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2017
**PASSOVER
EDITION**
COMMUNITY KOLLEL





PURIM UPDATE

Our Purim Party at the Diamond Ballroom brought out the best of the Vancouver Jewish Community Spirit! Vancouver Young Adult Jews have never looked this happy!

There was a never ending stream of people coming in all night starting at 8pm until well after midnight. Over 500 joined us to hear the Megillah, which was read several times throughout the evening, dance, and connect with one another. The best of the Vancouver Jewish Community Spirit!

The Kollel's outreach programs have resulted in bigger crowds every year. In 2015 the Purim Party was held at The Kollel, last year we had to move it at the last minute due to overwhelming responses, and this year we PACKED the Diamond Ballroom.

The Kollel works tirelessly to be a welcoming and inclusive space for Jewish people to connect and the TWO upcoming weddings of couples who met at The Kollel are encouraging evidence that it is paying off!



YOUR \$\$ AT WORK

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TURN TO US OVER SHABBAT AND DURING THE HOLIDAYS

This year we expect to host 400-500 people at TWO different seders. For the first time we will be hosting a SECOND night seder - Family Style.

Your generosity allows us to be a warm and welcoming "home" to unaffiliated students, young adults, families, and seniors.

This Passover season we are
hoping to raise \$40,000 in
small donations to help
support not just these seders
but programming and events
throughout the year

OUR SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL AND BUSINESS EVENTS CONNECTED HUNDREDS TO THEIR JUDAISM AND EACH OTHER

The Kollel hosts many daily, weekly, and special occasion events that attract large crowds of adults (20-50 years old)



Our Mini Kollel classes, programs, family dinners, and special events introduce children as well as parents to the joys of their heritage

Community Kollel's Young Family Program, The Mini Kollel, is an exceptional place where young Jewish families can come together to share in creative play, meaningful holiday celebrations, and learn about their heritage all while having fun doing it. We believe in supporting a child's imagination, creativity, and love of play as much as their Hebrew teachings and understanding of how special it is to be a Jew.

We welcomed over 50 families to our Purim Brunch and this Passover season The Mini Kollel is hosting more great family events:

- A Family Style Second Night Seder
- Matzah Baking For Families



PASSOVER FIRST NIGHT

First Seder with the Kollel at a NEW LOCATION -Holiday Inn Vancouver Centre

The Kollel's Passover Seders have become a local tradition and attract hundreds of people. Experience an inspiring evening full of insights, singing of Passover songs and of course, a full gourmet Passover Seder meal.



PASSOVER SECOND NIGHT

We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting a SECOND NIGHT OF PASSOVER DINNER at The Kollel

This dinner will be a casual fun evening geared towards families and include a stripped down Seder that will be both education and fun!



LEARN HOW TO MAKE PASSOVER 2017 MEANINGFUL

7PM @THE KOLLEL
APRIL 5TH - LEARN HOW TO HOST A MEANINGFUL SEDER
APRIL 6TH - HOW TO PREPARE FOR PASSOVER WITHOUT LOSING YOUR JOY

PASSOVER LEARNING SERIES

Who doesn't have questions about Passover? Why do we have to sell our Chametz? How do you go about cleaning your house? Why "Kosher For Passover"? How can you make Passover meaningful and spiritual for yourself and your family?

This Passover, Rabbi Shmulik presents a class on different aspects of Passover.

We are offering the **HOW AND WHY** of Passover. Practical, Spiritual, Historical, something for everyone.

Seders- Let Rabbi Shmulik, who has led countless Passover Seders (large and small), give his practical and spiritual advice on how to make your seder meaningful and relevant to yourself and your guests.

Kashrut - All about Kashrut. Get some practical advice on how to kosher your home and prepare for Passover without losing your mind or your joy!



MATZAH BAKING PARTY

The Mini Kollel want to get your kids excited for Passover with our fun Matzah Baking event. We will also be offering refreshments and fun activities for families.



PASSOVER PREP NIGHT

Your one stop shop for preparing for Passover!

We will be on hand selling Shmurah Matza, assist with selling your Chametz, and Koshering your utensils, pots, etc.



SHTICK TANK UPDATE

Nearly Twenty applications were received and submissions are being evaluated by a group of local professionals/entrepreneurs now. Thank you to our Shtick Tank Young Adults Committee for getting the word out!

Stay tuned to hear who the finalists are!

Save the date for our Finalist Dinner on April 27th where you'll get to:

*Listen to finalists pitch their ideas

*Be part of the winner selection

*Be part of helping young people in our community realize their dreams

OTHER EVENTS 2017

Shmulik's Kumzits
Hebrew Classes
English Classes
Kollel Boker
SNL Havdalah Party

Bat Mitzvah Class/Club
Hebrew School
Kollel Sisterhood
Kabbalah Class
Judaism 101

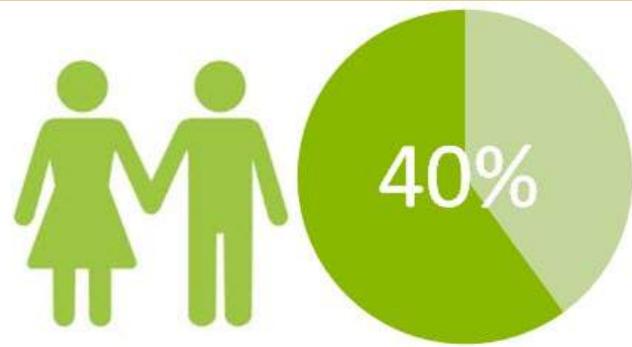
"As someone who has a very distinct and clear opinion against religions in general, but love the knowledge and spirituality of Judaism, I must say the Kollel is a great place where you can learn about Judaism without feeling like an outsider."

"The Kollel is a place of warmth, which breeds strong community. All are welcome regardless of affiliation, knowledge etc. Rabbi Shmulik is one of the most kind, caring, welcoming and open Rabbis that I've been blessed to meet."



"Rabbi Shmulik is wonderfully energetic and welcoming! At the end of the week, I really appreciate having a community space to get together with others and share a Shabbat dinner."

"This community reaches out to the whole community in an inclusive and spirited way!"



Small Donations make a big Difference

Community Kollel is supported in large part (nearly 40% of our budget!) by small individual donations.

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FOR YOUR ONGOING
SUPPORT!

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