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- New Rabbinical Candidate
- WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!
- OJCC is growing!

UPCOMING OJCA EVENTS



 Monthly -Coffee, Cake & Cultural Anthropology! Come join us for this exciting discovery series facilitated by Steven

Finkleman, Sundays from 7 pm sharp to 9 pm. Each month a different topic and speaker, watch your email for further details

- Coming this Spring—Monthly Breakfast "Jew Chew" @ MTL Bistro on Kirschner for nosh'n & schmooze'n with local Jews
- Monthly Ladies Luncheon @ the Kelowna Golf & Country Club (Book Club meets 11:30 prior to luncheon)
- Mark your calendars for Passover this year, the evening of April 19th! Details to come.

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- Chanukah Celebrations Report
- Movie Night Recap
- Sundays on OKVR/BPR (Okanagan Valley Radio &

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TOP STORIES



• **NEW RABBINICAL CANDIDATE**It is with great sadness, that our initial candidate who was supposed interview for the Chanukkah weekend services was not be able to come,

due to personal reasons.

Our Rabbinical Search Committee will continue to process the other applicants, and if necessary continue our search. Todah Rabbah to all for attending services led by Evan Orloff, who was fresh back from vacation!

- WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE OJC!
- Maurice & Sandra Blitz with sons, David & Michael from Toronto
- Diane Butler from Vancouver
- Stephen & Ria Cipes with daughter, Esther, Kelowna
- Marc & Brenda Edelson from Ottawa
- Maureen & Ephraim Mansoor from Richmond, BC
- Kazia & Logan Mullin with Sadie, Harry & Alias from

the Coast

- Stuart & Donna Rosove with Aliya (UBCO), Milah, Sari (Vancouver) & Avram (Oregon), from San Francisco Bay area.
- Stuart & Leigh-Ann Yanow with Simon, Chloe & Oliver, Kelowna
- UBCO Students registered:
- Michael Ford
- Michael Friedland
- Benjamin Friedman
- Michael Largent
- Miah Olmstead
- Mila Pilin



It was a special Remembrance Day this year, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, at 11 am, on the 11th day of the 11th month. The civic ceremonies at the Cenotaph in City Park again were well organized by the Royal Canadian Legion to honour those who served and fell during World War 1, World War 2 and the Korean War. As was said, "The brave soldiers fought and died so that we would have the freedom to worship in our synagogues, mosques, temples and churches." The OJC placed a wreath of remembrance at the Cenotaph as we have for years, alongside the other faith communities of Kelowna. At events such as this, we realize how very fortunate we are to be living our free lives in Canada.





Israeli Dancing Thursdays @ OJCC-6:30-8:30 pm.

Everyone is welcome, come join the fun! Contact Miracle of Peace @ (250) 547-8829 or Israeli.Dancing@outlook.com.

There are kosher items now available at the "Erev Shabbat" Kosher Stand. Fridays from 9am-12pm. #Be A
Part Of It!! Cash, Cheque or Credit accepted. Visit Chabad Okanagan on the corner of Richter & Wardlaw,
jewishokanagan.com or (250) 575-5384 for more information.

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The viewing of "The Boys" - THE SHERMAN BROTHERS STORY on November 9th, was a smashing success! OJC presented a documentary about the Sherman brothers, Robert & Richard, the Academy Award and Grammy winning American songwriting duo that specialized in Disney musical films, as part of the Okanagan Jewish Community's film series.

The showing took place in the Okanagan College Theatre and was shared with about 180 guests. Before the film a reception was held in "the Pit" and everyone who arrived early was able to kibbutz and socialize while being treated to wonderful delights, prepared by Barb Finkleman, and delicious wines, provided by Nagging Doubt Winery.

The film itself was a wonderfully made documentary about the Sherman brothers and the influence they have had on all our lives through music and song. Most people know the Sherman brothers by the impressive silhouettes of Oscar trophies won for Mary Poppins scores but it was interesting to discover how influential they were in making main stream hits for pulp culture icons like the Beach Boys and Ringo Starr. Maybe most impressive was when we learned that, even now in his 90's, Richard Sherman is still working and even assisted in the score of this weekends release of "Mary Poppins Returns".

What made this evening extra unique was that the director of "The Boys" (Richard Sherman's son) Gregory Sherman was in attendance to present the film and answer questions from the audience following the showing. I would like to add a big thank you to Gregg for the extra effort he made to help promote the evening. I know the hours he had in Kelowna with his family were limited so the moments he took to be interviewed were greatly appreciated and defiantly insured that our event was a success.

Thank you to everyone who joined together and to all our volunteers that helped make the evening so memorable.

Plans are underway for more viewings and are looking forward to another amazing event at the Okanagan Film Series 6th presentation. Please watch your emails for upcoming movie nights at Okanagan Community College. Dave



Thank-you to all the following who participated in the Central Okanagan Food Bank "Drive a Client home with their Christmas hampers" on Friday, December 21st. Together we served approximately 3 dozen people with their food boxes. Your help was most appreciated.

Julie Kalashnikoff, Rena Marquez, Philippe Richer Lafleche, Kurt Houlind, Barb & Steven Finkleman, Maureen Mansoor, Sharon Silver Gitlin, Joel Yanow, Leigh-Ann Yanow, Barb Pullan & Don Plant.

We hope to have a similar project in 2019. Please join us!

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NOW STREAMING LIVE 24/7!

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We're bringing back the way radio used to sound with original oldies, cool jazz, and hot blues. Start your Sunday listening experience to-day—live streaming on www.okananganvalleyradio.com.

- 7:00 am The New Yorker Radio Hour with David Remnick
- 8:00 am Alan Alda, the award winning actor and his show Clear & Vivid
- 9:00 am—Live long and Master Aging with Peter Bowes.
- 10:00—12:00—RADIO DELUXE with hosts John Pizzarelli and Jessica Molaskey
- 12:00-1:00 pm-Big Band Bash with Frank Miller
- 1:00-5:00 pm-Treasure island Oldies with Michael Godin
- 5:00-7:00 pm-Jass Blvd with Moz Taylor
- 700–9:00 pm Jass on the rocks with Shelley Gummeson
- 9:00-11:00 pm-One nostalgia Weekend with Jonathan Rios
- 11:00—12:00 midnight—The Old Time Radio Hour with Justine Ward



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OJCC Events:



M "COFFEE, CAKE AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY"

The OJC launched a new lecture series in late October with President Steven Finkleman delivering an informative view of Ethiopian Jews.

Through the photos he took of this obscure community while on a medical mission to the Ethiopian highlands in 2010, Steven captivated his audience with a slideshow he narrated with stories, funny asides and history to inaugurate the series Coffee, Cake

Now a retired pediatrician, Steven travelled to the Blue Nile region of the African country with a group of doctors and nurses who set up a drop-in surgical clinic to fix congenital facial deformities like cleft lips and cleft palates. While on days off, locals drove him to a Steven photographed devout men wearing kipas during a service and Jewish children in school. He captured the Star of David and Jewish prayers on walls, as well as the Israeli flag and synagogues now abandoned after thousands of Ethiopian Jews emigrated to Israel in 1991.

He described several scenes as "biblical," pointing to people wearing robes, using staffs and herding donkeys. When the Torah went around the congregation during service, the women ululated, he said. A feeding centre, supported by donations, provided a carrot, potato, egg and roll for each child. Barb Finkleman provided a banquet table of yummy cakes and other desserts after the presentation. The mood was buoyant as 35 members discussed the talk and marvelled at the quality of the nosh.



The next lecture on Dec. 9 featured Murray Opportshauser, a retired Canadian diplomat, who served overseas in various postings of the Canadian Foreign Service. He spoke about his work processing Vietnam boat refugees for immigration to Canada during his posting at the embassy in Bangkok. OJC members took a trip around the world with the former Visa Officer as his wife, Victoria, selected the slides to screen.

Murray Oppertshauser showed a rapt audience his photos from a long career that had him based in places like Vienna, Warsaw, Bangkok and Rome. He helped with the first evacuation of Vietnamese people after Saigon fell in 1975. During one 18-month period, his team transported 14,000 people to Canada. "We cranked up the processing," he said at the Dec. 9 lecture. "At one point we had two 747s coming down a week. They were loaded at 3 a.m. and you had to have a full plane ready to go. The worst scenario was sending an empty seat."

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Other refugees at the time were from Cambodia and Laos. Leader Pol Pot, under whose dictatorship more than 1.5 million Cambodians died, forced thousands to swarm the Thai border in an effort to flee. "The Thai government wouldn't let them in. They dug a trench and said 'we'll shoot you' if you cross. Border camps sprung up," he said.

He recounted interviewing Polish detainees at the end of the Solidarity protests around 1990. "They'd come out of jail to the interview," he said. "One guy told me what he thought of the Polish government ... Another guy said 'I'm not going to Canada,' but his wife said 'the kids and I can't eat; we're starving to death. You can stay in jail. We want to go to Canada."

Evan Orloff asked how 900 ex-Nazis got into Canada after the Second World War. Some were extradited back to Germany, Oppertshauser said, but most of them had no documentation. "It was a liars' paradise." Canada has three criteria for refugees who want to immigrate to the country — family in Canada, medical requirements and a security screening. There are no job-skill requirements, he said.

Oppertshauser agrees with Germany's immigration policy, despite Chancellor Angela Merkel suffering politically for it, because the flood of refugees — many from Syria has boosted the German population. Canadians have been xenophobic about newcomers for generations, he said.

The lecture series resumes in the new year. Stay tuned for topics and dates.

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OJCC Events:



A recap of this last quarter's meetings:

November was a record breaker, with 20 in attendance! December brought us 17 ladies! **Next Ladies Meeting:** January 24th—Location and time TBD—stay tuned for details as we'll have a smaller group.

Regular meetings will resume in February at the Kelowna Golf & Country Club @ Spall & Glenmore—come join us! Book Club meets 1 hour earlier @ 11:30. Please RSVP to Anne in the Office at least 24 hours prior to meeting to ensure seating accommodation. Everyone is welcome. These Luncheons have been casual, relaxing and fun and have given us the opportunity to get to know each other better.



The OJCC Book Club: October: "The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street". November's: The People of the Book; Dec: Sister's Weiss. Jan: The Girl they Left Behind (we'll review this in Feb). Shelly Orloff is facilitating the Book Club. Please come 1 hour earlier if you are participating in the book review. Please forward your suggestions and comments to Shelley Orloff @ (778) 363-6916.

This past quarter we established a Sunshine Committee with Barb Finkleman as chair. If you know of anyone who is sick, sad, needs a card, a call, and encouragement, please contact Barb Finkleman.

The OJCC Recipe Book Project, facilitated by Koreann Bracken-Horrocks is taking your favourite recipes to compile into OJCC's own Recipe Book. Please send your favourite Jewish recipes to skbh@telus.net.

We've discussed possible fundraising projects for the upcoming annual Golf Tournament, as well as projects and events that we as a Jewish community can participate in to show solidarity. Special thanks to Koreann Bracken-Horrocks for arranging our meetings at the Kelowna Golf Club.

- Saturday, January 12th, 10 am, Shabbat service led by Evan Orloff. Dairy potluck to follow.
- Sunday, Jan 20th, 3 5 pm. Tu B'Shvat Sedar led by Barb Pullan.
- Saturday, February 2nd, 5:30-8:30 pm, "Taste of Home" event sponsored by Kelowna Community Resources at
 the Main St. Centre at 2041 Harvey Ave. The OJC will be participating by selling "Cheese Knishes" at this interesting multi-cultural event. We are looking for volunteers to help promote our community at this event.
 Our Israeli dancers will be performing.
- Saturday, February 9th, 7 9 pm at Central Sports Club on Ellis. OJC "Floor hockey" tournament being organized by David Spevakow.
- Mid-February: Intercultural event with the Kelowna Muslim community. Details to be announced.
- Mid-March: Purim party. Details TBA.
- Friday evening, April 19th, is the Passover Sedar at the Harvest Golf and Country Club.

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UPCOMING Dates To Remember... SPECIAL OCCASIONS, ANNIVERSARIES, BIRTHDAYS, YAHRZEITS. Thank you for submitting your updates quickly so we can maintain a current list of your special events.



Steve & Samantha Kushmier 24-Mar Philippe Richer laFleche & Kurt Houlind 30-Mar



January

Natalie Spevakow	02-Jan
Ben Levitan	03-Jan
Beau Loomer (Faigan)	11-Jan
Alissa Segal	12-Jan
Judy Hess	13-Jan
Adarah Challmie	14-Jan
Nuri Fisher	15-Jan
Skyla Golbey	21-Jan
Trust Elohim Cripps	22-Jan
Samara Levitan	29-Jan

February

rebiualy		
Michela Reicher		Feb 1
Robert Steinberg		Feb 2
Sharon Silver Gitlin		Feb 4
Maya Pilin		Feb 10
Seymour Zidle		Feb 16
Steve Faigan	HAPPY	Feb 16
Hailey Fisher	BRT-DAY	Feb 16
Marc Edelson		Feb 18
Simon Yanow		Feb 19
Rob Westbury		Feb 24

March

Water	
Dan Sigal	05-Mar
Harley Kushmier	08-Mar
Michael Ford	21-Mar
Adam Tyk	21-Mar
Ariel Tyk	22-Mar
Aliya Rosove	24-Mar
Max Mandelbaum	25-Mar
Rene Goldman	25-Mar
Mondy Challmie	30-Mar

January

Tevet 24	01-Jan	Herman Shapiro
Tevet 27	04-Jan	Shelley Malkin
Shevat 1	07-Jan	Betty Richards
Shevat 5	11-Jan	Ronda Schwartz
Shevat 8	14-Jan	Leisha Udashkin
Shevat 9	15-Jan	Annetta Bidner
Shevat 10	16-Jan	Elsie Segal
Shevat 11	17-Jan	Harry Meyers
Shevat 11	17-Jan	Lillian Schwartz
Shevat 25	31-Jan	Rony Bloom

February

Shevat 27	02-Feb	Arthur Maron
Adar I - 17	22-Feb	Mary Nichols (Mallick)
Adar I - 19	24-Feb	Irmgard Reimer
Adar I - 22	27-Feb	Toby Larry
Adar I - 23	28-Feb	Samuel Bloom

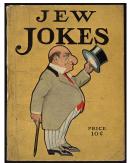
March

CII		
Adar II - 4	11-Mar	Eric Ruby
Adar II - 5	12-Mar	Ethel Forbes Bloom
Adar II - 7	14-Mar	Claire D'Avila
Adar II - 9	16-Mar	Bill Nadler
Adar II - 10	17-Mar	Marcel Blitz
Adar II - 14	21-Mar	George Gill
Adar II - 14	21-Mar	Mordechai Cohen-Urieli
Adar II - 19	26-Mar	Sherman Ratson
Adar II - 24	31-Mar	Gerald Vines

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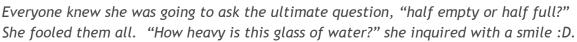
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JEWISH HUMOUR & WISDOM

STRESS BUSTERs:

A young lady confidently walked around the room with a raised glass of water while leading a seminar and explaining stress management to her audience.



Answers called out ranged from 8 oz to 20 oz.

She replied, "the absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on." "As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden—holding stress longer and better each time practiced."

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up again tomorrow if you must.

- 1. Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
- 2. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them!
- 3. Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker!
- 4. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- 5. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it!
- 6. Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- 7. Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY...

8. Save the Earth... It's the only planet with chocolate!

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JEWISH RECIPES—NOSH & SCHMOOZE

Honey Cake—Lekach

Ingredients:

2 C solid honey

1/4 C boiling water

3/4 C sugar

1/2 tsp baking powder

1 tsp baking soda

1 tsp mixed spices

2 eggs, well beaten

2-3 C flour

Directions:

- 1. Melt honey on stove, add water to sugar and mix with honey. Allow to cool.
- Add baking powder, soda and spices to honey mixture. Mix in beaten eggs and add enough flour to make a soft dough.

Place in greased loaf pan and let stand for 2 hours. Bake for 1 hour in a 325 degree oven. Let cool on rack.

Nutrition Information

Serving size: 1/8th of recipe Calories: 308 Fat: 12.6g Carbohydrates: 15.1g Sugar: 6.9g Fiber: 3.2g Protein: 37.3g

NOTES: Recipe adapted from allrecipes.com by Ambitious Kitchen at https://www.ambitiouskitchen.com.

https://www.chabad.org/recipes/recipe cdo/aid/2635036/jewish/Lekach-Honey-Cake.htm

Cheese Knishes



Makes about 24

Ingredients

Dough

2 1/2 cups sifted plain flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon low sodium salt
2 eggs, lightly beaten (for dough)
1 egg, lightly beaten (for egg wash)
1/2 cup rapeseed oil
1 tablespoon olive oil
4 tablespoons water

Filling

1 1/2 cups diced shallots
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cups drained cottage cheese
1 egg
1 teaspoon low sodium salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons low fat crème fraîche

Instructions

Brush a large baking tray with olive oil. Preheat the oven to $190\,^{\circ}$ C.

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For the filling:

Heat the oil in a large non-stick pan. Brown the shallots in the oil. Remove the pan from the heat. Beat the cheese, egg, salt, pepper and crème fraîche into the shallots until the mixture is smooth.

For the dough

Sift the flour, baking powder and salt into a large bowl. Make a well in the centre of the flour mixture. Put the eggs, rapeseed oil and water in the centre of the flour mixture. Gradually work the egg mixture into the flour mixture with your hands. Pick up the dough and knead it until it's smooth. Divide the dough in two and roll as thin as possible. Brush with olive oil.

Cut the rolled dough into three-inch circles. Place a tablespoon of the filling on each circle. Brush the inside edges of the circle with the egg wash. Draw the edges together and pinch firmly, using the egg wash to bind.

Place the knishes on the baking tray, pinched edges up.

Bake in the oven for 30 minutes or until lightly browned.

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PRESIDEN'T MESSAGE

Our year is starting off with excitement, new members, new programs, both cultural and educational, and the prospect of finally having a full-time resident Rabbi to lead our community. Thanks to all those, including our hard working, diligent, executive Rabbi Search Committee, mew members, old stalwart members and especially Anne in the office, for helping build our community.



We have recently enjoyed good attendance at our December Saturday morning service, over 80 persons attended our Hannukah party, and we had good support for our two "Coffee, cake and cultural anthropology" events this fall. OJC's showing of the film "The Boys" at Okanagan College was enjoyed by approximately 180 persons!

For next year, we are excited to be bringing back our Tu B'Shvat sedar which is being organized and led by Barb Pullan on Sunday, January 20th. A Taste of Home" event on Saturday, February 2nd, hosted by Kelowna Community Resources will have OJC participation, where we will be one of many Kelowna communities serving typical ethnic foods (cheese knishes anyone?).

In 2019, there will be new intercultural programs led by Philippe Richer LaFleche, to include get togethers with the Kelowna Muslem Community and First Nations, along with other intercultural events. Stay turned for further "coffee, cake and cultural anthropology" talks—all entertaining and informative. Ladies luncheon, Purim, Passover events along with visiting Rabbinical candidates will be upcoming in 2019. Follow your emails for details of these exciting events.

Please, please participate as much as you are able to. Your attendance and support of the OJC activities is the only way to help build our strong community.

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2019,

Steven Finkleman President

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OBITUARY

Former member Lidia Talalayevsky passed away on September 12, 2018, at the age of 78 years. Funeral service was held in Calgary where Wlliam & Lidia have resided the past several years. Some of you may remember Lidia as they were active members of the OJC for many years.

- Literary: Lior Yarosky is also giving away several Hebrew books for youth and adults; suitable for anyone able to read and understand Hebrew. Please contact Lior at louigie85@hotmail.com if interested.
- Sunshine Seniors: Please contact Barb Finkleman @ whatscooking@babaskitchen.ca if you know of anyone who is 'blue' and could benefit from receiving a card, a call, or gesture to uplift their soul/spirit.
 - OJCC Recipe Book: Please keep your recipes coming in to Koreann Bracken-Horracks @ skbh@telus.net.

TODAH RABBAH TO ALL WHO HELPED OUT DURING THE YEAR TO MAKE OJCC'S EVENTS AND OUR RABBI SEARCH A SUCCESS - WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR EFFORTS! THANK YOU We wish YOU and your families much joy and happiness in the years ahead!

JUDAICA Corner, Cards, Library, & the TREE OF LIFE

We have Shabbat and Yahrzeit candles available as well as some gift items; miscellaneous cards; a Looney / Twooney Table with various clearance items.

OJCC has an extensive selection of Jewish, travel, cultural books and literary publications for your review. There will be a checkout clipboard in the Judaica Corner if you'd like to check out books or publications.

If you wish to make a donation to have a sympathy card sent out, we will do so for you. The person is advised that there has been a donation made in Memory of their loved one however the amount remains confidential.

If you have a special occasion you wish to honour or want to purchase a leaf In Memory, we have the 'Tree of Life' on the right as you go into the hall and a leaf can be purchased for \$72.00 which will be inscribed appropriately.