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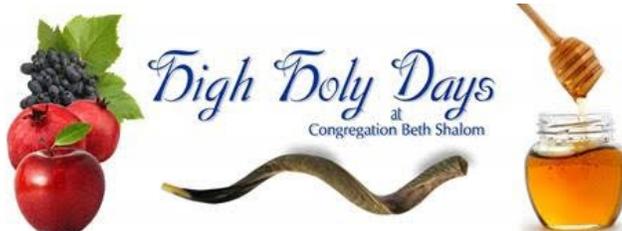
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Shana Tova Happy New Year 5780



High Holy Days
at
Congregation Beth Shalom

Gmar Chatima Tova
May you be inscribed in the Book of Life



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **October 8th, Tuesday - 6:45pm** - Meditational Cello Solo by Laura McPheeters;

- 7:15pm - Kol Nidre service

- **Wednesday, October 9, 2019 – 10:00 am** - Morning service Yom Kippur, including Yizkor Service

- **Wednesday, October 9, 2019 - 6:00 pm** - Ne'ilah service directly followed by a dairy Break The Fast Pot-luck. **Main course will be supplied, Please bring dairy side dishes and desserts**



Yom Kippur

- *Services are included in your yearly Membership dues. Non-members will be asked to contribute \$100/person for Rosh Hashanah services and \$100/person for Yom Kippur services to help defray the costs.*

- **SIMCHAT TORAH / SHABBATON WEEKEND** with Guest Rabbi / Cantor Robbi Sherwin—**October 18-20th, 2019** - check your emails for the Shabbaton weekend schedule. Here is a snapshot:

- Oct 18th: **Erev Shabbat**—Dinner 6:00 pm geared for young families, followed by service at 7:00 pm;

- Oct 19th: **Shabbat service** at 10:00 am followed by luncheon.

- **Havdalah** at Steven & Barb's Clubhouse @ 7:00 pm;

- Oct 20th: at the OJCC, 10:00 am will be an **Adult learning session** followed by private visits with Rabbi Sherwin.

- **MONTHLY OJC LADIES MEETING:** The OJC Ladies Meetings will resume on October 23rd, Wednesday at Smack Dab at Manteo Resort at 12:00 noon. Please come to hear Guest Lecturer, Shelly Orloff, who will present her book and have a book signing. Also showcasing her new enterprise will be Bracelets by Maureen.



- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** **October 30th**, Wednesday - Registration begins at 6:30 pm. Meeting begins promptly at 7:00 pm—information package was sent in 3 emails on Sept. 26th. If you didn't receive it, please contact the office.

- **NOVEMBER 11TH, MONDAY:** Remembrance day services at the Cenotaph in City Park will take place at 10:30.

- **CHANUKKAH** - Dec 22nd—30th - watch your emails for further details

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- **OJC Annual Picnic - July 14th @ Bertram Creek Park**

What a glorious day for our Annual OJC picnic/bar-b-que. On the afternoon of July 14th more than 40 members and friends gathered for our annual event. It was a lovely, relaxing, social gathering at Bertram Creek Park - surely the prettiest in the Regional District's Park system. The weather was fantastic - mainly sunny, not a hint of rain, and not too hot. Everyone had a great time. The food was plentiful and delicious. Special thanks to Mondy Challmie who has been organizing our picnic year after year, and to Misty Challmie for standing at the bar-b-que for hours preparing the



burgers and hot dogs.

Thanks to Barb Pullan, Steve Kushmier and Steven Finkleman for doing the shopping!

See you again next summer, but this one is going to be hard to beat!



THE HOLOCAUST

- **Holocaust Education Session—July 25th** - About 30 persons attended OJC's Holocaust Education Evening on July 25th with guest speakers Dr. David Zimmerman and Wendy Muscat-Tyler from Victoria. Dr. Zimmerman is a professor of History at UVIC, with special interest in Holocaust studies. His slide presentation and discussion conveyed information on various aspects of Holocaust education including his particular work in certain specialty areas. Wendy spoke of her work in developing a curriculum for the school board's courses on Holocaust education to Middle School classes on Southern Vancouver Island. Several teachers from our SD 23 were on hand to listen to the presentation. We are grateful that we were gifted a "suit case" filled with children's memorabilia and children's books that Wendy uses in her curriculum. This "teaching suit case" will be made available by OJC to various teachers in the community to assist in their classes.

- **Limmud Info Session—Sept 8th** - OJC hosted an interactive informative presentation led by Limmud Vancouver Chair Avi Doigin and Avril Orloff on Sunday, September 8th. The upcoming **Limmud in Vancouver** will be held from **February 28th-March 1st**. If there is enough of us interested in going, we could go as a group. Housing will be provided for the weekend, and most meals. *Please contact Evan Orloff for more information.*



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- **MONTHLY BREAKFAST MONDAYS** - We met at the Harvest Golf Club on **Sept 17th** with 16 in attendance! This has been a popular monthly event for us to nosh n' schmooze and get to know each other! Thank you all for joining us! **Next Breakfast for October has been postponed.** Please **RSVP to Barb @ (778) 214-5092 or whatscooking@babaskitchen.ca before attending upcoming breakfasts.**



- **Harp Psalms with Debi Johnson & Larry Crawford - Sept 20th**— OJC hosted a Friday night Shabbat encounter entitled Harp Psalms. We were delighted to host local musicians Debi Johnson on the Celtic Harp and her husband Larry Crawford on clarinet. Debi had set many of King David's psalms to music and added in several other suitable instrumental selections including Debbie Friedman's MiShebarach and L'chi Lach. Approximately 35 members and friends attended the musical event. Special thanks to musicians Debi and Larry for this beautiful event, and to Barb Finkleman for arranging the dessert table which followed.



- **Mazel Tov!**
It was with great honour that OJC was able to host a 100th Birthday Tea for our member, Rose Shapiro on Sunday, September 22nd. The momentous event was held at Rose's clubhouse, with the assistance of her daughters, Valerie and Laura. Approximately 25 of the "original group" were able to attend and celebrate this grand occasion.



Thank-you to Barb Finkleman for arranging the food component for the afternoon tea. Wishing Rose many more healthy and happy years to come.



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• **22nd Annual OJC Golf Classic - July 21st @ the Harvest Golf Club**



I would first like to thank everyone who helped out and contributed to this event. A special thank you must go to Mark Golbey, Natalie Spevakow, Anne Zazuliak, Evan Orloff and Misty Smith. Without their contributions this event would never have happened.

We made approximately \$2,000 over our targeted \$20,000. This year we committed \$2,000 to each Camp Hatikvah and Camp BB. Thankfully the Harvest memberships generated \$3,200 at the auction and Norm Schayer from Edmonton gave us enough quality auction items and prizes that pretty much everyone was able to go home happy.

- The weather was perfect. First dry, sunny day of July – everyone was in a great mood
- We had a lot of great prizes for golfers and almost everyone was able to go home with something of value. We were once again able to avoid giving away cheap items such as tees and umbrellas.
- All the golfers and on course sponsors were very happy with the event.
- Auction target of \$10K was almost achieved - \$9,745
- Hole Sponsors and Donations was equal to last year - \$12,500
 - 5 OJC Families; 4 Calgary Families; 11 Corporate: 1 Calgary (Jewish), 1 Vancouver (Non-Jewish), 9 Kelowna: (4 Jewish Connection, 5 Non-Jewish Connection)
- We were able to fill all required volunteer positions with OJC members and friends.
- The Event was seamless! Harvest staff were amazing to work with and we did not have any glitches during the day. The Harvest did not charge us for the minimum (110) and only charged us for the 88 golfers we had.
- 30 extra people attended dinner; 90% were from the Jewish community.
- Attendance was down to lowest levels ever. We only had 88 golfers.
- 29 Jewish Golfers: 12 OJC, 14 Alberta, 3 Vancouver
- Concert at Missionhill consumed 10 of our regular golfers.
- Westjet Raffle: netted \$6460 of the \$10,000 target
- This is about \$1000 less than last year; 60% of tickets were sold by 4 people; Food Sponsors was down by two

Special thanks to our Golf Coordinating Team, David Spevakow and Mark Golbey for their years of dedication and painstaking effort in pulling this event together year after year! David, you're leaving some big shoes to fill, we wish you great success in your next endeavor!



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October

Stan Bracken-Horrocks	Oct 1
Elia Katz	Oct 3
Ariel Katz	Oct 3
Matthew Levitan	Oct 3
Jordan Spevakow	Oct 3
Maureen Mansoor	Oct 5
Lucie Anderson	Oct 6
Harrison Mulin	Oct 6
Mark Golbey	Oct 10
Philippe Richer LaFleche	Oct 14
Nate McPheeters	Oct 17
Mike Troup	Oct 17
Chloe Kershaw	Oct 20
Harris Fisher	Oct 23
Tom Shlomi	Oct 23
Lily Reicher	Oct 26
Peggy Mandelbaum	Oct 29
Milah Rosove	Oct 30

November

Andrea Mohr	Nov 1
Ezra Cipes	Nov 4
Ava Kalashnikoff	Nov-12
Olivia Kalashnikoff	Nov-12
Mitchell Segal	Nov 16
Ofrie Mansoor	Nov 20
Lesley Swanson	Nov 20
Victoria Zamor	Nov 20
Cora Westbury	Nov 29

December

Stuart Yanow	Dec 4
Steven Finkleman	Dec 6
Koreann Bracken-Horrocks	Dec 10
Robert Levin	Dec 11
Denise Lightman	Dec 13
Linda Ruby	Dec 15
Abbey Westbury	Dec 15
Lillian Goodman	Dec 19
Moreh Dalla Porta	Dec 21
Terry Dekur	Dec 22
Roza Kalashnikoff	Dec-31

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3	Deborah	Segal	Oct 2
12	Manya	Katz	Oct 11
12	Lucille	Neuman	Oct 11
17	Ida	Kotler	Oct 16
18	Herb Earl	Rosove	Oct 17
19	Dina	Orloff	Oct 18
21	Archie	Eisenstadt	Oct 20
29	Freda	Henry	Oct 28

CHESHVAN

1	Carol	Goldstein	Oct 30
2	Jack	Edelson	Oct 31
5	Gary	Bidner	Nov 3
6	Jack	Larry	Nov 4
6	Sandra	Roy	Nov 4
8	Ethan Harry	Kershaw	Nov 6
8	Kyra Rose	Kershaw	Nov 6
9	Julius	Aber	Nov 7
11	Yitzhak	Rabin	Nov 9
11	Claire	Hollender	Nov 9
14	Harry	Ruby	Nov 12
17	Zacharia	Mansoor	Nov 15
20	Chaim	Katz	Nov 18
22	Freda	Chernovsky	Nov 20
22	Sid	Segal	Nov 20
22	Murray	Schwartz	Nov 20
25	John	Henry	Nov 23



KISLEV

1	Wilfred	Horowitz	Nov 29
7	Anne	Golbey	Dec 5
8	Kurt	Weiss	Dec 6
14	Saul	Sigal	Dec 12
15	Al	Salonin	Dec 13
16	Marilyn	Moore	Dec 14
25	Lionel	Gold	Dec 23
25	Saul	Kotler	Dec 23
26	Ronald	Roy	Dec 24
28	Shlomo Ben Yehoshua	Chwaiewsky	Dec 26

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Mazel Tov...!?



Carol, thirty-seven and unmarried, calls her mother.

“Hello, Ma? It’s Carol. Yes, I’m here in New York. Yes, Listen, Ma, I have news for you.”

“Carol, is that you? In New York? Are you healthy? What’s the news?”

“Well, Ma, it finally happened. I met him. I finally met him. It’s going to be wonderful. I’m getting married!”

“Carol! Wonderful darling, wonderful. We were afraid you never would! This is wonderful news. We’re so happy for you!”

“Ma, before I bring my fiancé to visit, I want to tell you a few things about him. I know this may be hard for you, but he’s not of our faith.”

“Nu, it’s not so terrible. As we get older, it’s important to find somebody, anybody, to build a life with.”

“Ma, I knew you’d understand. It’s great that we can talk openly to each other. There’s another thing I want to tell you. He’s not of our colour either.”

“Oh, colour, shmcolour. Doesn’t matter. As long as your happy, then we’re happy.”

“Ma? You’re such a wonderful mother. I feel I can really share things with you. Richard doesn’t have a job.”

“No job? Nu, you’ll survive. Don’t worry, a wife should stand by her husband, help him out. It’ll work out fine, I’m sure.”

“You’re terrific, Ma. There’s just one more thing, We don’t have enough money to get a place to live, and when we get married we won’t have a home.”

“No place to live? Don’t worry, you’ll live with us. You and Richard can sleep in the master bedroom. Pop will be fine on the couch.”

But, Ma, what about you? Where will you sleep?”

“Honey, about me you shouldn’t worry. As soon as I get off the phone I’m gonna stick my head in the oven!”

Excerpt from “The Big Book of Jewish Humor”





JEWISH RECIPES

SUKKOT: IT'S ALL ABOUT THE HARVEST! KREPLACH

Ingredients:

- 5 carrots, peeled
- 1 onion
- 1 large zucchini, peeled
- 1 sweet potato, peeled
- 1 small beet, peeled
- 5 celery stalks
- Leaves from 1 bunch celery
- 6 chicken drumsticks
- 4 cloves garlic
- 1½-2 tbsp. kosher salt
- 15 cups cold water

30 wonton wrappers

Directions:

1. Cut the carrots, onion, zucchini, sweet potato and celery into small pieces. Place the diced vegetables into a pot with the chicken, garlic, salt, water, celery leaves and the whole peeled beet.
2. Bring the soup to a boil and then reduce to a simmer. Cook for 1½-2 hours, then remove the chicken, beet and celery leaves.

3. Remove the chicken skin and bones and shred the meat. Mash about ¼ cup of the soup vegetables and mix it into the chicken with 1-2 tbsp. of the liquid. This will be the filling for the kreplach.
4. Lay out 15 of the wonton wrappers on a piece of parchment paper. Place a teaspoon of the filling in the center of each wrapper.
5. Dip each of the remaining 15 wonton wrappers quickly into cold water and place over the filling. Push down gently to seal the edges.
6. Bring a pot of salted water to a rolling boil. Gently drop 3-4 kreplach into the pot and cook for 1-2 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon and place on a piece of parchment paper to cool. Add the kreplach to the pot of soup shortly before serving.
7. To freeze: arrange the kreplach on a baking sheet in a single layer. Place in freezer for 1-2 hours, then transfer to a zip-top bag and return to the freezer until ready to use.

Yields: 15 servings



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



At this time, I would like to thank and congratulate our Golf Tournament team, who again did a tremendous job preparing another successful event on July 21st. The Community and myself wish to thank our golf tournament co-chairs, Mark Golbey and David Spevakow, for their significant time and dedication towards again making the event enjoyable for all who attended - golfer and non-golfers alike. Thanks to all the community members who donated their time and effort volunteering for the day, and to those who donated sponsorship or auction items. Well done team!

Proceeds from our golf tournaments are used to fund our community whether it be for education, for Rabbinical services, for programming, for expenses in maintaining our Community Centre, etc. Without the revenue from the golf tournament, many of our programming and indeed day-to-day maintenance of our building would be at jeopardy.

OJC has always contributed a portion of our earnings from the tournament to Tzedaka, previously to charitable organization in the Kelowna community, but this year to two worthwhile projects that enable our youth to attend Jewish summer camps. The recipients of our donation this year were: Camp Hatikvah in Oyama, BC and Camp B'nai B'rith in Pine Lake, Alberta. Our donations will allow campers who may not otherwise be able to attend to do so, and further their connection to the Jewish community.

Looking forward, we know that David has (after many, many years of co-chairing the Golf Tournament) asked for some well-deserved time off. It is going to be very difficult to replace the work that he does for the tournament. We, therefore, need several volunteers to step forward at this time, in order to ensure that the golf tournament can continue to operate and therefore supply needed revenue to the OJC. If you have any experience and are good at organizing and working together as a team, we ask you to please step forward either now by contacting me at stevenfinkleman@hotmail.com or at the Annual General Meeting, so we can start to plan for next year's event. The golf course will be wanting to know shortly from us as to how we wish to proceed in 2020. ***Your involvement will determine the viability of subsequent golf tournaments.***

AGM:

Now is the time to re-join or join OJC for this fiscal year. Members who join before High Holidays will have their High Holidays fees included in their membership. Similarly, to vote at our upcoming AGM on Wednesday, October 30th, it is necessary to be a fully-registered member. Do note, at the upcoming AGM, the issue of hiring a full-time resident Rabbi will again be discussed, along with an accompanying vote. If you wish to have a say on this topic, please ensure that your membership is up-to-date so that you will have your vote on a proposed motion which will be presented.

Please join today by submitting your membership application for the upcoming 5780. If there is anyone wishing a leadership role or able to volunteer at times with programming or at events, please contact me at stevenfinkleman@hotmail.com.



Shana Tova for a healthy and happy 5780.

Steven Finkleman, OJC President

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UNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY

Part of the OJCA's Tzedakah plan this year is to help support Bahamian refugees from Hurricane Dorian, Dexter and Bridgenna Ferguson, and their son Dexter Jr. Chef Mike Carter, organizer of the campaign, stated that storage for perishables & clothing have reached capacity, and has established a GoFundMe page for the Ferguson's.



Members and friends who wish to donate may also contribute privately. Please go to "[GoFundMe.com](https://www.gofundme.com)", and then search for "Mike Carter Kelowna". You will see Dexter and Bridgenna Ferguson come up. Click on the link which then directs you to a "Donate" link.

Start 5780 off with a gift of Tzedakah to this family who has lost everything from the natural disaster and is trying desperately to restart their lives in Canada. Thanking you in advance, for your contribution.

ONGOING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- **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 available at the **"Erev Shabbat" Kosher Stand**. Fridays from 10am-12pm. #Be A Part Of It!! Cash, Cheque or Credit accepted. Visit Chabad Okanagan on the corner of Richter & Wardlaw, contact jewishokanagan.com or (250) 575-5384 for more information.

ONE MORE CANDLE!

Divine timing has brought together an incredible group of people who are stridently taking steps with sensitivity and respect towards honoring the memory of the 1.5 million children murdered in the Shoah (Holocaust).



Yasher Koach!
May your strength be enriched.

On behalf of OneMoreCandle.org we thank you for your support and recognition of the importance of this project. Jacquie, Candace, Todd

May the kindness that you have done strengthen you and bring strength to the world around us.

The name of your adopted child is [Annette Gleiser](#).

The name links to the Yad Vashem Shoah Names Database record of your child.

Please observe the Yahrtzeit of 18 Elul 5702 (31-August 1942). This year that falls on 18-09-2019; 07-09-2020 next year, and 26-08-2021 the year following.

We are so pleased that these individuals can finally start being remembered with intent. Our vision is that every Shoah child's *memory of life* will be adopted. Please share this important project with others who may want to help remember the past in order to change the future.

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MEMBERSHIP:

Just a friendly reminder that we are currently taking membership applications for the 2019-2020 (5780) fiscal year.

Membership dues include complimentary access to our High Holiday services, and also allow full participation and voting rights for our Annual General Meeting upcoming on Wednesday, October 30th. There will be important discussion and voting on several items which will help our Community grow.

We are at a pivotal time with significant growth and we need *YOU* on board to help direct us. You can find the membership form online, or please contact the office for one.

- ◆ **Sunshine Seniors:** Please contact Barb Finkleman @ whatscooking@babaskitchen.ca if you know of anyone who is 'blue' or unwell, and could benefit from receiving a card, a call, or gesture to uplift their soul/spirit.
- ◆ The OJC Ladies Group is asking, as a *Fall Clean-up project*, that we save household items, such as clothes, small appliances, etc. that would normally be given away and bring them to the next meeting and/or to the next services at the OJCC. Your *generous donations* will be taken to the *Women's Shelter Store*. Peggy suggested that new unopened cosmetics are of great value to the ladies as well.
- ◆ We are continuing to collect hats, mitts, scarves, and socks for the **Central Okanagan Community Food Bank**, to be donated during our annual **Food Basket Delivery project** during the holiday season.

WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR EFFORTS! THANK YOU

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.

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