



Marianne Rev

I joined Or Shalom chavurah when I moved to Vancouver in 1980, attracted by its participatory, egalitarian and creative practices. I was most involved when my sons were attending OS Jewish school and having their Bar Mitzvahs in the 1990's. Over the years, I have served on the Membership, Gemilut Chasadim and Tikkun Olam committees, as well as on the Board for 1

1/2 years. I was absent for a 10 year period, 2004-2014.

I was born in Hungary and escaped with my family during the Hungarian revolution, arriving in Canada in February 1957, at the age of 8. My parents were Holocaust survivors. These two events have had major impacts on my life.

Religion and spirituality have always been very important to me. I pondered metaphysical questions since childhood as I tried to understand my family's history. I was a religious child and teen but felt rejected by Judaism when I could no longer lead youth services because I was female. As a result, I in turn rejected Judaism and turned to eastern philosophy, meditation and Tai Chi. I became a Buddhist in early adulthood. I have been blessed with remarkable teachers. For much of my adult life, I've identified as a JewBu, experiencing considerable conflict between my Buddhist and Jewish selves. This eased as I learned about Jewish mysticism and practiced meditation within a Jewish context with Jewish teachers and rabbis. I have invited my teachers and organized Jewish meditation events, several times, in Vancouver.

I've been happily married to Tom for 38 years. We have two sons who are married and, miraculously, both returned with their partners, now wives, to live in Vancouver. We have a healthy and beautiful two year old grandson who brings great joy into our lives.

I was a family physician for 40 years. The last 15 years of my working career I specialized in the care of frail elders.

I've always been called to social justice issues. Now my sons call me 'a geri-activist'. Currently, I'm involved with a number of responsible progressive groups, doing what we can to ensure that the generations to come have a habitable planet. If this speaks to you, ask me how you can get involved.