

## **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

## **Alexis Kellum-Creer**

Meet Alexis Kellum-Creer, now in her third year as a member at Or Shalom, and recently having had the joyous experience of her first *mikveh* immersion. For her Hebrew name, she chose Ruth, in honour of her paternal grandmother.

Since arriving at our east-side shul, Alexis has felt her life expand and her experience deepen in every direction, and she is most grateful to Rabbi Hannah and all the spiritual leaders and teachers, as well as to the OrSh community at large, for offering such a warm, welcoming, instructive, and encouraging embrace.

Born in Edmonton, she has lived on Canada's Atlantic and Pacific coasts, doing most of her growing up in southern Alberta. Since moving to Vancouver in 2000, though, she has fallen in love with our city of mist and mountain and feels truly at home here.

Her training and background is performing arts-related, and in the summers she can be found doing repertory theatre with Ensemble Theatre Company, one of Vancouver's leading amateur companies, or performing in various theatre spaces around the Lower Mainland. She also loves her full-time job as an office administrator at a visual effects company where she has worked happily for 10 years.

Her particular passion, likely inherited from both of her writer parents, is storytelling and language. She looks forward to progressing in reading Hebrew and to participating in more of the many learning, community-building, and activism opportunities offered here at Or Shalom.

Ask her about anything you like (especially if you feel like talking about baseball movies).