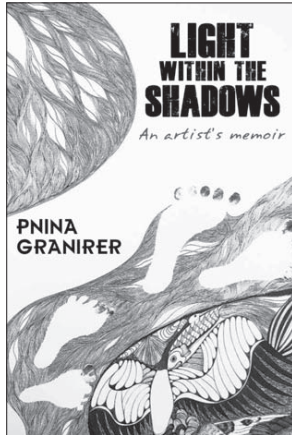


Granirer memoir out

Light Within the Shadows: An Artist's Memoir is the story of Pnina Granirer's life as a painter whose career spans almost 60 years. "The hackneyed phrase that 'an image is worth one thousand words' may well be true, but, along with my paintings, now I need those thousand words to tell my stories," writes Granirer in the autobiography, which will have its official launch on May 25.



Conceived as a play in three acts, *Light Within the Shadows* unfolds from Granirer's hometown on the Danube River in Romania during the Second World War and the communist takeover, to art school in Jerusalem, followed by three years spent in the United States and, finally, arriving in Vancouver in 1965. Granirer shares her successes and failures, addressing issues of dislocation, otherness and the uprooted soul's wish for permanency and belonging.

Amid the joys and restrictions of family life, Granirer created a large body of art, ignoring trends and searching for renewal and new ideas. With wry optimism and humour, she openly discusses the politics and obstacles encountered by artists and gives an inside view of how art is forged and released into the world.

The official launch will take place from 7-9 p.m. on May 25 at Lord Byng High School, 3939 West 16th Ave. (center on Crown Street). As seating is limited, an RSVP is requested to pninagra@gmail.com.

In addition, the memoir will be available at the opening event of West of Main, presented by Artists in our Midst on May 18, 7-9 p.m., at the Roundhouse. During the West of Main open studios walk, which takes place May 27-28, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Granirer will be holding a benefit exhibition and sale in her studio. All large prints and works on canvas will be offered at a 50% discount with proceeds donated to Stand Up for Mental Health, an organization created by David Granirer that teaches stand-up comedy to people with mental illness as a way of building confidence and fighting public stigma.

On June 13, Granirer will be the guest of honour at 30 Years an Islander, an open house celebration at Wind Song, 1195 Coats Dr., on Gabriola Island, 1-5 p.m. Hosted by Phyllis Reeve, the event celebrates 30 years of island community, friends, family, art, books and music. For more information, email tpreeve@shaw.ca or call 1-250-247-7889. ■

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Community Calendar

Arts and Culture

Gabriel Hasselbach plays May 12 and the long weekend at various jazz venues. See gabrieljazz.com for details.

DOXA film festival includes the documentaries *Freelancer on the Front Lines* (May 13, noon, at Vancity) and *Mermaids* (May 13, 9:15 p.m., at Vancity; filmmaker Ali Weinstein at screening). Festival runs until May 14, various venues, \$13, \$11 (matinees, students, seniors); \$15 closing night; \$2 membership required. Full schedule and tickets at doxafestival.ca.

Birds sing a pretty song, by Rebecca Margolick and Maxx Berkowitz, fuses dance, live music and interactive media. May 13, 8 p.m., and May 14, 7:30 p.m., at Rothstein Theatre. \$29.50, \$25.50 (senior) and \$25.50 (student) from chutznipalestinal.com, 604-257-5145, in-person at JCCGV and from Tickets Tonight, 604-684-2787.

Ballet BC's Program 3 features world premieres by choreographers Emanuel Gat and Emily Molnar and Ballet BC premiere of *Misus 16* by Ohad Naharin. Until May 13, 8 p.m., at Queen E. Theatre. \$21.25-\$91.25 from 1-855-985-2787 or ticketmaster.ca.

Vancouver Opera Festival includes a host of entertainment options and activities. Until May 13 at various venues. Tickets from 604-683-0222 or vancouveropera.ca.

West of Main Art Walk, presented by Artists in our Midst, features 50+ artists, including members of the Jewish community. Opening event: May 18, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. (reception 7-9 p.m.), at the Roundhouse, where Pnina Granirer's *Light Within the Shadows: An Artist's Memoir* will be available for the first time. Studios walk: May 27-28, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., along Main Street, during which Granirer is offering all large prints and works on canvas at 50% discount with all proceeds donated to Stand Up for Mental Health. For brochure and map: artistsinourmidst.com.

The Marriage of Figaro, cast includes Leah Giselle Field in some performances. Until May 18, various times. vancouveropera.ca/the-marriage-of-figaro.

Comedy on Wheels, presented by Realwheels. May 18-20, all Performance Works. Pay-what-you-can (May 18), \$20 (May 19), \$25 (May 20) from comedyonwheels.bpt.me.

Circle Game: Reimagining the Music of Joni Mitchell, created by Andrew Cohen and Anna Kuman. Until May 20, various times (with talkback May 18), at Firehall Arts Centre. From \$23 at firehallartscentre.ca or 604-689-0926.

A Little Night Music by Stephen Sondheim, presented by Patrick Street Productions, with Warren Kimmel co-starring with Katey Wright. Until May 20, 8 p.m., and May 20-21, 2 p.m., at Anvil Centre. \$35.50, \$30.50, \$21.50. anvilcentre.com/events/little-night-music.

Festival Ha'Rikud group art show — with the theme of "Friendship" — runs until May 22 at Zack Gallery.

Cantor Magda Fishman concert. Fishman is an Israeli-American cantor, jazz vocalist and trumpet player, who has been a soloist with the Israeli Army Orchestra, and appeared at the Kennedy and Lincoln Centres, the Apollo Theatre and National Gallery of Canada. May 24, 7 p.m., wine and cheese, 7:30 p.m. concert, at Beth Israel. \$54 (includes \$36 tax receipt) via bethisraelvan.ca or 604-731-4161.

Art Vancouver features several Jewish artists. May 25-28 at Vancouver Convention Centre-East. \$15-\$100. artvancouver.net

Book launch: Light Within the Shadows: An Artist's Memoir, the story of Pnina Granirer's life as a painter. May 25, 7 p.m., at Lord Byng High School, 3939 West 16th Ave. (center on Crown Street). Free but limited seating, so RSVP to pninagra@gmail.com.

Physician Heal Thyself... and Others, in which Drs. Gail Dedeck Werner (GP), Arturo Manes (GP), Ian Penn (surgeon), Jack Rootman (ophthalmologist) and Carl Rothschild (psychiatrist) express their relationship to healing and Judaism through visual art. Opening, with artists in attendance: May 25, 7 p.m., at Zack Gallery. Exhibit runs to June 25.

Canada Responds to the Holocaust, 1944-45, examines the contact between Canadians in Europe and survivors of the Holocaust. Exhibit runs to May 26 at VHEC. vhec.org.

New Forms Matter, Sculptors' Society of B.C. exhibit includes work of Suzy Birstein. Until June 3, Mon-Sat, at Cityscape Community Art Space, 335 Lonsdale Ave., North Vancouver.

Connections textile art exhibit, includes work of Barbara Heller with Elena Klein. Exhibit runs to June 22 at Craft Council of B.C., 1386 Cartwright St.

Oakridge, and other virtual exhibits, at jewishmuseum.ca.

Ongoing

Anthology of Jewish Music, Tues, 9 a.m., at 100.5 FM and coopradio.org. Jewish world music, Ladino, Yiddish, cantorial, Israeli pop music and showtunes.

Actor's Drop In, everyone welcome to read/act scenes from movies, TV, member writing. Tues, 7 p.m., at CineWorks. \$7. 604-872-4638 or meetup.com/vancouver-actors-drop-in.

Vancouver Jewish Folk Choir, 7:30 p.m. All singers welcome. Learn and sing traditional and contemporary songs of the Jewish people in Yiddish, Hebrew, Ladino and English. Tues, 7:30 p.m., at Peretz Centre.

Yiddish Reading Circle for those with basic ability to read Yiddish; those not ready to read aloud can just listen. 1st and 3rd Wed of month, 3 p.m., at Peretz Centre. 604-731-1193 or 604-325-1812.

Israeli dancing, Wed, 6:15 p.m., couples only, basic skills and repertoire; 7 p.m., beginners 2; 7:30 p.m., intermediate; 8 a.m., open dancing. vancouverisraelidance.com.

Hand Chime Choir, no musical experience required. Thurs, 10:30 a.m., at Chabad of Richmond. RSVP to 604-277-6427.

Community

Community Fair May 14, noon-4 p.m., at JCCGV. Includes Israeli dance, live music, bouncy castles, art projects, a Hebrew used book exchange and a food marketplace, as well as a fashion show by designer Yifat Jovani, a children's clothes and toys sale in support of Mamatefet, an exhibit on the history of the B.C. Jewish community, an art exhibit, ChutzpahPlus (May 13-14) and more. Part of Festival Ha'Rikud. Celebrating Friendship. onlyatthej.com/festival.

Mother's Day Tea, honouring the memory of Diane Aceman, z'l, presented by the Auxiliary to the Louis Brier Home and Weinberg Residence, with students from KDHS greeting and pouring tea. Door prizes and raffle. May 17, 2 p.m., at Louis Brier. Minimum donation of chai (\$18) appreciated; leaf on the tree of life (\$150) — contact Rose Parker, 604-322-0825. Funds raised put towards purchase of medical equipment and resident comforts.

Community Vigil for those who have lost someone to overdose or addiction, offered by JACS Vancouver and several other Vancouver-based community services. May 18, 1-7 p.m., at Christ Church Cathedral, 690 Burrard St. Rabbi Jonathan Infield of Beth Israel will join other religious leaders for the vigil 5:30 p.m. Contact: info@jacs.vancouver.com or 778-882-2994.

Strathcona/Gastown walking tour: discover the history of Vancouver's early Jewish community by exploring the neighbourhood this community once called home. May 21, 11 a.m., starting at 700 East Pender St. \$10. jewishmuseum.ca/program/strathcona-gastown.

Fraytik tsu Nakht secular Shabbat observance with potluck supper and a talk by a guest speaker. May 26, 5:30 p.m.: soprano Elizabeth Lewis Celeste on Inside the Stories of the Great Masterpieces: Jewish Performers, Librettists and Composers and their Influence in Opera, \$15 or contribution to potluck \$5 talk only (8 p.m.). RSVP to Judy, jnicolsmith@shaw.ca or 604-873-3243. Leave your name, phone number and what you will be bringing.

Mosaic Evening, celebrating Shara Tzedek's 110th anniversary. May 28, 6:30 p.m., at the synagogue. \$180. 604-736-7607. scharatzedek.com/mosaic-2017.

Shitck Tank is accepting applications for business ideas within technology, urban agriculture, social justice, social entrepreneurship, education, the arts, etc. Four finalists will present their ideas to members of the community at an event at the end of the summer, and the business idea with the most votes will get funding for mentoring with Groundswell and seed money. Deadline to submit your idea: June 30, 7:30 p.m., to thekolle.com/events/shitck-tank-application-deadline.

National Jewish Retreat: immerse yourself in Jewish learning and gourmet kosher food. Register now for Aug. 8-13 in Palm Springs. 1-877-573-8732 or chabadrichmond.com/retreat.

Canadian Young Judaea celebrates 100 years. Do you remember the friends you made at Camp Hatikvah? CYJ alumni are invited to the reunion bash, Aug. 27, 11 a.m., at Camp Shalom, in Gravenhurst, Ont.: youngjudaea.ca/cyj-100-registration or 416-781-5156.

Ongoing

Kabbalat Shabbat, third Fri of month, 7 p.m., at Chabad Downtown. chabadcitycentre.com.

Shabbat dinner, Fri, 7:45 p.m., at the Kollel. Everyone welcome. Free. thekolle.com.

Four-course Shabbat dinner, every other Fri, at Lubavitch Centre. Suggested donation: \$12. RSVP and schedule: 604-266-1313.

Chanting and Chocolate, Hebrew kirtan. Last Sun of month, 7:30 p.m., at Or Shalom. 604-222-3379. \$10. chantingandchocolate.com.

ESL conversation circle, Mon, 3 p.m., and Thurs, 2:15 p.m., at Waldman Library.

Hebrew basic conversation circle, Tues, 2:15 p.m., at Waldman Library.

Russian conversation circle, Thurs, 3:30 p.m., at Waldman Library.

Education

Job Search Reboot: workshop to review search strategies, interview skills, etc. presented by JPSA. May 24, 1 p.m., at Richmond City Centre Community Centre, (Parking 52.) Register with Naz Gurbuz, ngurbuz@jisa.ca or 604-558-5712, by May 19.

Mia Muse 2017 figurative ceramics workshop on the island of Skopelos Sept. 1-16, and a prelude trip to Crete and Athens Aug. 24-Sept. 1. Registration now open for art/travel group with Suzy Birstein: suzybirstein.com or 604-737-2636.

Ongoing

Trace your Jewish ancestry with Jewish Genealogy Society members. To book a time, email jewishgenbe@gmail.com or reserve with Marcy, 604-257-5199 or info@jewishmuseum.ca.

Torah study for men. Alternate Fri, 8 a.m., at the Grid, 4124 Main St. orshalom.ca.

Torah study, 1st and 3rd Sat, 8:30 a.m., at Temple Shalom. 604-266-7190.

A Tale of Two Souls: on Tanya. Sat, 9:30 a.m., at Chabad Richmond. 604-277-6427.

Words are Windows or They're Walls: Speaking Peace in the Midst of Conflict, compassionate communication practice group. A tisch by Zelik Segal, 3rd Sat of month, 1:15 p.m., at Or Shalom. Drop-ins welcome. More information: zelik@telus.net.

Kabbalah and Contemporary Issues with Rabbi Batelman and Yisroel Arustamov: accessible, engaging insights and discussion. Sat, 1:30 p.m., Tues 11 a.m. and Thurs, 7:30 p.m., at Chabad of Richmond. 604-277-6427.

Tanya classes with Rabbi Wineberg, Sun, 8:30 a.m., at Lubavitch Centre.

Minyanaires Club, service, breakfast, video. Sun, 9:30 a.m., at Chabad Richmond. 604-277-6427.

Shiur and breakfast with Rabbi Rosenfeld. Sun, 10 a.m., at Lubavitch Centre.

Mishnah: explore the laws of Judaism, their origins and rationale. Men and women welcome. Sun, 10:15 a.m., at the Kollel.

More Talmud, study led by Rabbi Shmash. No experience necessary. First Sun of month, noon, at Or Shalom.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY CALENDAR DEADLINES: May 26 - May 17, 5 p.m. • June 2 - May 24, 5 p.m.

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