

פרץ פאפירן

Peretz Papers

November - December 2003



I.L. Peretz

Music at the Peretz Centre

The Peretz Centre is proud to announce a new concert series:

December 6: the Saul Berson Quartet. Saxophonist Saul Berson and his group play selections ranging from tango to bebop and incorporating Middle Eastern and klezmer overtones. Two new compositions will be premiered at this concert in addition to selections from the group's CDs.

February 15: Pacific Clarinet Trio. Consisting of Rob Ronald (clarinet), Lon Rosen (cello) and Dietmar Schmuecker (piano), the Pacific Clarinet Trio has performed in concerts throughout the lower mainland of British Columbia and in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana. The trio's repertoire ranges from early classical to contemporary, and includes a surprising number of masterpieces that showcase the dark, rich clarinet sound, the singing tone of the cello, and the power and brilliance of the piano.

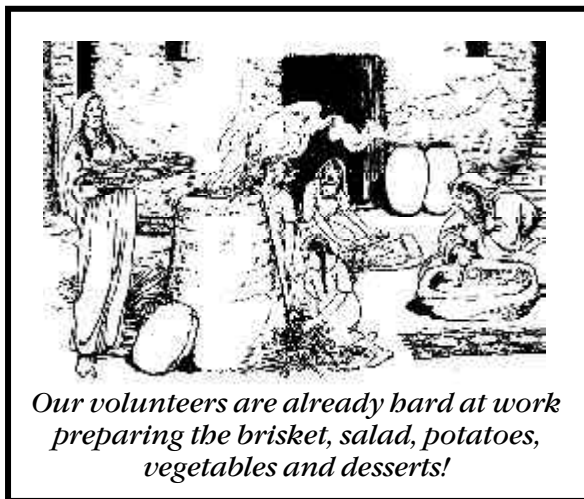
April 17: Olam. OLAM is a Klezmer-influenced world-beat group that draws on the rich musical traditions of Eastern Europe and the Middle East, and combines them with modern funk, Jazz and Latin beats, to create an energetic fusion that transcends ethnic boundaries.

May 21: West Coast Symphony. A high quality amateur orchestra dedicated to performing a wide range of orchestral works to audiences throughout the Vancouver area. Conductor Clyde Mitchell is a well known and nationally recognized musician whose interactive style encourages audiences and orchestra players to participate fully in the music.

	Individual	Individual Series	Senior/Student	Senior/Student Series
Member	\$18	\$60	\$12	\$42
Non-member	\$20	\$70	\$15	\$55

Call 604-325-1812 to reserve tickets. Reserved tickets must be picked up 1/2 hour before concert. Tickets will be available at the door. All concerts 8:00 PM

Reserve your seat now for our annual Banquet



Our volunteers are already hard at work preparing the brisket, salad, potatoes, vegetables and desserts!

This is the Peretz Centre's major annual fundraiser. Come, enjoy a fabulous brisket or vegetarian dinner and great entertainment.

November 23, 6:00 PM *

Featuring guest artists Jessica Werbe, cello, and Elliott Dainow, piano

MC: Stephen Kaplan, Magician Extraordinaire

Adults: \$20. Children 6-13: \$10. Children under 6: free

Advance Reservations Required: 604-325-1812

* date changed from November 22

The Peretz Centre Annual General Meeting: November 2, 2003, 10:30 AM.

The agenda will include the election of officers for 2003-2004, the annual Financial Report, the President's Report and other year-end reports.

Only adult members (18 years of age or over) in good standing (i.e. paid members) are permitted to vote. You may renew your membership at the meeting, or by contacting the office prior to the meeting.

We hope that you will consider running for the Board, joining a committee, volunteering, or in some way contributing.

A warm thank you to our current board: David Skulski (President), Sylvia Friedman (Vice President), Al Stein (Treasurer), Yvonne Green (Recording Secretary), Louise Miller (Corresponding Secretary), Gallia Chud and Rob Friedman (Members at Large).

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Live-in childcare giver available

- ◆ Early Childhood Education Certificate: Vancouver Community College
- ◆ CPR, First Aid
- ◆ Speaks Hebrew. Can teach piano and guitar
- ◆ Willing to do housework, shopping
- ◆ References: Jewish Community Centre

Call SASHA, 604-767-3219

We need your help

The backbone of the Peretz Centre is our core of steadfast, hardworking and probably underacknowledged volunteers.

We have a variety of volunteer opportunities, from setting up for/cleaning up after special events and Fraytik tsu nakhts to mailing out Peretz Papers to mowing the grass to bottling wine — I'm sure you can think of other ways you would like to help.

For further information, please phone our Volunteer Coordinator Yvonne Green at 604-269-2224.

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to Irene Dawson for her many excellent suggestions for improving communication between the Board and the membership (see this issue's President's Corner) and increasing audience participation at our celebrations.

Fraytik Tsu Nakht

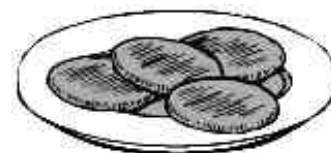
We invite you to participate in our monthly secular shabbes observation: Candle lighting, wine, challah, a fabulous potluck meal, and a talk by a guest speaker:

November 28, 6:30 PM :

Dr. Keith Ralston, UBC Professor Emeritus of History, will speak on *Jewish Pioneers in British Columbia's History*. The talk, followed by a discussion, will focus on David Oppenheimer, Lumley Franklin, and other Jewish founders of BC. Those of our members who have heard Dr. Ralston speak on BC history promise us an interesting and informative evening.

To attend, you may bring a dish or pay (\$8/members; \$10/non-members). **Please RSVP to Gallia, 604-322-6077**, and let her know what you will be bringing or if you will be paying.

Please note there will be no Fraytik tsu nakht in December. See you in January!



Latke-making Party at the Peretz Centre

Sunday, December 7, 10:30-12:30

Bring your spatula and a frying pan and let's make latkes together while your children are in class. (If you don't have children in Sunday School, you're welcome to come too.) **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.**

The latkes will be served at the Chanukah Community Sunday, December 21, 4:00.

For this issue's *Presidents Vinkl/President's Corner*, I would like to give a brief overview of the Board's activities during the past year. (I will give a fuller review at the AGM on November 2, 10:30 AM.)

We have had no shortage of challenges, starting with the loss of our previous coordinator, which required board members to fill in during the 5-month gap. Other challenges include coping with deficiencies in the plumbing and electrical work in our new building. We have finally concluded a lengthy process with Terasen which has greatly eased our financial burden: for the last two years, as a result of an error at BC Gas, we have been receiving and paying the gas bills for the 36 condos at the Grove, next door! We are currently negotiating with the City about our request to turn off most of the lighting in the sections of the underground parking that are used only rarely, and with the Grove's management regarding water usage bills.

We have made strides in further becoming integrated with the wider Jewish community: we are represented on the Poverty Coalition, the Council of Presidents, the Association of Jewish Communal Professionals of Greater Vancouver, Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Community Foundation among others, and are currently discussing supporting a new group, Jewish Women against Domestic

Violence. We have collaborated and participated in projects with Community Kollel, the Jewish Writers Festival and the Jewish Family Service Agency. I hope and expect this trend to continue.

Under our own roof, we have nearly completed the reorganization of the Paula and Shaya Kirman Library. Watch for announcement of the gala reopening. Committees reporting to the Board have greatly increased our rentals revenue, planned new programs (for example, the upcoming Concert Series), and planned and coordinated our calendrical events as well as special events such as "Bearing Witness." We have also applied for and received a grant to upgrade building security as recommended by an assessment made by the Jewish Community Foundation.

Another highlight of the past year is the creation of our website, www.peretz-centre.org, where you can keep current with everything that is happening here. We are continuing to refine the way our board, committees and office function, and we have great plans already under development for the coming year.

Please join us at the AGM and get on board! Literally!

— David Skulski

Happy Chanukah

*to all our members
and friends!*



Chanukah Community

Sunday December 21, 4:00 PM.

Cost: \$3/members, \$5/non-members; children under 13/free

Light the menorah and enjoy presentations by the Sunday School and B'nai Mitzvah children and the Vancouver Jewish Folk Choir's Chanukah repertoire, followed by a pot luck early supper. We'll supply *latkes*, chocolate Chanukah *gelt*, *dreydlakh*, *sufganyot*, and entertainment; you supply food and shmooze – sounds like a great Chanukah party! Hope to see you there!

Peretz Centre Schedule, November-December

No Classes or Programs: November 9 and 11 (Remembrance Day), December 21 (Chanukah Community Sunday), December 22 – January 5

Youth

Sunday morning classes December 21 cancelled so that students can attend Chanukah Community Sunday at 4:00

B'nai Mitzvah 04: Sunday November 2, 23, December 7, 10:30–12:30.

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Sunday School (ages 7-10): November 2, 16, 30; December 14, 10:30–12:30. On the other Sundays, there is one large class for all children.

Sunday School (ages 5-6): every Sunday, 10:30–12:30.

Adults and Seniors

Vancouver Jewish Folk Choir rehearsal: Tuesdays, 7:30–9:45 PM.

Yiddish Class: Tuesdays, 7:00–9:00 PM.

Sholem Aleichem Seniors: Fridays, 10:30 AM.

Fraytik Tsu Nakht (Secular Shabbes celebration and guest speaker): Nov. 28. **No FTN in December.**

Special Events

November 2, 10:30 Annual General Meeting

November 23, 6:00 Annual Banquet

December 21, 4:00: Chanukah celebration

March 7, time TBA: Purim celebration

April 10, time TBA: Community Third Seder

June 5, time TBA: Jewish Folk Choir Spring Concert

June 20, time TBA: Closing Sunday

Please allow me to introduce myself ...

My name is Lorraine Isaacson and I am the newly-appointed Program Coordinator for the Peretz Centre's Sholem Aleichem Seniors. My background is in social work and I have experience working with seniors in diverse settings.

The Sholem Aleichem Seniors program offers stimulating lectures and innovative and creative programming. All seniors are welcome. We meet every Friday at 10:30. I am very happy to be part of the Peretz Centre and look forward to joining in the other programs offered.

Schedule, November-December

Nov. 7: Elsie Dean, UBC Drama Dept., topic TBA

Nov. 14: Lorraine Kaplan, Yad b'Yad: *Poverty in the Jewish Community*

Nov. 21: Sheila Delany, SFU Professor, English: *Viva la Revolución*. Talk and slide show on Cuba.

Nov. 28: Esther Frohman's Comedy Hour

Dec. 5: Professor Errol Durbach: *Welcome Back – Through the Back Door: Cromwell readmits the Jews to England*

Dec. 12: Chanukah luncheon and entertainment. **Last meeting until the new year.**

The Vancouver Jewish Folk Choir's upcoming performances

Nov. 11, 3:00, JCC Wosk Auditorium: performing at workshop, *Lost Worlds Recalled: Words, Rhythms and Melodies from Yiddish Life*.

Chanukah repertoire

Dec. 16, 7:00, South Granville Park Lodge

Dec. 20, 6:00, Van Dusen Gardens

Dec. 21, 4:00, Peretz Centre Chanukah party

Dec. 23, 7:00, Louis Brier

The Choir invites you to come hear us at the JCC, the Van Dusen or the Peretz Centre, and consider joining us in the new year.