

## **Or Shalom TOCC Annual Report September 2021-September 2022**

TOCC's mandate is to educate, inform, organize, and inspire the Or Shalom community and others to consider and act on repairing and healing our world. In 2021-22, we focussed on the following areas of concern:

### **Indigenous/Reconciliation**

Hosted an Or Shalom KAIROS Blanket Exercise, allowing participants from young teens to elders to experientially engage with the historic narrative of the ongoing impact of settlers and their laws, and explore initiatives to redress these injustices in a nonjudgmental environment.

Attended a townhall meeting as witness to the Nuchatlaht nation's procedures to reclaim title to their Nootka territory.

Attended the REDress Project Memorial March to raise awareness about missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada.

### **Climate Crisis**

Invited the community in writing letters to local and federal government representatives calling for urgent action on the climate crisis. (over 50)

Organized Or Shalom's participation in Greenfaith rally.

Assisted in National Day of Action rally calling for the passage of a just transition for all aspects of government.

Joined with multiple faith communities and First Nations organizations to form a human chain encircling and "hugging" Burnaby Mountain's threatened green space.

Made carbon footprint recommendations to the OrSh Building Committee,

Encouraged several of the High Holiday D'Var speakers to focus on climate crisis,

Participated in Climate March with local politicians and environmentalists.

Sent letter of concern to BC's Chief Justice and Attorney General regarding Dr. Tim Takaro's climate activism.

### **Equity and Anti-Racism**

Hosted a community-wide event in which members of Tag Meir spoke about actions that pursue peace between Israeli Jews and Palestinians.

Attended online Anti-Oppression and Diversity workshops sponsored by local synagogues.

Attended the Vancouver Pride Parade with JQT.

Created a High Holy Days supplement for self-assessment to assist in our active self-assessment of teshuvah.

Sent letters of condolence to Beth Israel Congregation in Fort Worth, Coptic church, Muslim community and several BC First Nations regarding the discovery of mass burial sites.

### **Tzedakah:**

Based on community suggestions, identified High Holidays Empty your Pockets campaign recipients. A total of \$4,187 was raised (\$6,482.73 including the Tzedakah donation fund) to be distributed equally between: Battered Women's Support Services; Tag Meir/New Israel Fund; Ukrainian Stop the War Coalition; Kilala Lelum (Urban Indigenous Health and Healing Cooperative); Project Isaiah.

Submitted with thanks,

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