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## ABOUT US

Congregation Beth Hamidrash is an Orthodox Sephardic synagogue incorporated in 1973 for the purposes of conducting religious services in accordance with the liturgy of Orthodox Sephardic Judaism and fostering Sephardic culture, tradition, and education in the Vancouver community.

Our synagogue currently has a formal membership of 52 families, and an informal membership of 100+ congregants. Today the congregation is very diverse, encompassing Jews from not only Sephardic but also Ashkenazic backgrounds whose families hail from communities such as Iraq, Morocco, Rhodes, Algeria, Libya, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, Israel, India, France, Shanghai (China), Kobe (Japan), the U.K., South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Russia.

## JOB DESCRIPTION

Our warm, enthusiastic, and vibrant congregation in beautiful Vancouver, BC is searching for a full-time spiritual leader for our Orthodox, Sephardic community. The incoming Rabbi will be the authority for the Congregation on all matters of Halacha. He will work with the Religious Committee in accordance with the Congregation's Constitution and By-Laws.

The incoming Rabbi is expected to demonstrate knowledge, skills, and abilities, as well as to perform services and duties, (subject to change by the Board of Directors in consultation with the Rabbi), and such other reasonable duties as are assigned by the Board of Directors as follows:

- Spiritual Leadership Skills and Duties such as counselling, compassion, sensitivity, motivating members, thoughtfulness, and sharing knowledge.
- Religious Services such as Torah Reading, sermons, and leading services. Serve on Religious Committee having primary responsibility for minyanim, and organization and general content of services.
- Officiate at Life-Cycle and Synagogue Events.

- Provide Educational Programs such as children and adult programs. Bar and Bat Mitzvot preparations (members' children only).
- Collaboration with Staff, Board, and Committee Members.
- Active involvement in fundraising on behalf of the Congregation together with the Board of Directors.
- Active participation in building the Congregation's membership and in outreach to current and former members and the community as a whole.
- Guide and maintain the integrity of the Sephardic traditions.
- Work with the Board of Directors to develop and execute a comprehensive annual calendar of events designed to appeal to current and prospective members and the general community.
- Set policy and supervise Kashrut standards for the synagogue and its kitchen facilities.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- Orthodox Rabbinic Ordination. (Post-graduate training desirable.)

## **VANCOUVER JEWISH COMMUNITY**

Vancouver has a vibrant Jewish community, though somewhat small by the standards of New York, Los Angeles, or Toronto. The most recent census information shows the Jewish population in Vancouver and surrounding cities and municipalities to be approximately 26,500 (17,700 households).

There are synagogues of all major denominations, several Jewish day schools and a Jewish high school, kosher delis, an excellent Jewish Community Centre, an active Jewish Federation, a thriving arts community, and countless community agencies to meet the needs of all Jews, whether visitors or residents.

General Community Information and Services:

Torah West: <https://torahwest.com/>

Up to date information about Vancouver's Torah observant community including links to kosher food services, orthodox educational institutions, and other community and social services resources.

Jewish Federation of Vancouver: <https://www.jewishvancouver.com/>

Jewish Community Centre: <https://www.jccgv.com/>  
Jewish Family Services: <https://www.jfsvancouver.ca/>

Schools:

Vancouver Hebrew Academy: <https://vhebrewacademy.com/>  
Vancouver Talmud Torah: <https://talmudtorah.com/>  
Richmond Jewish Day School: <https://rjds.ca/>  
King David High School: <https://kdhs.org/>

Kosher Restaurants, Delis, and Cafes:

Maple Grill: <https://www.maplegrillpopup.com/>  
Sabra Kosher: <https://www.sabrakosher.com/>  
Omnitsky Kosher Deli: <https://omnitskykosher.com/welcome-omnitsky-kosher/>  
Café 41: <https://www.fortyonecafe.com/>  
Nava Kosher Café: <https://www.navacreative.com/cafe>

Grocery:

Kosher Food Warehouse: <https://www.kosherfoodwarehouse.com/>  
Local grocery chains also have dedicated international and kosher foods sections

## **ABOUT VANCOUVER**

Vancouver is the largest city in Western Canada, located at the southwestern corner of the province of British Columbia. Situated between the North Shore and Coast Mountains and the edge of the Pacific Ocean, Vancouver is recognized as one of North America's most beautiful cities. With its scenic views, mild climate, and friendly people, Vancouver is known around the world as both a popular tourist attraction and one of the best places to live. Vancouver is also one of the most ethnically and linguistically diverse cities in Canada with 52 percent of the population speaking a first language other than English.

<https://www.infovancouver.com/facts-for-visitors/facts>

Short Video Introduction to Vancouver, BC  
[https://youtu.be/U7O\\_dsAFZU4?si=yrHLWwocJsv5Y0gA](https://youtu.be/U7O_dsAFZU4?si=yrHLWwocJsv5Y0gA)