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About CHW

Supporting Children, Healthcare, and Women in Israel and Canada for almost 100 years.

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO (CHW) is Canada's leading Jewish women's philanthropic organization.

Founded in 1917, CHW is non-political, volunteer driven and funds a multitude of programs and projects for Children, Healthcare and Women in Israel and Canada.

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CHW Victoria Message Board by Sharon Fitch, Past President

Shalom Chaverim,

As some of you know, my husband and I were away for 3 months on an eclectic trip which took us to Eastern Canada, Israel, Germany and France. It was an adventure for sure, a learning and growing experience, of immersing in different cultures, food, languages, and social and political thoughts. But no matter how far away I was, I was connected by email and internet to Victoria and CHW. Yes, I read the newsletters, keeping up to date on chapter events, members, annual campaign and Board matters. As wonderful as our sojourn was, in the end it was wonderful to come home. We are so blessed to be living in this corner of heaven. When I see what is going on in countries around the world, I give silent thanks to my grandparents for having made the treacherous journey from Eastern Europe to Canada. Wherever we were, we were celebrated for being Canadian. Every one of us can be proud of our Canadian citizenship, our commitment to bettering the lives of others, and so much more.

I look forward to seeing you August 9, at the home of Marilyn Weisbart, for our special CHW barbeque. If you have not responded yet, you still have time. See you then.

Have a splendid summer. Sharon

You And Your Spouse/Partner Are Invited To A

BBQ



“Rain” OR “Shine”



At the home of Marilyn Weisbart

799 Worthington Place, Victoria BC

“There are no stairs”

“Let us know if you need a drive”

Tuesday August 9, 2016

From 4 pm to 7 pm

In honour of Sharon Fitch

For her five years plus of Presidency

This is a potluck, so please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert

Let Marilyn know if you are bringing food, or \$10 to cover expenses.

Please RSVP to Marilyn Weisbart by August 2, 2016 at (250) 479-4040 or grillamine@gmail.com

Please Join Us
For Our Annual CHW Victoria
Opening Meeting
On Sunday September 18, 2016
From 2 pm to 4:30 pm
At the Party Room of
Celia Negin's Condo
225 Belleville, Victoria
Further details to follow

Please RSVP to Celia Negin at 995-1414 or morcel@shaw.ca by September 11, 2016

Reminder to Annual Members

We want to remind our Annual Members that our fiscal year runs from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. People who have not paid their dues since September 2015 are no longer members of Hadassah. Please pay your annual dues so that you can be a full fledged member of CHW. You can pay your dues by cash or cheque at our Annual Membership Tea on September 18, 2016. Please indicate on your cheque that it is a membership fee.

Thank You, Todah Robah

CHW Victoria Board

Shiva Meal Fund

The CHW Shiva Meal Fund was established by the CHW Victoria Board to support our local CHW membership and immediate family members when sitting Shiva in Victoria. This fund was approved by National. The Shiva Meal Fund is small, being totally dependent on donations, but through the generosity of the CHW Victoria Community, we gratefully receive monetary donations (not receipted) so that we can arrange catering locally for a family to receive a meal. The average cost of a Shiva meal is \$35 per person, so it will have to be topped up at times.

With funds we have collected thus far, we have now provided 9 Shiva Meals. Thank you to Josie Davidson, Sharon Fitch, Bev Merson and Celia Negin who made a donation in July.

Please consider contributing to our Shiva Meal Fund. Cheques may be written to CHW Victoria, with a memo for the Shiva Meal Fund. As always, donations in any amount can be sent to our Treasurer, Esther Laredo, at 4767 Elliot Place, Victoria, BC V8Y 3E4.

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact any member of our board.

Todah Rabah, Thank You

CHW Cards/Certificates for Sale



We have CHW cards for sale for all occasions. If you mail the card yourself, the cost is \$6.00 dollars per card. Lisa DeGall is now our only card contact person, as well as our National Co-ordinator. If you wish Lisa to mail it for you, then the cost is \$7.00 for cards within Canada, and \$8.50 for cards to the US or abroad. This covers cost of cards, envelopes and postage. Please remember to send your cheque to Esther Laredo, 4767 Elliot Place, Victoria, BC V8Y 3E4. CHW also offers e-cards. All online orders receive an electronic tax receipt issued for donations of \$10.00 or more. If you are donating online, please make sure to mention CHW Victoria as the chapter, in order that we get the credit for the donation. Please go to www.chw.ca and then go to ecards. You can contact Lisa DeGall: 250-642-7238 or ldegall@aol.com and she will be very happy to help you!



We would also like to remind you that certificates can be purchased from CHW as well. With a donation of \$50 to \$99 you can purchase a small certificate, and with a donation of \$100 or over you can purchase a large certificate. You can contact Eleanor Mintz at eleanor.mintz@shaw.ca or (250) 479-2425 and she will be happy to help you.

Good and Welfare

We wish Sharon Fitch and Edie Southward A Very Happy Birthday!

We wish Josie and Greg Davidson A Very Happy Anniversary!

Sincere condolences to Jenny Briker and her family on the passing of her mother, Sofia Bassina Z"l. May her memory be for a blessing.

Sincere condolences to Alan Kendal, Susan and family on the passing of Alan's mother, Cynthia Kendal. May her memory be for a blessing.

Members' Corner: In Jerusalem, Part 2—Passover by Sharon Fitch, April 2016

Passover in Jerusalem is a wonderful and meaningful experience. Most people are celebrating the start of this seven day festival (eight days outside Israel) by attending a family seder and retelling the story of the exodus from Egypt. We were invited to the home of a Rabbi who is the head of a Centre for Jewish studies, where Ed has been taking classes. Aside from the Rabbi's family there were students from various countries and two newly married couples. There was much discussion around the table as the evening went on, marvelous food kept coming from the kitchen and much wine was drunk.

The next day we are invited to another home of a lovely family. Again, students are around the table. Several are from Montreal and we have a lovely time comparing where we all lived.

One day we set out walking to the Rockefeller Museum. As soon as we enter East Jerusalem it is noticeably dirtier than West Jerusalem, I am one of the few adult women with hair uncovered; we walk briskly, it seems nobody takes notice of us. Aside from a trio of nuns we are the only westerners in this bustling neighborhood. Contrary to posted hours the museum is closed.

We check out an antique/second hand book store, more as a respite from the heat. Like any good store of this type, in any country, it is packed with books floor to ceiling. This one has a basement level that extends under a couple of neighbouring businesses. Books in many languages are found here. So I sit and read an old copy of my favorite teenager, Zits!

I notice that vehicle drivers do not give way to emergency vehicles, notwithstanding sirens and flashing lights. Cyclists go wherever they wish, in whatever direction. There are many scooters on the streets; the standard footwear for riders are flip flops. At least they wear helmets.

As previously mentioned, our apartment is in a funky and quite desirable neighborhood. There are many walking tours passing our door. One day I notice a small group having a discussion outside. Turns out they are a family on a scavenger hunt; one of the items is a large menorah in a glass case which is next to our place. And this family is from Vancouver and they know Ed's cousin. Happy Passover.

It seems everyone we meet knows about Prime Minister Trudeau, and especially former PM Stephen Harper. Harper is revered here for his support of Israel. What do we think of Trudeau, we are often asked. I would say that politics and world events are very much a part of people's daily lives.

One evening we go to an art exhibit at a large hotel. There we bump into friends from Ottawa who had moved to Jerusalem a couple of years ago. You never know whom you will meet. Another day we took the bus to visit long time friends (from Montreal) on Kibbutz Hulda. That was the day of the hamsin, a hot wind from the Sahara. It was 40 degrees, like being in a blast furnace. From Hulda we went to Rehovot to visit more long time friends (this time from Toronto). This is part of the joy of Israel for me. Keeping the connections with land and people.

Have a good week. Sharon from Jerusalem

Tel Aviv University names Dan Department of Communications in honour of Aubrey and Marla Dan's \$5 Million USD donation



Prof. Joseph Klafter, President of Tel Aviv University (TAU), announced today the naming of Dan Department of Communications in honour of Aubrey and Marla Dan from Toronto, Canada and their donation of \$5 Million USD to the Department.

Prof. Joseph Klafter, noted: “The fast changing communication world of the early 21st century presents us with unprecedented challenges. Aubrey and Marla’s contribution will help us position TAU’s Department of Communication as the leader in its field in Israel.”

“TAU is delighted to receive this transformative gift from two Canadians who have a deep love of Israel,” says Prof. Joseph Klafter. “On behalf of Tel Aviv University, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to Aubrey and Marla Dan for their vision and generosity. This gift will help to accelerate the momentum within the Department and strengthen TAU’s position as a leading university for study in communications and public relations.

According to Department Head Dr. Daniel Dor, “The world of communication is undergoing an immense revolution, requiring a fundamental change in both the structure of study programs and research methods. We initiated the change over the past year, by merging with the Koteret School of Journalism, building an internet-age curriculum that incorporates a unique combination of theory and practice, and establishing the Annual Tel Aviv Communication Convention.”

“Aubrey and Marla’s gift will enable us to take a big step forward, establish the first laboratory of its kind for internet research, build TV and radio studios, continue to upgrade our study programs, offer scholarships for graduate students and post docs, organize large international conferences, invite leading researchers and media personages from around the world, and establish an annual award in communication research and more.”

Stephen Adler, Executive Director of the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University for Ontario and Western Canada commented, “We are grateful for the support of Aubrey and Marla Dan and look forward to working with them and the community to strengthen ties between Canada and Israel’s leading university.”

“We are pleased to be making an investment into the future of the students to help them to become leaders in journalism, public relations and research, improving the communications in Israel both internally and externally. Being able to bring communication in Israel to a new level of professionalism and integrity, using the latest social media and modern communications technology, will help promote Israeli society and how it continues to evolve and contributes to the world.” (Aubrey and Marla Dan)

Meet Jessi Klein *By Curt Schleier July 2016, Hadassah Magazine July 2016*

Jessi Klein has it all—or so it would seem.

She's in the process of selling a new television series to Hollywood. Then there's the voice acting she signed on to do for the animated Netflix series *Big Mouth* that debuts next year. And a new husband, a new baby son and her first Emmy for her work as head writer and executive producer of the Comedy Central show *Inside Amy Schumer*.



Yet, despite all the outward success, there's still this little girl inside, unsure of herself and her place in the world. It is that little girl, now a 40-year-old woman, who wrote *You'll Grow Out of It* (Grand Central Publishing), a collection of Klein's personal essays that are insightful, at times poignant, and almost always funny. She looks at what it's like to grow up when you're not part of the in crowd, not happy with your looks and not the girl who boys salivate over.

So obviously the best place to begin a phone conversation is asking, "Did you 'grow out of it'?" "That's the big lead-off question," Klein responds with a laugh. "That's how you start?" Well, yeah. "I think that I've half grown out of it," she answers. What is "it"?

"It's everything." Klein claims she is trying to come to grips with how unimportant her concerns are in the big scheme of things. Consider how much she writes about and discusses her physical appearance.

"I don't think I'm unattractive," she says a bit defensively. "I just don't think I'm as attractive as the people who really are attractive. If you find me in the right light I can be a seven, a seven-and-a-half."

Klein grew up the middle child in "a very culturally Jewish household" in New York City's Greenwich Village. "My parents were very much into their Jewish identity," she recalls.

She attended Stuyvesant High School, an elite public school, and then went to Vassar College. With that prestigious educational background, she took the natural next step: temping. But the temp job was at Comedy Central, where she eventually landed a regular position as a development executive.

You'll Grow Out of It describes how, in fits and starts, she slowly started to perform at night, first for free at open mic nights before getting paid gigs. But not enough to be confident about her comedy work. In one of the worst moments in the book, Klein recounts the story about being offered a contract to write for David Letterman's show. She's excited at the breakthrough. Her mom is excited. But dad tamps it down when he discovers it is just a 13-week contract. "Well, that doesn't sound like much of a job at all," he says. Klein turns Letterman down.

It all works out. Eventually. She lands the gig with Amy, whom she met on the comedy club circuit. Klein is responsible for some of the hit show's most widely viewed sketches—including the one about the last day actresses are considered sexually attractive. That's not the skit's real name, which in Schumer and Klein's wonderfully hilarious brand of potty-mouth humor contains an expletive.

After years of unhappy dating, Klein found "the one." Her husband's name is Mike. Remembering their son's *bris*, she says, "It happened during a very intense rain storm. There were apocalyptic clouds. And at the very moment of the snip there was a huge lightning bolt, like out of a Mel Brooks movie." She's not sure what the significance of that is, but it's probably where her next book will

Famous Jewish Quote:

"The highest level of charity is to help others help themselves." ~ Maimonides

Upcoming Events for 2016

Tuesday August 9, 2016—Barbeque at the home of Marilyn Weisbart, to honour the 5 year Presidency of Sharon Fitch.

September 18, 2016—Opening meeting. At the party room of Celia Negin from 2 pm to 4:30 pm. Details to be announced.

Important

If you are moving or changing your e-mail address, please contact Celia Negin as soon as possible, so we can make the changes immediately.

Toiletries

Don't forget to bring your toiletries for Sandy Merriman House for women or The Single Parent Resource Centre.

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