

פרץ פאפירן **Peretz Papers**

May - June 2004



The next issue of Peretz Papers will be published in late August. Have a great summer!

Music at the Peretz Centre presents



The West Coast Symphony

featuring
Karl Goldmark's
*Rustic Wedding
Symphony*

**Friday May 28
8:00 PM**

Ben Chud Auditorium
at the Peretz Centre

Suggested donation: \$15
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your ticket

Fraytik Tsu Nakht

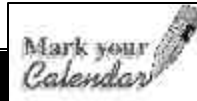
We invite you to participate in our popular monthly secular shabbes observation: Candle lighting, wine, challah, a fabulous potluck meal, and a talk by a guest speaker.

May, 14, 6:30 PM: Guido Setton, *The Jews of Argentina: Then and Now.*

June 18, 6:30 PM: David Skulski reprises his hit, *Jewish Dancing Masters of the Renaissance.*

No Fraytik Tsu Nakht in July or August.

To attend, you may bring a dish or pay (\$8/members, \$10/non-members). **Please RSVP to Gallia, 604-322-6077.**



Sunday June 6 JEWISH-MUSLIM PEACE WALK

As we go to press, the details are being worked out, after which the Walk will be widely publicized.

Vancouver Jewish Folk Choir Annual Spring Concert

Sunday, June 13, 2:30 PM

Tickets: \$15.00

This year's program will feature songs from Yiddish Theatre and will also include Yiddish Tango, Chasidic Melodies, and other beautiful music in Yiddish, Hebrew, Ladino and English.



The Choir singing at the Community Third Seder

Ensuring the continuity of Jewish culture and identity ...



B'nai Mitzvah '04 teachers guide teams in preparing rebuttals during debate on the topic of survival of Jewish culture vs assimilation



At Sunday School, 5 to 7 year olds learn about Jewish traditions through crafts, games, stories, songs and celebrations



**It's not too early to register for Fall classes.
Sunday School: Classes for 5-7 year olds and 8-10 year olds.
B'nai Mitzvah '06: girls 10 and up, boys 11 and up.
Class sizes will be limited.**

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**Looking for
Jewish & Muslim women**

to join me in singing a few very simple songs at
the Jewish-Muslim Peace Walk on June 6.

Please call or email Donna Becker MacDermot

604-872-2769

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A Sheynem Dank!

We are winding down from a very busy season that included a wonderful Purim carnival and a Third Seder we are still receiving compliments on. (Check out the Photo Gallery on our website for some pictures.)

I would like to give a special Thank You to Sunday School teacher Adele Acrech, not only for the enthusiasm, dedication and creativity she brings to her weekly lessons, but specifically for making sure that the Purim carnival happened, was well attended, and was fun for the children (and their families).

A lot of people volunteered their time and talents to make the Third Seder a great success and I hope I haven't missed anybody. A zeyer hartsikn dank to:

- ♥ *Gyda Chud, who as did an excellent job as MC, including making the transitions from reader to reader smooth and problem-solving on the fly.*
- ♥ *David Skulski, Rachel Taub, Irene Dawson, Toby Dyson, Claire Osipov, Samantha Granirer, David Granirer, head table readers.*
- ♥ *The Vancouver Jewish Folk Choir, conducted by David Millard and accompanied by Elliott Dainow, with special guest Alexandra Taub on violin.*
- ♥ *Daniel Neuman, on lights and sound.*
- ♥ *Claire Osipov, Sylvia Friedman, Al Stein and Gloria Díaz, who set the tables and made the room look so welcoming. Annie Olafson for the beautiful flower arrangements.*
- ♥ *Ruth Kaplan at the door.*
- ♥ *Mark Neuman, who did childminding, making it possible for several families to attend.*
- ♥ *Yvonne Green, who organized the kitchen volunteers, shopped for food, and created lists of tasks so we won't have to re-invent the wheel next year.*
- ♥ *Karen Coulter, who not only cooked an excellent three-course vegetarian meal but invented the world's best vegetarian chopped liver.*
- ♥ *Charosis makers Tammy, Ben and Mark Neuman; Kugl (or is that kigl?) makers Sylvia Friedman and Thelma Dyson.*

Sometimes one has to back up a little in order to go forward. This is the case with our public meeting to discuss long-term goals for the Centre. Announced in the last edition for this month, we have put it off until August 8, 10:30 AM. We'll have bagels, lox and coffee, etc. and if you need childcare let us know in advance and we'll provide it. If you have ideas or would like to opine on those of others, please come and participate in future-building.



On behalf of the Board, I'd like to officially welcome Tom Hansen, our new bookkeeper and a great new asset to our organization. While I'm in the welcoming mode, a vareme bagrisung also to new members Sharon Crapko and Charlotte Debbane.

I'd also like to thank several members for their generous donations: Leon Broitman, Gallia Chud and George and Anne Ostry. We are also the grateful beneficiaries of donations thru the CJA from Gyda Chud and David Berson.

A reminder: don't miss the final concert of "Music at the Peretz Centre." And finally, have a great summer!

—David Skulski

- ♥ *All the bakers who brought in lovely homemade desserts.*
- ♥ *The Kitchen Crew: Karen Kaplan, Annie Olafson, Ben Taub, Yvonne and Richard Green, Claire Osipov, Diane Lepawsky, Gloria Díaz, Beatrice Scott, Gallia Chud, Irene Dawson, Sheila Delany, and Tom Hansen.*
- ♥ *And last but certainly not least: the 200-plus members and guests who contributed their presence and their spirit and created one of the best seders ever.*

—Donna Becker MacDermot
Program Coordinator

Peretz Centre Schedule, May-June

No classes Victoria Day (May 23). No programs in July and August.

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B'nai Mitzvah 04: classes Sunday May 9, 16, Jun 6, 20; rehearsals schedule: check with teachers
 B'nai Mitzvah 05: Sunday May 9, 30, Jun 13, 20
 Sunday School (ages 5-6): every Sunday except May 23, 10:30-12:30

Adults and Seniors

Vancouver Jewish Folk Choir rehearsal: Tuesdays, 7:30-9:45 PM.
 Fraytik Tsu Nakht (Secular Shabbes celebration and guest speaker): **May 14, 6:30 PM:** Guido Setton, *The Jews of Argentina: then and now.* **June 18, 6:30 PM:** David Skulski, *Jewish Dancing Masters of the Renaissance*

Sholem Aleichem Seniors: Fridays, 10:30 AM. Speakers and topics:

- May 7 Rosalind Lass: *Golda: the Idealist. A talk on Golda Meir*
- May 14 Valerie McClean, Better Business Bureau: *The Top 10 Scams of 2003*
- May 21 Seth Klein, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives: *B.C.'s Welfare Policies and Solutions Budget*
- May 28 Video, TBA
- June 4 Michael Clague, Executive Director, Carnegie Centre: *Update on Downtown East Side issues and Arts in the Downtown East Side*
- June 11 Ed Shaffer, University of Alberta Prof Emeritus, Economics: *Iraq and the Struggle for Oil*
- June 18 Closing luncheon. Magical entertainment by Stephen Kaplan

Special Events

- May 9, 10:30 AM Lag b'Omer Picnic at Garry Point Park, Steveston
- May 28, 8:00 PM: **Music at the Peretz Centre: the West Coast Symphony**
- June 13, 2:30 PM: Vancouver Jewish Folk Choir Spring Concert
- June 20, 10:30 AM: Closing Sunday
- August 8, 10:30 AM Community Brainstorm

Lag b'Omer Celebration, May 9

Our Sunday School class and their families will be celebrating Lag b'Omer in the traditional manner with a picnic, complete with a bonfire and bows and arrows, at Garry Point Park in Richmond (see map).

The B'nai Mitzvah '04 class, who are rehearsing for their June celebration, will be barbequing hot dogs here at the Centre and watching an episode of the Simpsons in which Krusty the Clown gets bar mitsvahed. B'nai Mitzvah '04 is invited to join in.



for June 20 at 10:30 AM

The graduating class of the B'nai Mitzvah program invites you to come to a dress rehearsal of the 14 students' performance. We've got a bright bunch of kids here and, without doubt, everyone who comes will learn more about Jewish culture. It's also good for the students to practice before an audience. For more information, call the office.