



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

### **Alex Leslie**

My name is Alex. I've lived in Vancouver all my life and do two kinds of work -- I work in mental health at St Paul's hospital downtown and I'm a writer. I've published two books of poetry and two books of short stories; currently I'm writing a novel, which I'll finish when I'm roughly 72.

Over the past year and a half or so I've co-coordinated the Koreh storytelling series with Rabbi Hannah at Or Shalom, which are evenings when anyone from the community can sign up to tell a story or read a poem. If you were at the Yom Kippur service this year you may have seen the creative version of Mincha, the Jonah story, which was a Koreh project.

### **What is the trait that best describes you?**

I have been told that I have the ability to laugh at anything.

### **What is your idea of happiness?**

A forest.

### **What is something most people don't know about you?**

I love country music. I have alienated many passengers in my car with this fact.

### **What's your favourite Jewish food?**

I love many Jewish foods, but I think thanks to my dad's influence my favourite Jewish food is any pastry with very dense poppy seed filling.

### **If you could invite anyone to your home for Shabbat who would you invite?**

Alan Lew.

If you see me around, ask me about the time I went to a Shabbat service in Warsaw!