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Wishing all our congregants a healthy, active, and warm summer!

Please note we are now on the bi-monthly service schedule until September.

Kolot Mayim

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday July 17th, 2012
7 pm
Jewish Community Centre

Reading & Acceptance of 2011 Minutes

Financial Statements

Committee Reports

Election of Officers

Louis Sherman Award

Refreshments

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Rabbi
Louis Sutker

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From Rabbi Louis .....

Both Sides Now

Summertime and the living is *not* so Jewishly easy.

The nation of Israel is going through a rough time, both internally, and from external threats. There appears to be a rise in anti-Jewish sentiment world-wide that may correspond to worsening economic conditions. There have been two incidents of Nazi symbolism graffiti in Victoria, which is very unusual.

Summer is when we recognize the *17th of Tammuz,* when the walls of Jerusalem were first breached 2500 years ago, and the *9th of Av,* when Jerusalem was destroyed — first by the Babylonians, and then by the Romans. In addition to the external threats at those times, the Jewish people were deeply divided among themselves, and this contributed to the problems. The sages say that the second Temple was destroyed because of senseless hatred between us.

However....

Summer is also the time for remembering our positive attributes, the way we come together to help each other. It is a time when we attempt to learn from our past mistakes. Summer is the time when we bask in the (unpredictable) warmth of the Victoria sun, and are able to relax. It is also the time when we received the revelation of the Ten Utterances and forgiveness for the sin of the Golden Calf.

Summer is the time when we renew our commitment to the State of Israel and to all of its citizens Moslem, Jewish, Christian and Druze. It is the time when we visit the Land and encourage non-racist attitudes among our brothers and sisters living there. This year, especially, we greet with enthusiasm, the decision to recognize non-Orthodox Rabbis (including women Rabbis).

Each season has its ups and downs. May this summer be a time of reflection about the past and positive decisions of renewal for the future. The New Year will soon be upon us.

Rav Louis

President's Message

Hello Temple Family,

Where has the year gone? Here we are into July already with the summer solstice behind us. I'm hoping July and August bring us sun and warmth rather than the cool and wet we had throughout most of June.

Rabbi Louis' last service of the year was a lovely celebration that included the music of Gary and Amber from the group *Couscous.* The combination of Rabbi Louis' leadership and the musical abilities of *Couscous* made for a most enjoyable service that was both uplifting and fun. The Rabbi's service was well attended and there were a few new faces in the crowd. Throughout the year Rabbi' Louis' services have been well attended and have attracted people from outside our congregation. Rabbi Louis has generously offered to lead a summer service on August 24. I'm pleased he will continue as our spiritual leader next year and will return for the High Holidays.

Our AGM is quickly approaching later this month. It will be held on July 17 at the Jewish Community Centre at 7:00 PM. I'm happy to report that most of the Board will remain in their current positions. I will be stepping down as President this year but will remain on the Executive as an active Past President. We have begun house construction, and as the project manager and the homeowner, I will be extremely preoccupied with this project and will not have the ability to focus on the responsibilities of President.

My time as President has been very rewarding. I'm proud that during my tenure, we successfully transitioned from a time of great difficulty to one of greater harmony and stability. We have come together as a congregation and our community has overcome the interpersonal and financial difficulties that we faced not so long ago. I want to thank everyone for their appreciation of my efforts and for their support during my presidency.

My wife Louise and I have benefited from our increased involvement in the congregation by becoming more connected with the Kolot Mayim community. Although we are long-standing Kolot Mayim members. our involvement within the community had been minimal. We are often separated from our extended families and the friends that we grew up with. The resulting alienation within society has left many without a sense community that is so important for our mental and social well-being. With our greater involvement in Kolot Mayim, came a connection to community that is often lacking in the modern world. It's very inspiring to see how our congregation responds in times of crisis in the most heart-felt way. I am proud to be part of this community.

I am extremely pleased with the success of the Nonviolent Communication (NVC) program. It began as a two day workshop last Fall, and continued with a 13 session practice group. Our NVC group created a close bond and there was a consensus to continue meeting so that we can improve the skills we have learned. The practice of NVC helps us to change our habitual patterns that have not served us well. It provides us tools for communicating from the heart, based on needs and feelings. All of us who participated in this training, found it very rewarding. Next fall we will offer another NVC workshop that will continue with a practice group. Anyone interested in participating can contact me for more information (250-595-3874).

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Victoria Reform Jewish Cong - Kolot Mayim Reform Temple
Statement of Operations
For the 12 months ended May 31, 2012

		Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	12 Month May 31, 2011
	Units	42			
Revenue	**Heads**	**63**	65		65
Membership dues					
Membership dues		**29,315**	32,500	(3,185)	28,885
Membership Subsidies		**(1,755)**	(6,000)	4,245	(3,160)
Fair Share		**5,080**	6,000	(920)	5,400
		32,640	32,500	140	31,125
Programs / Committees					
Religious School					
Religious School Fees (5 students)		**2,250**	4,250	(2,000)	2,180
RS Fee Discounts			(2,125)	2,125	(360)
Supplies			(1,500)	1,500	(372)
Congregation Emanu-el		**(4,275)**	(4,250)	(25)	(2,503)
		(2,025)	(3,625)	1,600	(1,055)
Religious affairs					
HHD Ticket		**2,788**	750	2,038	573
HHD Expenses		**(772)**	(1,000)	228	(436)
Other holiday & Oneg expenses		**(1,653)**	(2,150)	497	
		364	(2,400)	2,764	137
Program - Non- Violent Communication Workshop					
Enrollment fees plus JFVVI Grant		**6,630**	4,000	2,630	
Workshop expenses		**(4,991)**	(2,500)	(2,491)	
		1,639	1,500	139	0
Gross Revenue (Loss)		**32,617**	27,975	4,642	30,207
Expense (see Attachment A)					
Rabbinical Leadership		**22,925**	23,575	650	34,420
Staff Expenses		**1,388**	1,500	112	1,410
General Expenses		**9,535**	9,025	(510)	16,779
Total Expense		**33,848**	34,100	252	52,608
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)		**(1,230)**	(6,125)	4,895	(22,401)
Other Revenue/Expense					
Donations - Non-Tx Reciept		**482**	500	(18)	6,264
Donations Received Tx Receipted		**1,418**	4000	(2,582)	5,073
Other Revenue/JFVVIS grants					10,894
Interest Revenue		**454**	125	329	540
Revenue from events					(885)
China Bazaar - Dec 4		**539**	500	39	
InterCultural Dinner - Mar 25		**621**	500	121	
Pesach Seder - April 7		**472**	500	(28)	(364)
Klezmer to Klassics- May 12		**20**		20	
Mums for Mothers Day - May 13		**365**		365	
Net Other Revenue/Expense		**4,372**	6,125	(1,753)	21,522
Surplus (Deficit)		**3,141**	**0**	3,141	**(879)**

President's Message, continued from page 3.

Our Board for next year is the following.

Reva Hutkin	Vice President
Neal Wasser	Past President
Susan Halpert	Secretary
Morris Bleviss	Treasurer
Lynne Marks	Co-Chairs Religious School
Amanda Grafter-Ricks	
Elizabeth Mincey	Congregational Development
Arline Leshner	Care and Conscern/ Member at Large

As you may have noticed we have not yet found someone for President. Reva Hutkin will be acting President until the position is filled. Also, we are still looking for someone to fill the position of Chair of the Ritual Committee.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.
Have a wonderful summer.

L'shalom,

Neal

Religious School Note

Closing ceremonies for the School were held at Temple Emmanu-el. A good time was had by all who attended.

Amanda Gafter-Ricks, Co-Chair

Jewish People Around the World

Spain: Chuetas (the Catalan word for pig), descendants of Jews who were forced to convert to Christianity in the 14-15th centuries, number an estimated 20,000 of Majorca's 860,000 residents. Some have recently converted to Judaism, Photo; A Chueta writer, Miquel Segura, who converted to Judaism in 2009, in the synagogue in Palma de Majorca. http://www.france24.com/en/20120312-jews-majorca-reconnect-with-roots

Feld Carr, a musicologist, mother of six and grandmother of 13 from Toronto was given the Presidential Award of Distinction by Shimon Peres for secretly rescuing three-quarters of the Syrian Jewish community by escape routes and by ransom. http://www.jpost.com/JewishWorld/JewishFeatures/Article.aspx?id=274339

Nominations! Nominations! Nominations!

by Neal Wasser, Reva Hutkin, Sharon Shalinsky and Hal Yacowar

Nominations are called for **your** board for the upcoming year. Those of us who have been serving over the last year have enjoyed the experience of working with a positive, up-beat group and highly recommend joining us. We are happy that our service to the congregation has helped to sustain our Kolot Mayim community. As we look forward to the coming year, a few of us are unable to continue in our current positions and we are seeking the participation from our membership to fill the coming vacancies. We are asking members to step forward and join us.

At the moment a small cadre of members volunteers in the Congregation – executive positions, Board members, the newsletter, setting up for services, the Seder, High Holidays, leading services, raising funds etc. Our community needs more contribution! If you think "someone else will volunteer", we just want you to know that this is no longer the case when only a maximum of 15% of our membership regularly volunteers.

If you think you are too new to the Congregation or that a position on the Board is too difficult and time-consuming, let us quote Sharon Shalinsky, who joined the Board this past year:

*"One year ago I decided that if I was to continue as a member of Kolot Mayim Reform Congregation, I needed to give a little instead of just taking. I have now finished a year on the Board, finding it to be a pleasant experience, short meetings, get the business done and get home. Also, I have been so impressed by Neal, Reva and Morris' **calm** approach to running **our** Congregation, that I willingly agreed to stay on for another year — as did Susan Halpert, Morris Bleviss, Lynn Marks, and Reva Hutkin. The Board is working well, and that's why so many of us are willing to stay on!"*

Come join us. We need more help to plan services; to plan programmes. Participating on the Board is a rewarding way to become engaged within your community. Nominations are called for the positions listed below. Kolot Mayim needs contribution from its members. You can make a difference by stepping forward. Thanks for your consideration.

For more information, contact Neal Wasser @ 250-595-3874

BOARD POSITIONS

President	**VACANT**	**School Committee**	LYNN MARKS AMANDA GAFTER-RICKS
Vice President	REVA HUTKIN	**Religious Affairs**	**VACANT –** COULD BE CO-CHAIRED
Secretary	SUSAN HALPERT		
Treasurer	MORRIS BLEVISS	**Congregational Development**	ELIZABETH MINCEY
Care and Concern	ARLINE LESHNER	**Membership**	SHARON SHALINSKY

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.

The **Dedication Ceremony** for our Cemetery has been postponed until **September 9th, 2012.**

Chai חי

Donations received since the last newsletter:

Thank you to Rabbi Sutker: *Kerry Swartz; Julie Elizabeth & Reva Hutkin*

In memory of Ray Torontow: *Julie Elizabeth & Reva Hutkin; Arlette Baker; Joel & Sandy Fagan; Joe & Ann Gougeon-Ryant*

Thank you to Morris Bleviss - *Julie Elizabeth*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

To honour Lindy Shortt's birthday:*Peter & Merial Barwin*

In memory of Ray Torontow: *Peter & Merial Barwin*

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).

Those we remember ...

OBSERVED DATE	CIVIL DATE	*HEBREW DATE*	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	MOURNER
July 1, 2012	July, 1964	*Unknown*	Gaudencio Costa	Father	Eva Katz
July 2, 2012	July 2, 1997	*27 Sivan 5757*	Maria De Melo	Grandmother	Urania Levinson
July 4, 2012	July 4th	Unknown	Avraham Eisenberg	Father	Avigail Eisenberg
July 4, 2012	July 4, 1993	*15 Tamuz 5763*	Dorothy Hale Blakely	Mother	John Blakely
July 5, 2012	July 5, 2008	*2 Tamuz 5768*	Barb Burney	Sister	Anne Gougeon Ryant
July 5, 2012	July 5, 1992	*4 Tamuz 5752*	David Lazarus	Father	Jack Shalinsky
July 5, 2012	July 4, 1993	*15 Tamuz 5753*	Rosa Gans/Ruth bat	Mother	Michael Gans
July 6, 2012	July 6, 1964	*26 Tamuz 5724*	Harry Sher	Father	Don Sher
July 7, 2012	July 7, 2006	*11 Tamuz 5766*	Arthur Blakely	Father	John Blakely
July 12, 2012	July 12, 1989	*9 Tamuz 5749*	Mary Austin		Anne Hanson-Finger
July 12, 2012	July 12, 1951	*6 Tamuz 5719*	Nathan Ryant	Father	Joe Gougeon-Ryant
July 13, 2012	July 13, 2001	*22 Tamuz 5761*	Leah Yacowar	Mother	Hal Yacowar
July 14, 2012	July 14, 1993	*25 Tamuz 5753*	Esther Auerbach	Mother	Julie Elizabeth
July 15, 2012	July 15, 1977	*29 Tamuz 5737*	Aida Shubert	Grandmother	Linda Shubert
July 15, 2012	July 15, 1985	*26 Tamuz 5745*	Ian Taylor	Brother	Doreen Sullivan
July 18, 2012	July 18, 2006	*22 Tamuz 5766*	Mary Jaffe	Wife	Len Jaffe
July 19, 2012	July 19, 1981	*17 Tamuz 5752*	Clifford Eric Shalinsky	Son	Jack Shalinsky
July 21, 2012	July 21, 1994	*13 Av 5754*	Grace Fletcher Ross	Mother	Jean Horowitz
July 21, 2012	July 21, 1990	*28 Tamuz 5750*	Jack Leshner	Husband	Arline Leshner
July 21, 2012	July 21, 1997	*16 Tamuz 5757*	Jean Lower	Grandmother	Jenny Laing
July 22, 2012	July 22, 2010	*11 Av 5770*	Gerald Rolph	Father	Glenn Rolph
July 22, 2012	August 28, 1968	*4 Elul 5728*	Sheina Gans	Aunt	Michael Gans
July 24, 2012	July 24, 1951	*20 Tamuz 5711*	Louis Miller	Grandfather	Don Sher
July 25, 2012	July 25, 2011	*23 Tamuz 5771*	Audrey Conlin	Mother	Sharon Gillean-
July 26, 2012	July 26, 2009	*5 Av 5769*	Barry Goodman	Nephew	Joe Gougeon-Ryant
July 27, 2012	July 27, 1998	*4 Av 5758*	Harry Baecker	Step-Father	Jenny Laing
July 28, 2012	July 28, 1978	*25 Tamuz 5738*	George Aknai	Husband	Frances Aknai
July 28, 2012	July 28 2006	*3 Av 5767*	Ronald Shlensky	Father	Lincoln Shlensky
July 28, 2012	July 28, 1989	*25 Tamuz 5749*	Samuel Cohen	Father	Beverly Bookman
August 1, 2012	Aug. 1979	*Unknown*	Jack McCulloch	Grandfather	Rennie Parrish
August 2, 2012	August 17, 1997	*14 Av 5757*	Art Bleviss	Uncle	Morris Bleviss
August 3, 2012	August 3, 2002	*25 Av 5762*	Gertrude Deborah	Mother	Betty Cohen
August 4, 2012	August 8, 1998	*16 Av 5758*	Roseline Van Wilde	Sister	Morris Bleviss
August 6, 2012	August 6, 1994	*29 Av 5754*	Eileen Green	Friend	Jessi Simpson
August 6, 2012	August 6 1979	*13 Av 5739*	Mary Hutkin	Mother	Reva Hutkin
August 6, 2012	August 6, 1978	*3 Av 5738*	Ralph Chuly	Father	Phyllis Chuly
August 12, 2012	August 12, 2010	*2 Elul 5770*	Robert Lacey	Husband	Marcia Meyer
August 13, 2012	August 13, 1977	*29 Av 5737*	Shirley (Sarah)	Mother	Lawrence Bookman
August 14, 2012	August 15, 2001	*26 Av 5761*	Gwen Fogel	Friend	Caroline Hergt
August 17, 2012	August 17, 1998	*25 Av 5758*	Harry Haidt	Father	Wendy Rolph
August 20, 2012	August 20, 1997	*17 Av 5757*	Maria Soares	Grandmother	Urania Levinson
August 22, 2012	August 22, 1990	*1 Elul 5750*	Bela Konigsberg	Father	Judith Fischer
August 26, 2012	August 26, 2006	*30 Av 5766*	Louis Ostrov	Father	Sue Sandell
August 29, 2012	August 29, 2011	*29 Av 5771*	Bob Kadanoff	Husdand	June Kadanoff
August 29, 2012	August 29, 2009	*9 Elul 5769*	Henry Benker	Father	Klaus Benker
August 31, 2012	August 31, 2003	*3 Elul 5763*	Esther Wagman	Mother	Ellen Wagman

Summer 2012 — Tammuz-Av-Elul 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 1 11 Tammuz	2 12	3 13	4 14	5 15	**NO** Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6 16	Balak **7** **17**
8 18	9 19	10 20	11 21	12 22	7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat led by Julie and Reva 13 23	Pinchas 14 24
15 25	16 26	17 27	18 28	19 29	**NO** Kabbalat Shabbat Service **Rosh Chodesh** 20 1 Av	Matot-Massei 21 2
22 3	23 4	24 5	25 6	26 7	7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat led by Joel Fagan 27 8	Devarim 28 9
29 10 **Tisha B'Av**	30 11	31 12	**August** 1 13	2 14	**NO** Kabbalat Shabbat Service 3 15	Va'Etchanan 4 16
5 17	6 18	7 19	8 20	9 21	7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat let by Joe Gougeon-Ryant 10 22	**11** **23** Eikav
12 24	13 25	14 26	15 27	16 28	**NO** Kabbalat Shabbat Service 17 29	18 30 Re'eh
19 1 Elul **Rosh Chodesh**	20 2	21 3	22 4	23 5	7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat led Rabbi Louis 24 6	25 7 Shoftim
26 8	27 9	28 10	29 11	30 12	**NO** Kabbalat Shabbat Service 31 13	

White squares indicate days Rabbi Sutker is with us.