



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

### **Shira Macklin**

Meet Shira Macklin!

Shira grew up in Winnipeg, married, and raised a family there. In 1972, the family spent two glorious years living and travelling in Israel. When all three children were happily attending the Ramah Hebrew Day School, Shira returned to the University of Manitoba to complete her Fine Arts degree.

In 1999, Shira, a long-time lover of international travel, spent three life-changing months in India. Her travels from Daramsalla in the north to Trivanderam Puram in the south left her longing to explore more fully the heart and mind opening that she had experienced there. A friend introduced her to a teaching called the Diamond Approach to Essential Development that was just then beginning a new “international student retreat group” in Colorado. For Shira, the Diamond Approach has become a way of life.

In 2005, Shira moved to Vancouver to continue her studies with the newly formed “Diamond Approach Vancouver Group.” About six years ago, a friend in this group introduced her to Or Shalom, and as they say, “the rest is history.” Shira has served on the Or Shalom board of directors, is an Or Shalom “Levite” (set-up and clean-up crew member), and a member of the Membership Committee, and performs various other menial – oops, she means meaningful – jobs around the shul. Torah is her new passion.

Ask Shira about her 10 years working as a ceramic artist in the esteemed Euphoria Pottery Co-op or about the nine years she worked as a set dresser in the fledgling Winnipeg film industry.