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I am originally from Winnipeg and have lived and worked in Vancouver for the past 25 years, working in the basement of the Vancouver Art Gallery assisting with the care of the permanent collection. My family returned to Winnipeg for an extended period of time and my daughter Lucy had the opportunity to experience the 40 below winters and the hot mosquito filled summers. She attended Kindergarten to Grade 6 and I worked as a Montessori teacher. We returned to B.C. and our home in Roberts Creek on the Sunshine Coast where Lucy is now beginning her last year of High School and I returned to the gallery. Lucy works as a lifeguard and also coaches children on her swim team as well as working on her art.

We came to Or Shalom to find a community for Lucy to have her Bat-Mitzvah and knew we had found the right place for the event we imagined. The first shabbat we attended was one with the Shabbat Sheli children and we were thrilled. Lucy's Bat-Mitzvah took place in December of 5779 and she has participated with the Shabbat Sheli program for the last few years. It has been a pleasure to attend services with Rabbi Hannah and to meet other members of the community, and we are looking forward to attending in person services and events as soon as that will be possible.