

## Hello!

I am originally from Montreal and moved here to Vancouver in 1999. The biggest shock I can remember about moving to Vancouver was that I didn't do it earlier. There are palm trees here!

My parents moved to Canada from Israel in the early 70's and we grew up very much as an Israeli family. Hebrew was spoken at home and my mother sent me off to school with schnitzel sandwiches and halva. Delicious. We spent summers with the family in Israel. My Israeli and Jewish heritage are very important to me.

I have three kids who think being Jewish means eating hummus with everything. That's part of it I suppose?

My work allows me to travel around the world and I love to explore places and cultures. I am a very curious person, curious about people and their stories. I love to read - mostly history. I am always inspired with new ideas and perspectives when I travel and try to bring those home and put some of those insights into action, even if they are small things, like a different way to make coffee for example.

I am a lawyer by training and profession but have a very artistic side having been a busy musician up until several years ago. I love art and try to surround myself with beauty and with interesting, positive people. Speaking of interesting, beautiful places and people, my partner is from the South of France and we try to visit there when we can. When we are in B.C. we love to go skiing and hiking and find quiet secluded swimming lakes in the summer (there are still a few out there!).

My oldest son is a very sensitive observant guy who can cut to the truth of things. My middle son is a relentless negotiator. My youngest daughter is a naturally open person who freestyle sings and dances on the fly. They keep me on my toes and ready for what's next.

I look forward to meeting everyone! Ron