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Glance Bay, Nova Scotia's
Congregation Sons of Israel, built in 1901,
closed its doors in the summer of 2010.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

COQUITLAM

Burquest Jewish Community Association **Reform**
Congregation Sha'arei Mizrah
(604) 552-7221; fax: (604) 552-7201
E-mail: info@burquest.org
Web site: www.burquest.org
42 families
Contact: Mr. Eran Roubini, President

We are the only Jewish community centre and synagogue in the eastern suburbs of Vancouver, serving Burnaby, Coquitlam, Port Moody, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Surrey, Langley and as far east as Mission. We offer bi-monthly Shabbat services, holiday observances, social activities, and adult education classes. Our Hebrew school runs from September to June for children in Grades K-7.

KELOWNA

Beth Shalom Congregation
(250) 862-2305; fax: (250) 862-2365
E-mail: shalom@shawcable.com
Web site: www.ojcc.ca

Beth Shalom Congregation is the only synagogue and Jewish community centre between Calgary, Alberta, and greater Vancouver, B.C., serving the entire Okanagan Valley. We currently invite a variety of visiting rabbis to help us celebrate Jewish holidays and festivals. In our roster, we have monthly Shabbat services, adult Torah studies, Philosopher's Cafe lectures, and a variety of holiday cultural events. We have a children's Hebrew and Religious Studies school on Sundays, and we also provide the community with fun and educational programs, talks, tours and Hebrew classes. Thursday evenings, the community offers Israeli dancing. We can provide volunteer Chevra Kadisha services, and a Jewish cemetery is also located here in Kelowna. Please visit our website or contact us for further information.

RICHMOND

Beth Tikvah Congregation **Conservative**
(604) 271-6262; fax: (604) 271-6270
E-mail: info@btikvah.ca
Web site: www.btikvah.ca
250 families
Rabbi Claudio Kaiser-Blueth

Affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Beth Tikvah offers preschool programs, a junior congregation, an outstanding twice-weekly afternoon Hebrew school program, a comprehensive Bar and Bat Mitzvah program, Kadima and United Synagogue Youth teen programs, excellent adult

education opportunities, and cemetery and chevra kadisha services.

Chabad of Richmond **Orthodox**
(604) 277-6427
E-mail: info@chabadrichmond.com
Web site: www.chabadrichmond.com
Rabbi Yechiel Baitelman, Director
Mrs. Chanie Baitelman, Program Director

Chabad of Richmond is a vibrant, growing community that exudes warmth and friendliness. We pride ourselves on being a place where all are made to feel comfortable and welcome and part of the family. Chabad of Richmond is dedicated to serving all Jews throughout Richmond with Ahavat Yisroel — an unconditional love and concern for every Jewish man, woman and child, regardless of religious background, affiliation or financial status.

Our programs strive to ensure Jewish continuity through increasing Jewish education, pride, knowledge, practice and commitment. Chabad of Richmond encourages every positive action on the part of every Jew and facilitates efforts to increase Jewish knowledge and observance.

Programs and activities include: Hebrew school, Hebrew high school, Ima & Me, Bar & Bat Mitzvah classes, weddings, The Living Legacy, Camp Gan Israel, adult education, Jewish Learning Institute (JLI), Friday night services, Shabbat & holiday Services, the Minyanairs Club, Living Legacy, Shabbatons, High Holiday services, community seder, holiday programs, hospital visitation, and a Jewish art calendar. For more information on services, programs and activities, please visit our Web site.

Eitz Chaim Congregation **Orthodox**
(604) 275-0007; fax: (604) 275-0072
E-mail: eitzchaim@telus.net; rabbisy@gmail.com
100 families
Rabbi Shimi Yeshayahu
Annmarie Howe, secretary

In addition to regular services, this warm and welcoming congregation, composed of a large number of young families, offers preschool, evening, afternoon, and Bar and Bat Mitzvah classes; weekly lectures and discussion groups led by the rabbi; an active sisterhood; and programs for young families.

Young Israel of Richmond

(604) 727-7324

E-mail: shalom@yirbc.org

Web site: www.yirbc.org

Rabbi Yerachmiel Strausberg

Ms. Irene Glanz, Secretary (secretary@yirbc.org)

Orthodox

Young Israel of Richmond is a haimish Ashkenazi Orthodox community. The shul holds daily morning and evening services in addition to Shabbat and Holy Day services. We are active and community-focused, holding many social, religious and educational activities for both adults and children. Please look at our Web site for current news and activities.

SURREY/WHITE ROCK**Centre for Judaism of the Lower Fraser Valley**

(604) 542-5454

E-mail: rabbi@centerforjudaism.org

Web site: www.centreforjudaism.ca

Rabbi Falik Schtroks (604) 541-4111; (604) 729-4111 (mobile)

Chabad

The White Rock/South Surrey peninsula, where our centre is located, is surrounded by beaches and mountains. A mere 30-minute drive from Vancouver, Jewish people are being attracted to move to our community.

VANCOUVER**Ahavat Olam Synagogue**

(604) 875-0240

E-mail: info@ahavat-olam.ca

Web site: www.ahavat-olam.ca

100 individuals

Rabbi David Mivasair

Progressive

Inspired by Torah, Prophets and Writings as well as by our sages of the past and present, we seek authentic spiritual growth personally and communally in a Jewish context as we actively contribute to shaping our people's ever-evolving religious tradition. We are committed to Tikkun olam — repair of the world. With God's help, we've had an impact on our community and beyond through our current work in Jewish-Muslim relations, in building the InterSpiritual Centre of Vancouver and in actively supporting gays and lesbians in all areas of religious and civic life.

Chabad of Downtown

(778) 688-1273; fax: (604) 263-7934

E-mail: rabbi@chabadcitycentre.com

Web site: www.chabadcitycentre.com

Rabbi Binyomin Bitton

Orthodox

Chabad of Downtown is a warm and welcoming community. Our synagogue is located in the heart of Vancouver's downtown district and within walking distance of all the main hotels. Chabad offers a broad spectrum of activities, including Torah classes for all levels, Shabbat and holiday services, singles programs, Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons, outreach activities, and more. Most of all, Chabad-Lubavitch is known worldwide for its open door and welcoming atmosphere.

Chabad East Van Centre for Jewish Life

(604) 266-9841

E-mail: rabbi@chabadeastvan.com

Web site: www.chabadeastvan.com

Facebook.com/ChabadEastVan

Twitter: @ChabadEastVan

Rabbi Schneur Wineberg

Orthodox

Chabad East Van Centre for Jewish Life, located in Vancouver's up-and-coming vibrant east side, is a home for all. Families, singles and the elderly partake in our Shabbat meals, Shabbat services, holiday events, "Mommy and Me" program, and get-togethers. Check our website and Facebook page to see all our upcoming events. We'd love to see you!

Chabad House-Lubavitch Centre

(604) 266-1313; fax: (604) 263-7934

E-mail: info@lubavitchbc.com

Web site: www.lubavitchbc.com

Rabbi Yitzchak Wineberg

Orthodox

Lubavitch BC offers a broad spectrum of activities, including Torah classes for all levels, Yeshiva Gedola, mikva, daily minyan, singles programs, outreach activities, summer camp, Hebrew schools, counselling, support, couples groups, and the Jewish Learning Institute. Weekly Friday night dinners open to all at 7:30 p.m. Kosher cuisine by pre-order for the kosher traveller delivered to your hotel. Please call (604) 266-1313 for orders. Most of all, Lubavitch is known worldwide for its open-door and welcoming atmosphere.

Congregation Beth Hamidrash
(604) 872-4222; fax: (604) 876-6153
E-mail: info@bethhamidrash.com
Web site: www.bethhamidrash.com
Spiritual Leader: Rabbi Ilan Acoca
Rabbi e-mail: rabbi@bethhamidrash.com
Contact: Ms. Deena Szostak, Office Administrator

Beth Hamidrash is a traditional Sephardic congregation which follows the services and customs common to our founding members. We are the only Sephardic congregation west of Toronto in Canada. Today the congregation is very diverse, encompassing Jews from not only Sephardic but also Ashkenazic backgrounds. The diverse origins of our members make the synagogue a dynamic, exciting, and unique place for religious, social, culinary, and educational experiences.

Congregation Beth Israel
(604) 731-4161; fax: (604) 731-4989
E-mail: info@bethisrael.ca
Web site: www.bethisrael.ca
660 families
Rabbi Jonathan Infeld

An egalitarian Conservative synagogue serving the entire community. A member of United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism offering daily minyan services, Shabbat services, Hebrew school and conversion classes.

Congregation Schara Tzedek
(604) 736-7607; fax: (604) 730-1621
E-mail: info@scharatzedek.com
Web site: www.scharatzedek.com
Mikvah: (604) 290-0510
460 families
Rabbi Andrew Rosenblatt (778) 836-7607

The largest Orthodox synagogue in Vancouver, offering daily and highly attended Shabbat services. Our shul is a base for the booming northwest NCSY district. The congregation runs various youth programs for all ages, adult education and outreach programs.

**Louis Brier Home and Hospital
and Weinberg Residence
(Chava & Abrasha Wosk Synagogue)**
(604) 261-9376; fax: (604) 266-8712
E-mail: hbrody@louisbrier.com
Contact: Rabbi Hillel Brody, Chaplain (604) 267-4618

Our synagogue is friendly, "haimish," and open to families and friends. Please join us for mincha daily at 4:15 p.m., and for Shabbat and holiday services.

**Sephardic
Orthodox**

Conservative

Orthodox

Orthodox

Or Shalom
(604) 872-1614; fax: (604) 872-4406
E-mail: orshalom@telus.net
Web site: www.orshalom.ca
250 households
Rabbi Laura Duhan Kaplan

Or Shalom (Light of Peace) Synagogue is a Jewish spiritual community affiliated with ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal. We are creative, egalitarian, traditional, and participatory.

Peretz Centre for Secular Jewish Culture
(604) 325-1812; fax: (604) 325-2470
Rentals: (603) 325-1810
E-mail: info@peretz-centre.org
Web site: www.peretz-centre.org
Contact: Ms. Donna Becker, Program Coordinator

Vancouver's home for "yiddishkayt"; for Jews seeking community but not necessarily religious involvement; for those who identify as secular or cultural Jews; for intercultural families who wish to explore and deepen their own and their children's Jewish identity. The Peretz Centre provides access to Jewish traditions and holiday celebrations as well as educational, cultural and social programs, including Sunday school, secular Bar/Bas Mitzvahs, the Vancouver Jewish Folk Choir, the Sholem Aleichem Seniors and the Kirman Yiddish and English Library.

Temple Sholom
(604) 266-7190; fax: (604) 266-7126
E-mails: templesholom@telus.net
Web site: www.templeholom.ca
650 families
Rabbi Philip L. Bregman

Temple Sholom is a Reform synagogue with a deep sense for tradition and customs. Services are stimulating and dynamic, and the congregation is warm and inviting. The Synagogue also runs an extremely innovative and exciting religious school and youth group and also offers an excellent adult education program.

WEST VANCOUVER

Congregation Har El
(604) 925-6488; fax: (604) 922-8245
E-mail: office@harel.org; rabbi@harel.org
Web site: www.harel.org
250 families
Rabbi Shmuel Birnham (604) 925-6488 ext. 2

Congregation Har El is an egalitarian Conservative synagogue serving Vancouver's North Shore communities from Whistler to Deep Cove. In addition to Shabbat services, we offer excellent adult education programs, conversion classes, Israeli dance and a United Synagogue Youth group. The North Shore Hebrew School offers supplementary classes from kindergarten to grade 7 as well as Bar/Bat Mitzvah training.

Jewish Renewal

**Secular
Humanist**

Reform

Conservative

Torat Hayim Center for Jewish Learning **Traditional**
(604) 922-5062; fax: (604) 945-4161
E-mail: pmeingast@goodstaff.com
5 families
Contact: Mr. Lionel Abrams, President (604) 945-4161

Torat Hayim Community Center for Jewish Learning is committed to traditional Jewish observance. We provide an environment of supportive friendship in worship, education, life-cycle observances and community networking. Our haimish synagogue serves the North Shore of Vancouver from Horseshoe Bay to Deep Cove, and we are easily accessible from downtown Vancouver, the West End or North Burnaby.

VICTORIA

Aish Ha'Torah Victoria **Orthodox**
E-mail: rabbicohen@aishvictoria.ca
Web site: www.aishvictoria.ca
Rabbi Barak Cohen (250) 884-4915
Mikvah: (250) 885-4284

The Orthodox community of Victoria's Aish Ha'Torah is the place every Jew feels at home. Join a group where there is a friendly feeling of community and a warm, casual and open atmosphere. We offer Shabbat and Holy Day services and meals, life-cycle events, classes, and social events and have the only operating mikvah in Victoria.

Chabad Centre of Vancouver Island **Chabad**
(250) 595-7656; fax: (250) 595-7549
E-mail: rabbikaplan@chabadvi.org
Web site: www.chabadvi.org
Rabbi Meir Kaplan

Chabad of Vancouver Island is a warm and welcoming community. Chabad offers Shabbat services, a Sunday morning tefillin club, preschool, Hebrew school, Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons, adult education, ongoing classes, Jewish Learning Institute, student programs, summer day camp, holiday programs and much more. No membership. No commitment.

Congregation Emanu-El **Conservative**
(250) 382-0615; fax: (250) 380-3553
E-mail: info@congregationemanu-el.ca
Web site: www.congregationemanu-el.ca
180 families
Contact: Rabbi Harry Brechner

Congregation Emanu-El is the oldest synagogue in Canada in continuous use. Built in 1863, the synagogue is not only a national heritage site but also an active centre for Jewish social, cultural and spiritual activity and programming on Vancouver Island.

Kolot Mayim Reform Temple **Reform**
(250) 704-2503
E-mail: kolotmayim@shaw.ca
Web site: http://kolotmayimreformtemple.com
60 families
Contacts: Rabbi Louis Sutker (ravenlws@gmail.com);
Neal Wasser, President (wassfam@telus.net)

Established in 1997, this URJ-affiliated Reform temple holds Kabbalat Shabbat services every Friday evening at the Jewish Community Centre, and all are welcome to attend. The religious school serves children from kindergarten to grade seven and includes preparation for Bar and Bat Mitzvah. Other congregational activities include holiday celebrations, an annual Shabbaton, Torah study and adult education, and a youth group.

Victoria Society for Humanistic Judaism **Secular/
Humanist**
E-mail: vicshj@gmail.com
15 families, 7 singles
Contact: Ms. Sharon Kobrinsky, Ceremonial Leader
(250) 474-7173 (skobrinsky@shaw.ca); Ms. Mona Acker,
President (250) 598-6596 (mlacker@shaw.ca)

Secular Humanistic Judaism provides a home for cultural Jews who want to retain identity with their Jewish heritage, culture and customs within a non-theistic environment. Our community meets on a regular basis to celebrate the holidays and life-cycle events of our members and to discuss topics of interest to the group. VSHJ welcomes everyone regardless of their Jewish or non-Jewish background.

WHITE ROCK

**White Rock/South Surrey
Jewish Community Centre** **Unaffiliated**
(604) 541-9995
E-mail: info@wrssjcc.org
Web site: www.wrssjcc.org
50 families
Contacts:
David Albert, President, dalbert@sternandalbert.com
Sarah Richman, Religious School Principal,
srichman@deltasd.bc.ca

For more than fifteen years, we have provided a focus for Jewish life in the White Rock/South Surrey area. In addition to an active membership of approximately 50 families, our programs and services draw participants from a wide geographical area south of Vancouver and across the border in northwest Washington state.

We offer egalitarian Shabbat and holiday services, religious school for pre-kindergarten through Bar/Bat Mitzvah, as well as social, cultural, and educational programs for all age groups. We welcome newcomers to our community and others looking for a stronger Jewish identity.