis will lead a Seminar for all current Service leaders and those who think they would like to lead a service from time to time. Now that we no longer have an official Lay Leader, it is incumbent upon as many of us as possible, to step up to the challenge. It is hoped that this Seminar will be followed up with quarterly meetings to hone our skills.

Another upcoming event is a Bazaar to be held on December 2nd in conjunction with the JCCV. This could be a fundraiser for us. Elizabeth Mincey will spearhead the event.

I am learning to be your President. There are a few challenges, but so far, thanks to our excellent Board, everything is running smoothly. However, I still need a Vice-President. This is not a difficult position, and I am sure there are many capable people in our congregation, equal to the task. Step forward, please.

Reva



Two young
Shofar blowers



Photos Catherine Bianco

Walk on Water

Saturday September 29th was the first of the JCCV's Jewish Movie Nights, and this year, this monthly event is being hosted by our own Michael Gans and Bob Cameron. Bob made delicious gourmet popcorn which was included in the entry fee – only five bucks! Where else in town can you see a movie and get popcorn for that?

The movie offered for September was ***Walk on Water***, an Israeli production in English, Hebrew and German, with subtitles as needed. On the surface it was a simple plot: a Mossad agent sent to get a Nazi war criminal, who until now, had evaded capture and prosecution. But there are many sub-plots which contribute to the character development and take the film to a considerably more complex level.

The three main characters are the Mossad agent, and a German sister and brother. The relationship that develops between the three, and in particular, the brother and the Israeli, is the underlying theme. All are dealing with hatreds that stem from the Holocaust which have hardened their hearts.

As the film mostly takes place in Israel, amidst current terrorist actions, it begs the comparison between the Nazis of the thirties and forties, and today's Arab terrorists. With some of the action taking place in Germany, where skinheads are making their intimidating presence known, this thought-provoking film asks if it will ever be over. Will the Jews ever be free from hatred and scapegoating?

Then there's the matter of the title, clearly a reference to Jesus. How does this play out in a Jewish film? As the story progresses, we witness the events that play upon the Israeli and the young German man, and lead them to new places where they can be whole, no longer slaves to their fears and hatreds.

Does walking on water then become a metaphor for a heart filled with love and acceptance? Does discarding the burdens of hatred and fear lighten one enough to walk on water? One could go on then to wonder about Jesus' purported miracle. But that's for another article.

There was an excellent turnout for the movie, including a fair showing of Kolot Mayim members. For those who didn't see the film, I highly recommend renting it. I, for one, would like to see it again. Michael's offerings for October and November are ***A Serious Man***, and ***Sunshine***, respectively.

Julie Elizabeth

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.

Chai חַי

Donations received since the last newsletter:

Carol Sokoloff

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Thank you to Rabbi Louis - Raffi Beck

In memory of his sister, Bella - Morris
Bleviss

Mazel Tov to Michael Gans on getting his
Masters - Julie Elizabeth & Reva Hutkin

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.

The first stage of the beautification program is now complete. This consists of a network of paved pathways and a sign identifying the Jewish Community Section of the cemetery. In the very near future we hope to see a number of trees planted and a bench or benches placed. In the spring we hope to have a formal Service of Consecration at the cemetery, to which the whole of the Jewish community will be invited.

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).

JEWISH MOVIE NIGHT



For **October**, we are pleased to present:

A Serious Man

A black comedy drama centered on Larry Gopnik, a Midwestern professor who watches his life unravel through multiple sudden incidents. Though seeking for meaning and answers he seems to stay stalled.

Saturday, October 27, 2012 at 7:30 pm

For **November**, we are pleased to present:

Sunshine

The fate of a Hungarian Jewish family throughout the 20th century.

Saturday, November 24, 2012 at 7:30 pm



Jewish Community Centre of Victoria

3636 Shelbourne Street Victoria, BC V8P 4H2

Movie and popcorn
followed by schmoozing (a discussion) and noshing (coffee, tea and dessert).

\$5.00 per person

Contact: Michael Gans or Bob Cameron 250-884-8725

Jewish People Around the World



UNITED KINGDOM: To mark its 60th anniversary the Cardiff Reform Synagogue is interviewing 50 members of the community to create an audio archive and online educational materials, as well as organizing a touring exhibition about the South Wales community that dates back more than 200 years and totals today 250. <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/showbiz-and-lifestyle/real-life/2012/03/27/lasting-memories-for-jewish-community-in-south-wales-thanks-to-heritage-lottery-fund-91466-30628820/>

DO YOU HAVE.....?

Do you have something to celebrate — a birthday, an anniversary, a child's or grandchild's special accomplishment, something, anything, that has special meaning to you? Do you have someone special that you want to commemorate, someone you have loved, respected, miss?

Our beloved Kolot Mayim Reform Congregation would be so pleased to join you in your special moment.

May we suggest that you undertake to sponsor an **Oneg Shabbat** following one of our Friday night Services? We'll supply the tea and coffee plus fixings and the tableware;

you supply the food. We will give publicity to the event being recognized (unless you wish otherwise), so that you can be surrounded by your congregational family. And, of course, you can bring family members and friends who are not part of our congregation.

Please contact Julie Elizabeth at 250-388-4161, or <madrona623@gmail.com> or Catherine Bianco at <catherinemmb@gmail.com> to book your Friday night.

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CONGREGATION EMANU-EL

ADULT HEBREW LITERACY PROGRAM

BIBICAL HEBREW LEVEL I

All are Welcome to Enroll !

This is a beginner's level course, and is designed for the individual with very little or no previous knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet. You will be introduced to the Hebrew language, using the Shabbat evening service as a guide. The goal of the class is to enable students to learn to read simple Hebrew prayers, including learning the melodies.

MONDAYS

OCT.15, 2012—FEB. 25, 2013

Sixteen (16) Sessions

(No Classes: November 12,
December 24, 31, February 11)

7:00 - 9:00 PM

**Congregation Emanu-El
Fisher Education Centre**

TAUGHT BY GIDI NAHSHON

Members: \$125.00

Non-Members: \$165.00

Plus Textbook: \$23.00

**TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE
INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL**

Lesley Lymbery, Hebrew Literacy
Coordinator, at 250-479-2350,
or email: <ljlymbery@shaw.ca>.



Introducing the New Community Development Officer and Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Victoria and Vancouver Island

David Bodrug has been a part of the Victoria community for over five years. He is finishing his Master of Public Administration degree at the University of Victoria, specializing in non-profit administration and local government. In addition to his volunteerism in the local Jewish community, David has also conducted a demographic study for the Federation (in 2010), and recently spent a year as the Administrative and Marketing Coordinator at the North Shore Jewish Community Centre in West Vancouver.

Beginning October 9th, JFVVI office hours are Tuesdays through Thursdays between 10am and 1:30pm, or by appointment. David can also be reached by telephone (250) 370-9488, or email info@jewishvancouverisland.ca.

***Please feel free to drop by the office
at the JCC and say hi!***

Torah Study

We're trying something a little different this Fall. Instead of one Torah Study session per month on the weeks that Rabbi Sutker leads services, we are going to study Torah for five weeks in a row this Fall, and again in the Spring. It was felt that this would

offer more continuity for our enthusiastic Torah scholars.

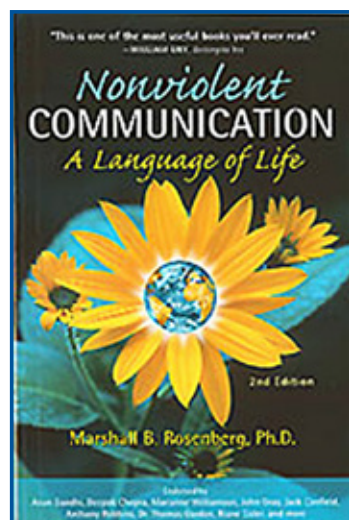
Beginning **Saturday, November 17th**, Rabbi Louis will lead Torah Study in his home, starting at 4 pm. Please let us know how you like the new format, and we always welcome your suggestions.



Interlaced: Stories, Faith and Community: an Interfaith Bridging Project including the Jewish, Muslim and Hindu faith communities.

Kolot Mayim is participating in the Intercultural Association of Victoria's Interfaith Storytelling Project. This Interfaith project will include the Muslim and Hindu communities. The program will begin at **the Jewish Community Centre on October 28 from 1:00 to 4:30**, and will continue on through to June, culminating in a concert. We are looking for participants from the Jewish Community who are interested in storytelling. With the mentoring of professional storytellers, participants will learn tools to help them tell their stories. This program begins with each faith group meeting separately for the first three sessions followed by joint storytelling. The program will culminate with a concert night celebration when the best stories of each community will be told. For information and registration contact Neal Wasser at <wassfamvic@yahoo.com> or at 250-595-3874.

Nonviolent Communication Workshop II



We are happy to announce that Kolot Mayim is once again hosting a workshop in Nonviolent Communication (NVC). This is a 2 1/2 day workshop based on the writings of Marshall Rosenberg. Rosenberg encourages us to try and connect from the heart, using needs-based communication. NVC, also known as Compassionate Communication, can improve your communication skills and the quality of your relationships with others. Following the workshop there will be an opportunity to continue with a bi-monthly practice group to help hone our newly-learned skills in a supportive environment. Child care will be available if sufficient demand. **Tentative** dates for the workshop are Saturday evening **November 17th, 7:00-9:00; Sunday November 18th, 9:00-4:00; and Sunday November 25th, 9:00-4:00**. Early registration until November 1st is \$170.00/\$300 per couple. After November 1st, \$200/\$350 per couple. Sliding scale based on need. Thanks to the Jewish

Federation of Victoria for the grant to make this workshop possible. For registration and more information contact Neal Wasser at <wassfamvic@yahoo.com> or 250-595-3874.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
Erev Sukkot	1 15 Tishrei	2 16	3 17	4 18 Aish's Girls Night Out 7:30 JCCV	5 19 7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat led by Michael Gans	Sukkot 4th 6 20							
Open House in the Sutker's Sukkah Noon-2:00	8 22 Simchah Torah Celebration 7:30 JCCV	9 23	10 24	11 25	12 26 Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by Joe Gougeon- Ryant	Bereshit 13 27							
14 28	15 29	16 30	17 1 Cheshvan Rosh Chodesh	18 2	19 3 Kabbal Shabbat Service led by Joel Fagan	Noach 20 4							
21 5	22 6	23 7	24 8	25 9	26 10 Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by Michael Gans	Lech Lecha 27 11							
Seminar for Service Leaders (current & interested) 3 pm chez Rabbi Louis	29 13	30 14	31 15	November 1 16	2 17 Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by Joe Gougeon- Ryant	Vayera 3 18							
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11 26	12 27	13 28	14 29	15 1 Kislev Rosh Chodesh	16 2 Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Sutker	Toldot 17 3 Torah Study 1/5 4-5 pm chez Rav Louis							
18 4	19 5	20 6	21 7	22 8	23 9 Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by Lynn Greenough	Vayetzei 24 10 Torah Study 2/5 4-5 pm chez Rav Louis							
25 11	26 12	27 13	28 14	29 15	30 16 Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by Julie & Reva	White squares indicate days Rabbi Sutker is with us.							



Those we remember ...


CIVIL DATE YEAR OF DEATH	HEBREW DATE YEAR OF DEATH	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	MOURNER
October, 1980	<i>Unknown</i>	Joseph Sugarman	Uncle of	Sandy Fagan
October, 2005	<i>Unknown</i>	Sylvia Markel	Great Aunt of of	David Levinson
October 2, 1967	<i>27 Elul 5728</i>	Jessie Jardine	Mother of	June Kadonoff
October 2, 1992	<i>5 Tishrei 5753</i>	William Wagman	Father of	Ellen Wagman
October 3, 1990	<i>14 Tishrei 5751</i>	Monica Fisi-Fischer	Daughter of	Judith Fischer
October 5, 2005	<i>2 Tishrei 5766</i>	Son ofya Leshner	Sister of In Law of	Arline Leshner
October 5, 1993	<i>20 Tishrei 5754</i>	Mark Hedrick	Uncle of	Jessica Simpson
October 7, 2008	<i>8 Tishrei 5769</i>	David Masson	Friend of	The Congregation
October 7, 2008	<i>8 Tishrei 5769</i>	Evelyn Young	Mother of	Gail Young
October 9, 2008	<i>9 Tishrei 5769</i>	Harry Torontow	Father of	David Torontow
October 10, 1999	<i>30 Tishrei 5760</i>	Debbie Wagman	Sister of	Ellen Wagman
October 11, 2007	<i>11 Heshvan 5768</i>	Richard Lawson	Father of	Pamela Lawson
October 12, 1976	<i>18 Tishrei 5737</i>	Simon Marks	Father of	Gerry Marks
October 12, 1959	<i>10-Tishrei-5720</i>	Frank Sher	GrandFather of	Don Sher
October 13, 1998	<i>23 Tishrei 5759</i>	Martin Schulstad	Father of	Jacqueline Seigel
October 14, 1969	<i>2 Heshvan 5730</i>	Benjamin Bookman	Father of	Lawrence Bookman
October 16, 1987	<i>23 Tishrei 5748</i>	Caitlin Martha	GrandDaughter of	Arline Leshner
October 16, 1997	<i>17 Tishrei 5758</i>	Harold Miller	Uncle of	Don Sher
October 17, 2007	<i>5 Cheshvan 5768</i>	Jean Downey Dey	Friend of	Rennie Parrish
October 17, 1993	<i>2 Cheshvan 5754</i>	Kenneth Conlin	Father of	Sharon Gillelan-Shalinsky
October 10, 2010	<i>2 Cheshvan 5771</i>	Sarah Bleviss	Mother of	Morris Bleviss
October 25 1958	<i>11 Cheshvan 5719</i>	Sarah Gottdank Torontow	Mother of	David Torontow
October 26, 2006	<i>25 Tishrei 5767</i>	Eliza Chasing Freedman	Mother of	Yehudi Freedman

Friday, November 9 to Sunday, November 11, 2012

That's the weekend that you can join a bunch of your friends in Vancouver for the Jewish Film Festival! For approximately \$400.00, you can travel in comfort, stay in a nice hotel near the Ridge theatre, enjoy good food, attend the Opening Night Gala showing and after party, and see several more films, before returning, exhausted but with your head filled with the best Jewish cinema has to offer this year. Now that's what I call a deal!

Contact Edie at the JCCV, 250-477-7185 or <jccv@telus.net> to reserve. Space is limited, so hurry!

CIVIL DATE YEAR OF DEATH	HEBREW DATE YEAR OF DEATH	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	MOURNER
November, 1991	<i>Unknown</i>	Eugene Molina	GrandFather of	Grace Sandell
November, 1975	<i>Unknown</i>	Sharon Yacowar-Frohlinger	Sister of	Hal Yacowar
November 5, 1971	<i>17 Cheshvan 5732</i>	Katie Kadonoff	Mother in Law of of	June Kadonoff
November 10th	<i>23 Cheshvan</i>	Shemuel Ben Abraham	Father of	Samuel Perez
November 8, 1950	<i>28-Cheshvan-5711</i>	Sara Miller	GrandMother of	Don Sher
November 11, 2010	<i>4 Kislev 5771</i>	Doug Whittier	Friend of	Jenny Laing
November 12, 1996	<i>1 Kislev 5757</i>	Edith Brodtkin	Sister of	Joe Gougeon-Ryant
November 13, 1995	<i>20 Cheshvan 5756</i>	Mortimer Freedman	Father of	Yehudi Freedman
November 13, 2009	<i>25 Heshvan 5770</i>	Eric Blitstein	Brother of	Paula Blitstein
November 16th	<i>Unknown</i>	Benjamin Sharpe	Father of	Arline Leshner
November 18, 2001	<i>3 Kislev 5762</i>	Ann Knight McChesney	GrandMother of	Heather Gatland
November 19, 2009	<i>2 Kislev 5770</i>	José Mario Ferreira Costa	Brother of	Eva Katz
November 20, 2003	<i>25 Heshvan 5764</i>	Margaret Gatland	GrandMother of	Heather Gatland
November 25 1995	<i>18 Heshvan 5756</i>	George Dinning	Father of-in-Law of	Julie Elizabeth
November 26, 2007	<i>16 Kislev 5768</i>	David Marks	Brother of	Gerald Marks
November 28 2005	<i>26 Heshvan 5766</i>	Ethel Barnett	Mother of	Fran Rothman
November 28, 2010	<i>21 Kislev 5771</i>	Jo Lavitch	Mother of	Kezia Allen
November 28, 2011	<i>2 Kislev 5772</i>	Jean Mailhot	Aunt of	Louise Peloquin
November 26, 1996	<i>15 Kislev 5756</i>	Godfrey Sandell	Father of	David Sandell

One hour of Yiddish or two?

Taught by Michael Gans

Grammar
Beginners & Intermediate
7:00 pm
Conversational
8:00pm

\$80.00 per class
(\$72 JCCV members)
OR
\$150.00 for both
(\$135 JCCV members)

Together, we will travel back in time to explore the lost Jewish world of Eastern Europe through classic Yiddish film (we provide the popcorn), Klezmer and Jewish music, Yiddish cooking (a potluck dinner, served in Yiddish), comedy and cabaret, literature, poetry, and Yiddish theater, all the while, learning to speak the *mameloshen*, our nation of words, our beloved Yiddish.

**PLEASE CALL EDIE AT
THE JCCV TO RESERVE.**

250-477-7185.

Sukkah-hopping on a Sunday

When attending religious school at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, I clearly remember making decorations for the Sukkah, and I remember figs and dates, and pears at this time, too. But I cannot recall where the Sukkah was or what it looked like! Maybe we were making decorations to put in our own Sukkahs at our homes?

What I do remember, however, is that we never had a Sukkah at our home. Nor did any of my friends have one. In fact, I don't think I'd ever seen one or been in one until coming to Kolot Mayim. Every year at Kolot Mayim, we build a small Sukkah; the Religious School kids decorate it, and at the end of the Kabbalat Shabbat service within the Sukkoth period, we go out to the Sukkah, wave the Lulav and Etrog, and say the appropriate prayers. This is the first time that I can remember ever performing the ritual of the Lulav and Etrog, as well.

Last year, I was delighted to attend the Sutkers' Open House in their Sukkah. This was the first time I had actually seen, let alone, sat in, a Sukkah at someone's home. This was the real thing! I was thoroughly impressed.

This year, as Co-chair of the Religious Affairs Committee, it was my responsibility to obtain a Lulav and Etrog for our Sukkoth observance. I had been told that Rabbi Cohen of Aish always gets them for us, so I had contacted him to, once again, get them for us this year.

Yesterday (Sunday, September 30th), I went to his home to pick them up. It was a beautiful, sunny afternoon. On the way, I dropped in on the Sutkers to return something to our Rabbi. I was warmly welcomed, with hugs all round and offers of coffee (or something stronger!) and crumble. Having just finished a large breakfast, I declined, but accepted the offer to see the newly completed Sukkah. It was so inviting, I just had to sit down and enjoy some time in it. Charlotte and I schmoozed and Louis joined in our conversation when not working in the yard.

At the Cohen's, I was warmly welcomed by Rabbi Barack and Shy, and ushered into the kitchen where Rachel was hard at work preparing the Festival dinner. I was treated to a sampling of Stuffed Onion filling, shown the Sukkah and the Mikveh, and enjoyed schmoozing with both of them as well. Their Sukkah was quite different from the Sutkers'. But equally as welcoming. I would love to see more Sukkahs, see the subtle variations in each, how each is decorated, and made homey. I'm sure there are as many variations as there are Jews. It would be kind of fun to make a book: Sukkahs of the World. But maybe I could start small with Victoria Sukkahs. If any of our readers is building a Sukkah this year, I would love to see it.

This was a very lovely way to spend a beautiful Fall afternoon in Victoria. *Julie Elizabeth*



Hadassah-WIZO of Victoria

A Lost Tribe of Israel: Canadian Hadassah-WIZO and Thrifty Foods present the film, **The Bnei Menashe of India** on Tuesday, November 20th at the JCCV. Please contact Celia Negin at 250-995-1414 or <morcel@shaw.ca> to reserve.