



About CHW

CHW passionately supports programs and services for Children, Healthcare, and Women in Israel and in Canada.

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.

For more information, please visit www.chw.ca

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Message from your Executive – by Sharon Fitch, Past President

CHW is in the midst of our National Annual Campaign. You will have received your envelope and now is the time to consider your donation. While Victoria does not have the membership numbers of Toronto or Montreal, nor do we raise the hundreds of thousands of dollars that those city chapters raise, our contributions are important. Our National President, Debbie Eisenberg, tells me that CHW Victoria is a thriving example of a small city chapter, and National depends on us. So, lets show National, and other small city chapters, what we can do for the Annual Campaign. Let's give!

Have you read our link on our national website? We are right up there with the major city centres in having a web link. We can thank Eleanor Mintz for keeping our information up to date. Find the web address above this message and check out what others are reading about CHW Victoria. And then read about other CHW city centres and their activities.

We have two popular events coming up: our 2nd Walk in the Park Sunday June 3, and our Birthday Lunch Thursday June 21. See this newsletter for more details.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support.

Todah Rabah, Sharon



June “Walk in the Park” Fundraiser

“Come One, Come All”

To our second annual

CHW Victoria “Walk in the Park”

We will meet in Beacon Hill Park

at the picnic area north of the children’s playlot on Arbutus Way.

Enter from Southgate Street.

The parking lot is 100 metres from Southgate, on the left.

Sunday June 3, 2018

10:30 am to 2:00 pm

Spouses, friends, children, grandchildren and dogs are welcome. Lunch will be provided, along with water bottles. Bring your own lawn chairs.

***Minimum* donation to participate is \$25 including lunch. You will receive a tax receipt for \$7 less than your donation, as this covers your lunch. Minimum donation of \$5.00 for child under 12.**

Please register with Sharon Fitch shfitch@telus.net or (250) 381-1166

Send payment to Esther Laredo at 4767 Elliot Place, Victoria BC V8Y 3E4

**CHW Victoria
Invites Members to attend**

**Our Birthday Party Fundraiser
Oak Bay Marina Restaurant
1327 Beach Drive
Victoria, BC**

Thursday June 21, 2018

At 1:00 pm

**We will be honouring the May and June birthdays of the following members:
Jocelyn Abrams, Eve Battan, Linda Bonder, Ruth Cooperstock, Chen Dror, Dina
Gelfand, Susan Halpert, Susan Kendal, Daryl Levine, Bev Merson, Fiona Prince,
Lindy Shortt and Marilyn Weisbart**

**Know someone who has moved to Victoria?
Bring them to our party and introduce them to CHW!**

***minimum \$5 donation is requested, which will be donated to
CHW Hadassim Children and Youth Village Therapeutic Centre
"Please note that donations under \$10 do not generate a tax receipt"***

Please RSVP to Celia Negin at morcel@shaw.ca or (250) 995-1414 by Thursday June 14, 2018

Shiva Meal Fund

The CHW Shiva Meal Fund was established by the CHW Victoria Executive 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. **If you are able to contribute and have not already done so, please know that your donation will help to provide a family with much comfort during a difficult time.**

With funds we have collected thus far, to date we have provided Shiva Meals to **14** families.

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 Executive. Todah Rabah, Thank You.

CHW Cards

For all occasions (birthday, anniversary, get well, sympathy, Rosh Hashanah) for family and friends.

For a donation in someone's name the cost is \$10 minimum and you will receive a tax receipt.

Contact Esther Laredo: 250-658-6550 or estherlaredo@shaw.ca



CHW Certificates

Small certificate for a donation of \$50 to \$99.

Large certificate for a donation of \$100 or over.

Contact Eleanor Mintz: 250-479-2425 or eleanor.mintz@shaw.ca

For all cards and certificates please send your cheque to Esther Laredo, 4767 Elliot Place, Victoria, BC V8Y 3E4.

New for CHW-Victoria

Do you know of a newcomer in town? We would love to meet them. Why don't you bring them to our next birthday luncheon and introduce them to CHW Victoria?

Good and Welfare

We wish a Very Happy June birthday to: Jocelyn Abrams, Chen Dror, Susan Kendal and Lindy Shortt

Janis Diner-Brinley has a new knee. Successful surgery complete, now to rehab so she can “walk in the park” next year. We wish Janis all the best with her rehab and recovery.

Wohl Rose Garden



Ranked one of the world’s most beautiful rose gardens, this one is worth a visit.

Opposite the Knesset lies a magical garden with over 400 varieties of roses. In addition to some 15,000 rose bushes, the park features expansive lawns and an ornamental pond with aquatic plants. It’s a celebration of colors and smells and the perfect backdrop for selfie-lovers!



Precise, waterless thread dyeing—Israel 21C, [Rebecca Stadlen Amir](#) March 14, 2018

[Twine Solutions](#), a Petah Tikva-based startup, is aiming to revolutionize the textile industry with its waste-saving technology.



Treating and dyeing textiles consumes trillions of liters of water globally and pollutes freshwater sources with massive amounts of chemicals, making the textile industry responsible for 20% of the world’s water pollution. While conventional dyeing methods are extremely water intensive, Twine’s system enables on-demand textile thread dyeing in an eco-friendly process that requires no water.

The technology, known as Digital Selective Treatment (DST), continuously dyes a single white thread to any requested length and color, allowing designers to produce only what is needed. This helps eliminate the need for colored thread stock and reduces logistics, deadstock and other waste costs.

Another Twine technology, True Color Capture (TCC), can match the color of any cloth or garment in order to dye the exact color into the thread. Conventional dye-to-match processes can take days and require many trials, whereas TCC produces the precise thread within seconds.

Israel leads way in workplace Friday 13th, April 2018 Written by [Abigail Klein Leichman ISRAEL21C](#) in [Israel](#)



Orit Sulitzeanu, executive director of the Association of Rape Crisis Centres in Israel, was invited to address the United Nations on March 29 about the issue of combating sexual harassment in the workplace. She presented Israel's precedent-setting voluntary code against sexual harassment.

"We started working on this several years before the current #MeToo campaign," Sulitzeanu told Israel21c. "The code is an interesting idea that could be adapted and implemented in other places in the world."

Based on the Israeli law against sexual harassment in the workplace – be it an inappropriate look, remark, touch, text message or worse – the code provides concrete details on how to implement the regulations, which Sulitzeanu compares to "a quilt with a lot of patches missing."

For example, the law requires every business or organization with more than 10 workers to designate a special ombudsman to deal with sexual harassment complaints, but it doesn't specify details about training and supporting this ombudsman.

The Association of Rape Crisis Centres turned to the Standards Institute of Israel four years ago to help add definitions and explanations to the laws after winning a tender from the Israeli Ministry of Economics to draft a voluntary code to give managers a more exact tool for avoiding and handling sexual harassment incidents.

With this funding and additional funding from groups including the Hadassah Foundation in the United States, Israeli labour law experts from women's organizations worked for two years on guidelines.

"We also developed, with Dr. Zeev Lehrer from Tel Aviv University's department of gender studies, a tailor-made intervention that enables us to specifically understand the special characteristics of sexual harassment in a specific organization and then develop a prevention program suited to the organization," said Sulitzeanu.

The priority is to introduce the voluntary code against sexual harassment in local municipalities, businesses and organizations that the association identifies as high risk – such as the military, police, healthcare organizations, airlines, media outlets and first-response networks – because of vulnerability factors such as big gaps in age and gender (usually, older men supervising young women), nighttime working hours and frequent operations outside the office environment.

The municipality of Ra'anana was the first to adopt the voluntary code for its thousands of workers, followed by a high-tech company (EIM). Magen David Adom, Israel's national emergency response network, will adopt it next.

A leader in this area

Sulitzeanu's invitation to the UN has its roots in a co-sponsored resolution that Israel spearheaded in March 2017, titled "Preventing and Eliminating Sexual Harassment in the Workplace," in light of statistics showing that up to 60% of women worldwide have experienced harassment.

The resolution condemns sexual harassment in all forms, especially against women and girls, and emphasizes the need to take measures to prevent and eliminate it, raise awareness, educate, promote research, and collect and analyze data and statistics.

"Israel succeeded in passing this resolution in the UN and that positioned Israel as a leader in this area," said Sulitzeanu. "That's why they called me to talk about the voluntary code."

As far as she knows, no other country aside from Australia has any similar code of conduct to address sexual harassment in the workplace.

“Just as Israel is the start-up nation for technology and science, we are also the start-up in social initiatives,” she said.

Harassment subculture

Israel’s voluntary code also applies to situations such as child athletes traveling to competitions accompanied by adult coaches, doctors and physical therapists. Sulitzeanu saw the danger inherent in such circumstances long before this year’s revelation of sexual abuse by the U.S. Olympic gymnastics team doctor.

“It’s not enough to talk about the law in at-risk organizations,” she said. “Some have a known subculture of sexual harassment and need tailor-made interventions.”

Sulitzeanu expects employers to be eager to embrace the code in order to avoid lawsuits and the loss of productivity that comes from sexual harassment allegations due to absences, emotional stress and office gossip.

“This is a precedent-setting way to deal with the problem,” she said. “I hope the government will compel every municipality to have this code, and I hope all organizations at risk will also adopt it. It is not complicated or expensive and it makes your workplace a caring, safe place for employees.

“Once these guidelines are embedded in the DNA of the organization, they become easy to implement.”

The Standards Institute of Israel will conduct an inspection of each participating workplace every two years to determine if the standards set out in the code are being upheld.

Members' Corner: **Our Adventures in Amsterdam** by Eleanor Mintz

On May 22, my husband Ken, daughter Julie and I arrived home after a week’s stay and long anticipated trip to Amsterdam. We did not see everything we wanted to, but we gained a very good flavour of the city. We experienced the city, in some ways, both as a local and a tourist. We stayed in an apartment hotel, we shopped at the local grocery store and had some of our meals “at home”. We used the local transportation system, travelled on the tram, metro and even the train. We enjoyed a 15 minute ride “out of town”. Amazingly, we even “somewhat” learned to dodge the bicycles, motorcycles (large and small) and cars. Of course, we had our share of cheese, pancakes, Dutch apple pie and waffle cookies.

As typical tourists we strolled the Jordaan Walk, which took us through some funky streets and museums sights, we visited the Rijksmuseum, a world class art gallery, which displayed magnificent collections of the Dutch artists, depicting many everyday scenes. We enjoyed our “out of town” trip to Zaanse Schans, a renovated Dutch village, where we viewed the huge wind mills, the watch/clock museums and the weavers’ house with a demonstration. What most fascinated us however was the shoe museum where they made the clogs as well as other wooden sculptures. We decided the workers would not pass Canadian Safety Standards, as they did not wear eye goggles or masks. We took the one hour canal cruise and enjoyed passing through the heritage sights. No, we did not visit the Red Light District.

Having said all this, I must say that nothing will hold to heart, more than the “Jewish” aspects of our trip. Not having planned it, we were very surprised to realize, we were staying in a rather Orthodox section of town. We were a five minute walk from a grocery delicatessen, kosher restaurants, and even a Hebrew School, and possibly Synagogue. We saw many men and young boys wearing tzitzes. Our tour of the Anne Frank House and Museum, brought to light the extreme difficulties of what Anne, her family and four others had to endure for over 2 years. We saw the attic where Anne went to, occasionally, to get a breath of fresh air. We whispered while in the house, somewhat feeling what the family had to persevere.

The Jewish Historical Museum depicted life from the 16th century to the present time and described how the Jews gradually integrated into Dutch society, until everything collapsed during the time of the Second World War. The fact that the survivors who returned to Holland, had to pay the rent missed while they were in the Concentration Camps is incomprehensible. The Holocaust Memorial, as well provided insight. It was a trip to be thankful for and one to be remembered, for sure.

Famous Jewish Quotation:

“Nothing in life just happens. It isn’t enough to believe in something; you have to have the stamina to meet obstacles and overcome them, to struggle.” Golda Meir

Upcoming Events for 2018

Sunday June 3, 2018---Walk in the Park.
Beacon Hill Park, 10:30 am to 2:00 pm

Thursday June 21, 2018—Birthday Lunch
for May/June Birthdays---1:00 pm. Oak
Bay Marina.

Sunday August 19, 2018—Birthday Lunch for
July/August Birthdays—12:30pm. Beach
House Restaurant.

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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