



Victoria

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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

We send a hearty mazal tov and welcome to our new National President Marilyn Libin, of Calgary. Thanks to outgoing president Debbie Eisenberg for 2 years of devoted leadership.

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Message from your Executive –by Eleanor Mintz, Newsletter Editor

As I look back to the October horrific shootings in Pittsburgh, I think how vulnerable we are not only as individuals, not only as Jews, but as a collective group of people in our society today. It is so difficult to know what the answer is; we must be vigilant and yet we cannot live in a cocoon, and hide ourselves from the rest of the universe.

As Jews, we are so fortunate to live in Victoria, where we are blessed with a strong community spirit, support and inclusiveness. Although we are small in numbers, we have a wide choice of places where we can worship. We know our community, as well as the community at large, have come out and will continue to come out in full force for our major events whether joyful or difficult.

We are also fortunate to have our small, but strong and mighty women’s organization here, namely CHW Victoria. We continue to strive to support Israel, our community and our members. We welcome new members and encourage our members to attend our events. May we suffice in the knowledge that we are not alone. We take one day at a time and may we always strive for PEACE.

SHALOM, Eleanor



December Birthday Luncheon

**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, Leah Smith and Sarah Thoms**

***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



February Birthday Luncheon

CHW Victoria
Invites You to attend

Our Birthday Lunch
At the Taverna Village Restaurant
1075 Pendergast Street,
Victoria, BC

Sunday February 24, 2019
At 12:30 pm

We will be honouring the January and February birthdays of the following members:

Jenny Briker, Suzi Deston, Selma Linzer, Noemi Masson,
Celia Negin, Raya Sitwell & Jan Wilson

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CHW Hadassim Children and Youth Village Therapeutic Centre*

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Chanukah Lunch



Over many years it had been traditional for our CHW Victoria ladies and their significant others to celebrate the Chanukah festivities at the home of Ana and Alex Porzecanski. We would mix and mingle, spin the dreidle, light the many menorahs, sing the traditional Chanukah songs and have our yearly Chanukah raffle. Many of our ladies would put on their aprons, and the smell of latkes would permeate throughout the Porzecanski household.

Sadly for us, Ana and Alex have moved to London, Ontario, to be closer to their children and grandchildren in London and the States. We miss Ana and Alex for many reasons.

And so, our Chanukah parties lapsed for several years.

This year your Executive decided to hold a Chanukah lunch, albeit with a twist. Through the brainchild of Marilyn Weisbart, the catering of our “Chef Extrordinaire” Esther Laredo and the extra hands of our always helpful Past President Sharon Fitch, who made the latkes, a “Chanukah Lunch” was born.

Thank you to Esther Laredo for having the lunch at her home. Sixteen of us gathered in Esther’s dining room to enjoy a delicious sit down meal. We were treated to carrot soup, latkes, bagels lox and cream cheese, coleslaw, green salad, asparagus quiche and a wonderful quince dessert a la mode. For those who wished, we had a choice of coffee, tea or red wine.

During the lunch, Sharon told the story of how the Sephardic women traditionally celebrate Chanukah. They are not suppose to work between the lighting of the first candle and the end of Chanukah. We sang some traditional Chanukah songs and as well participated in a game, whereby we each picked out from a bag, a famous proverb of a well known person and read it aloud. They were all thought inspiring; however, I enjoyed mine the most. “You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake” by Bob Hope.

On that note, we now know that change is awesome and opens up the opportunity for a whole set of new experiences.

Stay tuned for next year.

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.

Good and Welfare

We wish you and your family A Very Happy Chanukah.

Happy November birthdays to Frances Aknai, Josie Davidson, Sydney Kalef Esther Laredo, Joyanne Plewes, Leah Smith, and Sarah Thoms. Mazel Tov to Frances Aknai and Esther Laredo who celebrate their special birthdays.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Suzi Deston.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Marilyn Weisbart.

Continuing get well to Raya and John Sitwell.

Tel Aviv illustration week 2018

The festival incorporates works of both veteran and young illustrators, leading academies and independent illustration associations in Israel. By [Abigail Klein Leichman](#), Israel 21c, November 12, 2018



Drawing by Mira Ginzburg "Hidden City"

Wander through Me'a She'arim, Jerusalem



A stark contrast to the aforementioned desert adventures, wandering the streets of Mea She'arim is nonetheless a unique, if not jarring experience. Upon entering this neighborhood, one of Jerusalem's oldest that is home exclusively to ultra orthodox haredi Jews, you'll be greeted abruptly by a bold sign asking visitors to dress modestly. This area feels like a different world, and is certainly worthwhile to explore for those curious about Israel's ultra religious haredim

Cartoon:



Did You Know?

Israel is alone in having revived an unspoken language as its national tongue.

3D bioprinted lungs to be available for global transplants Israel 21c, [Abigail Klein](#) [Leichman](#), November 4, 2018,

Israel's CollPlant inks licensing and commercialization deal with major American biotech firm for its rhCollagen and BioInk to make human organs.

[CollPlant](#), an Israeli regenerative medicine company focused on 3D bioprinting of tissues and organs, signed a license, development and commercialization agreement with United Therapeutics Corporation of Maryland for 3D bioprinted lung transplants.



The agreement combines CollPlant's proprietary recombinant human collagen (rhCollagen) derived from engineered tobacco plants, and its BioInk technology, with the regenerative medicine and organ manufacturing capabilities of United Therapeutics subsidiary Lung Biotechnology PBC.

One of many companies founded by Hebrew University nanotechnology pioneer [Prof. Oded Shoseyov](#), CollPlant will manufacture and supply BioInk for a few years to meet development process demand, and will provide technical support to United Therapeutics as it establishes a US facility for the manufacture of CollPlant's rhCollagen and BioInk.

The BioInk product line also includes a soft-tissue repair matrix for treating tendinopathy and a wound repair matrix to promote a rapid optimal healing of acute and chronic wounds.

In addition to the initial focus on 3D bioprinted lungs for transplant surgeries anywhere in the world, the agreement grants United Therapeutics an option to expand the field of its license to add up to three additional organs.

"We are excited to work with CollPlant's extraordinary Israeli technology to transform the tobacco plant that is so associated with lung disease into a collagen-expressing plant that will be essential to the production of an unlimited number of transplantable lungs," said United Therapeutics Chairwoman and CEO Martine Rothblatt.

Once the agreement is approved by the Israel Innovation Authority and meets certain closing conditions, Ness Ziona-based CollPlant will receive an upfront payment of \$5 million and milestone payments of up to \$15 million based on the achievement of certain operational and regulatory milestones related to the development of manufactured lungs.



Your smile for the day

Now:

A man comes to the doctor lamenting that he is forgetting things. "Yesterday I even forgot where I live, doctor, I got lost. And the day before, I came home from the synagogue and I forgot that I even went there. And a day before, I want to play golf and I forgot about that too..."

"Oy doctor, what should I do?" the man cried.

"Pay me now," the doctor said.

Famous Jewish Quotation:

“In everything you do you encounter sparks full of life and light, aspiring to rise toward the heights. You help them and they help you.” *Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook*

Upcoming Events for 2018/2019

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 at 12:30 pm. Location to be decided

Annual Campaign—March or April 2019, Details TBA

Walk in the park—May or June 2019. Details TBA

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.

Executive Members for 2018/2019

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