



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Lorne and Gai Mallin

Meet Lorne and Gai Mallin. Lorne edited the *Keren Or* for eight years every two months, founded Chanting & Chocolate in 2004, and leads Shabbat services from time to time. Gai (pronounced like guy) is a new member from her arrival in Canada last June, attends services weekly, and Exploring Judaism classes.

Lorne and Gai come from different worlds. Lorne was born in Winnipeg. His family came to the “Wet Coast” when he was nine months old and Lorne was raised in Burnaby with his younger sister. He studied at UBC and SFU where he launched the first student newspaper. Lorne spent his career as a journalist, working in such places as the *Vancouver Sun*, the *Toronto Star*, *The Province*, and *Knight-Ridder Financial News* in Tokyo. He called his retirement in 2006 “Freedom 59.” In 2009, he went to Uganda for more than a year to be with the Abayudaya Jewish community. He loves to play racket sports and cook Asian food. In 2017, he moved to Ottawa and then Tokyo to be helpful to his diplomat daughter, Lisa, her husband, Zac, and their newborn daughter, Léa.

Gai was born in Thailand, growing up on an air force base with her brother and sister. She went to an air force nursing college and worked in hospital emergency wards for eight years. Later she and her late husband, who was a doctor and pharmacist, opened a pharmacy, which she ran for 25 years. Gai loves yoga, learning, and cooking Thai food. Her son, Khun, is a doctor in Thailand and her daughter, Tan, works on the front desk of a Tokyo hotel. Gai was visiting Tan when she met Lorne at a train station in January 2019. They were married in Vancouver last August and live in Vancouver Cohousing.

Ask Lorne about his granddaughters – Maya was born Feb. 11. And ask Gai about her new YouTube channel.