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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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Executive Message—by Esther Laredo, Treasurer

On a beautiful sunny September 27th and intermediate day of Sukkot , Sharon Fitch our kind and amazing past president opened her Sukkah for anyone lucky enough to accept her invitation.

It was beautifully decorated. Members were invited to pray holding the Lulav and the Etrog, and to help themselves to delicious food.

I looked up the meaning of Sukkot on the internet and it mentions that the Jews were crossing the desert to get to the holy land with God's help.

Now that the holidays are over I cannot help but think about the great number of homeless people that try to find room for their tents and are chased with their belongings from one site to another .

I hope they can find a solution just like God did for us.



Chanukah Lunch

**CHW Victoria
Invites you to attend**

**A Chanukah Lunch
At the home of Marilyn Weisbart
799 Worthington Place
Victoria, BC**

**Tuesday December 4, 2018
12:00 noon to 3:00 pm**

**A delicious lunch will be provided
(Latkes and much, much more!)**

Cost: \$20.00

By reservation only:

Please RSVP to Esther Laredo at estherlaredo@shaw.ca or (250) 658-6550

Please send your cheque to Esther Laredo, 4767 Elliot Place, Victoria, BC V8Y 3E4.

By November 20, 2018



December Birthday Lunch

CHW Victoria
Invites You to attend

Our Birthday Lunch
At the 5th Street Bar and Grill
1028 Hillside Avenue,
Victoria, BC

Thursday December 27, 2018
At 12:30 pm

We will be honouring the November and December birthdays of the following members:
Frances Aknai, Josie Davidson, Zelda Dean, Lise Jobin, Sydney Kalef, Esther Laredo,
Joyanne Plewes and Leah Smith

*minimum \$5 donation is requested, which will be donated to the
CHW Hadassim Children and Youth Village Therapeutic Centre*

"Please note that donations under \$10 do not generate a tax receipt"

*If you are paying cash and require a tax receipt, please put your donation in an envelope and
write your name and amount on the outside*

Please RSVP to Celia Negin at morcel@shaw.ca or (250) 995-1414 by Thursday December 20, 2018

The museum on the seam—Atlas Obscura *The Museum on the Seam is exactly what it sounds like, residing on the border of East and West Jerusalem that many consider to be the invisible rift within the city, yet this socio-political art space hopes to serve as a bridge instead of a band-aid.*



Established in 1999, and operating since 2005 the museum is housed in a property that itself has a long history of being torn between Jerusalem's opposing forces. Built in 1932, the building was used as an Israeli military outpost right on the border when the city was officially divided. During the six-day war of 1967 the building was damaged by bomb and bullet strikes, taking out a large chunk of a balcony that has been left damaged as a reminder of the conflicts. As the city began reunification following the fighting, the site became host to a semi-permanent exhibition devoted to encouraging peace between the people of the region.

The museum that currently inhabits the space continues to devote itself to messages of unification and healing. A number of exhibitions have taken place at the space focusing on themes such as human rights, protest, and national anxiety. The museum believes that art can act as a unifying language transcending borders, religions, and conflicts and can provide a medium unlike any other in which the often opposed citizens can create meaningful conversation.

If things go their way, and their message of unification takes root, the Museum on the Seam may one day simply be named "The Museum".



A Peek in Our Members' Kitchens

Yam, Cheese & Walnut Salad—Thank you to Frances Aknai for sharing this recipe

2 Yams

1 cup Walnut halves OR Pecan halves

3 Green onions, sliced

1 cup Crumbled Feta (goat's) cheese*

1/8 cup Vegetable oil

1/8 cup Pure Maple Syrup

Method:

Roast yams in oven or microwave, being careful not to overcook. Cool, remove skin and cut into cubes.

In a large mixing bowl combine yams, walnut halves, feta cheese and onions.

In a small bowl mix together the oil and maple syrup. Add to ingredients in large bowl.

Cover and refrigerate for several hours.

*NOTE: Apetina Feta Cheese (crumbled) has "K" marked on the package in case you are concerned about buying kosher products.



Your Smile for the Day

A salesman knocks on the front door one evening. A man comes to the door. "Yes, how can I help you?" "I'm looking for the person who is the master of the house.?" "Oh!" the man said, "Just stand by, we're deciding on that issue right now."

Shiva Meal Fund

Thank you to Simone Benloulou, Susan Halpert and Lynne Rauch who have recently donated to the fund.

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.

Did You Know?

The city of Beersheba has the highest number of chess grandmasters per capita in the world.



Good and Welfare

Happy November Birthdays to Frances Aknai, Josie Davidson, Esther Laredo and Leah Smith.

Get well to Elliot Gelfand, Dena's husband, after his recent surgery.

Wonderful to see Susan Halpert, who was visiting from Edmonton.

Mazal tov to Leah Kinarthy, new President of Jewish Family Services.

Kudos on a job well done to Beverley Merson who retired as President of Jewish Family Services.

Mazal tov to Charlotte Sutker on the engagement of her son Kalman.

Our sincere condolences to Rae Anne Brechner on the passing of her grandmother in Denver, Colorado. May her memory be for a blessing.

Digital glasses offer hope of sight for vision-impaired-- By [Leoni Jesner](#), Israel 21C September 25, 2018

Israeli company [ICI Vision](#) has developed digital eyewear with the potential to give millions of legally blind people the ability to see.



The company's Orama high-tech glasses are the brainchild of Haim Chayet, an Israeli optic physicist who was originally creating augmented-reality goggles for motorcyclists.

Working alongside a friend who had damaged vision due to a scar on his eye, Chayet realized the technology would have greater impact as an assistive device for many people experiencing vision impairment. Joining forces with two partners in the field and top Israeli eye doctors in an advisory capacity, he launched ICI Vision in 2014.

"We approached the technology from the perspective of helping the millions of people with vision problems enjoy a new lease on life and maintain their independence," CEO Tal Lotan tells ISRAEL21c.

Globally, 340 million people have impaired or complete loss of vision due to macular degeneration (AMD), diabetic retinopathy and other retinal diseases, resulting in direct annual treatment costs of \$157 billion in the US last year.

Recognizing faces of loved ones

Orama's "enhanced vision engine" combines artificial intelligence, eye-tracking software, computer vision and other software and hardware, including a built-in 3D camera, to fill in the gaps from loss of vision and optimize the image in front of the user's eyes.

The eyewear is personalized to each user through eye mapping, a procedure that establishes the location of healthy retinal cells.

"Once the extent of a patient's retinal damage has been established, we can build a set of glasses which projects images onto the healthy part of the eye to enhance their central vision," explains Lotan. "No one else is doing exactly what we do."

There's an adjustment period as Orama users learn to interpret what they're seeing.

“During initial trials, patients were able to recognize faces of loved ones and see more clearly in their central vision. We have a lot of people interested in trialing the product as they have put their hope in our technology as a solution to their loss of vision,” says Lotan.

ICI’s technology is patented in the United States, China, and Australia and patent-pending in Europe and Japan. The company is gearing up for its first round of seed funding with hopes of securing \$3 million toward R&D and manufacturing costs, and expects to have 30 units ready within 18 months to test in home environments.

If all goes according to plan, Orama glasses could be sold globally by mid-2020.

The working prototype has been tested on more than 60 patients in Tel Aviv, with many able to see for the first time.

“We had a patient who had only been able to identify their partner’s face through touch who was able to see their face for the first time in four years — a remarkable moment for the couple,” relates Lotan.

For home and work

In its current phase, the product is intended for in-home use so that users can engage directly with other people, read books, watch television and become familiar with their home surroundings, often for the very first time.

The glasses are also functional for those struggling in the workplace.

“We trialed the glasses on a patient who was having difficulty communicating in office meetings. Once she put on the glasses, she was able to see where voices were coming from and feel part of the conversation, rather than a passive listener,” says Lotan.

“We hope that many patients will experience the benefits of Orama in such a way that will help them excel in situations which before were not so simple.”

According to professor of ophthalmology and retina specialist Prof. Adiel Barak, a member of ICI Vision’s medical board, “Preliminary results of the observational studies, conducted by ICI Vision in Israel, are showing major improvement in standard vision tests and real-life simulation tests (viewing faces). Further trials will be held on an ongoing basis in order to provide ICI Vision’s constant feedback of the device’s efficacy and to make careful improvements.”

ICI Vision plans to target people with retinal disease across the US, Europe and Asia. “Our audience stands at over 50 million, which is substantial, but in reality reflects an aging population,” says Lotan.

But the story doesn’t end here. The company’s goal is to introduce monitoring and restorative functions into Orama at a later stage. This will be made possible by a recent medical development using infrared light to cure or help patients with dry AMD, a cause of blurred or reduced vision. “This technology is in early-stage development and is something we aim to patent in the future. If we succeed, it will be a real-game changer,” says Lotan.

Thank You

Thank you to those who made a donation to the “Lily Frank Z”L Tribute Fund” at the Birthday Lunch on October 21, 2018. Since the fund closed on October 31, we will go back to donating to the CHW Hadassim Children and Youth Therapeutic Village Project.

Famous Jewish quotation:

“It’s not how much or how little you have that makes you great or small, but how much or how little you accomplish with what you have.” - Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch

Upcoming Events for 2018/2019

Chanukah Lunch--Tuesday December 4, 2018. At the home of Marilyn Weisbart from 12 noon to 3 pm.

Birthday Lunch--Thursday December 27, 2018 at 12:30 pm. At the Fifth Street Bar and Grill

Birthday Lunch—Sunday February 24, 2019 at 12:30 pm. Taverna Village Restaurant.

Birthday Lunch—Sunday April 7, 2019. 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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