

JEW-WEST: CONNECTIONS & CONTINUITY IS:

- ✧ 10 workshops to engage the intellect, creative spirit and sense of community
- ✧ night on the town at a choice of Vancouver's fabulous ethnic restaurants
- ✧ raucous evening of humour on a secular Jewish theme at TheatreSports
- ✧ banquet and showcase of talent from several secular Jewish communities
- ✧ morning stretch and kvetch
- ✧ late-night sing-a-longs
- ✧ all-night games and activities for youth



This west coast multi-generational conference for cultural and secular Jews is being hosted by the Peretz Centre and will be held at the centre and at the Coast Vancouver Airport Hotel.

WELCOME TO OUR SHTETL

The first ever regional conference for cultural and secular Jews was held just last year and organized by two talented sisters, Ya-el and Shoshana Seid-Green, and our friends from the Bay Area in California. Several Peretz people attended. Our youth delegates were so energized by the event that they invited everyone to come to Vancouver in 2010. Fortunately, we have an exceptional group of committed volunteers who have been working tirelessly for months to get ready for the arrival of our *mishpokhe* (extended family).

We guarantee that this conference will connect you with wonderfully warm, bright, and creative people of all ages from the many cultural and secular Jewish groups along the west coast and even further inland and leave you with buoyed spirits and renewed hope for the future of Jewish culture in our communities.

Vancouver's a wonderful city with lots to see and do. We invite you to come early and stay later. Although the conference runs from Sept. 4 to 6, the cheaper conference hotel rate of \$130 per night (including taxes) applies from Sept. 1 to Sept. 9. And if you're still in town on Sunday, Sept. 12, join us at our beautiful High Holidays ceremony at the Peretz Centre.

Even if you can't come, we call on your sense of *menshlikhkayt* (being a decent person). We have young people and seniors who would like to attend the conference, but their financial circumstances will prevent them from coming. Please consider making a donation of \$270 to allow people in your community to come and so that we can look forward to vibrant cultural/secular Jewish communities all along the west coast for generations to come.

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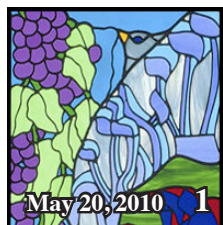
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www.peretz-centre.org/
6184 Ash St.
Vancouver, B.C.
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Mini conference planning committee
or
West Coast Regional Conference for Secular Humanist and Cultural Jews



WORKSHOP TOPICS (SO FAR...)

- How to be a Jew without religion
- How can I be Jewish and still totally Canadian/American
- The future of secular Jewish culture—a youth perspective
- Reel Jews—how real is Hollywood's depiction of Jews?
- Teach me a Jewish song
- Expressing *tikkun olam* (repairing the world)
- Selling door to door—Keeping *Yiddishkeit* relevant
- Strategies for including intercultural families
- Perceptions of the Holocaust, why they changed
- Jewish jazz
- Cooking a Jewish specialty
- Middle East challenges and possibilities
- Leadership development for volunteer boards

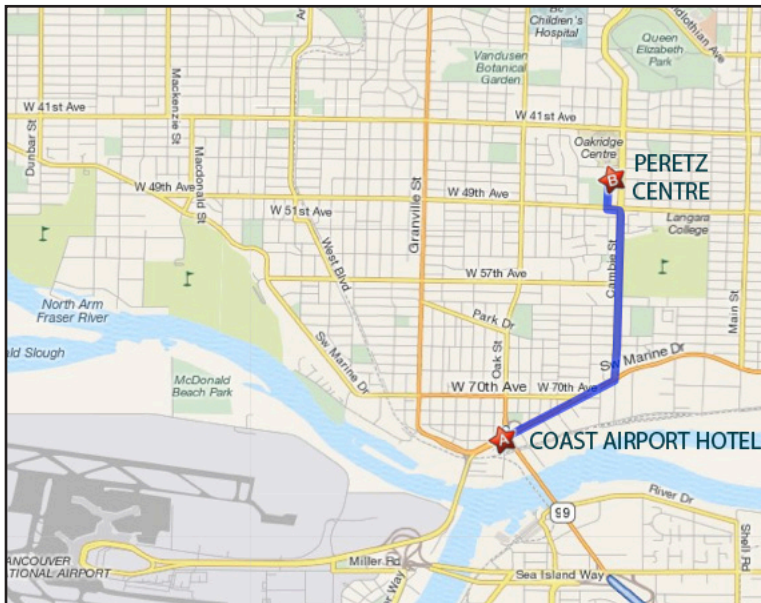
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

- Scavenger hunt
- Craft a spice box
- and more...

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Morgn Kvetch & Stretch—Gentle aerobics with laughter and in Yiddish
- Fraytik tsu Nakht—welcome in *shabbes* the evening before the conference
- Ethnic dinner on the town—Saturday night at an ethnic restaurant
- TheatreSports—an evening of improv humour on Granville Island
- Sing-a-longs—every night (bring your guitar and songbook)
- All-night games and activities for youth—more info to come
- Banquet and showcase of talent—with acts from various communities

TRANSPORTATION



Between the airport and hotel

Convenient airport shuttle that comes every half hour

Between the hotel and Peretz

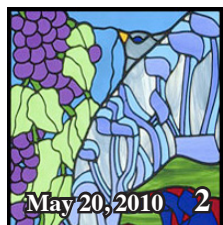
Airport shuttle to the airport, catch SkyTrain. The Oakridge-41st station is a 5-minute walk from Peretz.

Peretz will provide SkyTrain tickets. Just returned the unused portion to Peretz.

Volunteer drivers will be available to pick up participants who have difficulty walking to the nearby SkyTrain station.

Between Peretz and Saturday night restaurants and Between restaurants and Theatresports

SkyTrain, volunteer drivers, public transportation



The Program

Sept. 3, Friday night

The conference hasn't officially begun, but Peretz is hosting one its highly successful *Fraytik tsu Nakhts* with singing, candle lighting, challah, wine/juice and a potluck supper. The theme will be bring a Jewish joke to share. Early arrivals are encouraged to attend and meet some *Peretzniks!*

Sept. 4, Saturday

- 9 to noon — registration, shmooze
- noon to 1 — always delightful pot luck lunch at Peretz, keynote speaker
- 1 to 2:30 — workshops 1 and 2 running concurrently at Peretz (1 developed by youth, 1 by adults)
- 2:30 to 3 — snack break
- 3 to 4:30 — workshops 3 and 4 running concurrently (1 yth/1 adult)
- 4:30 to 5 — free time
- 5 to 7 — night on the town at one of Vancouver's fabulous ethnic restaurants
- 7:30 — 10 meet at TheatreSports on Granville Island for an evening of improv
- 10:30 — return to hotel for a sing-a-long/youth activities

Sept. 5, Sunday

- 7 - 8:30 a.m. — continental breakfast at White Spot in Coast Vancouver Airport Hotel
- 9:30 a.m. — arrive at Peretz for activities throughout the day
- 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. — morning Stretch & Kvetch in Yiddish, with English subtitles
- 10:30 to noon — workshops 5 and 6 running concurrently (1 yth/1 adult)
- noon to 1 — lunch made by Peretz volunteers with delegates sitting at activist/issues tables
- 1 to 2:30 — workshops 7 and 8 running concurrently (1 yth/1 adult)
- 2:30 to 3 — snack break
- 3 to 4:30 — workshops 9 and 10 running concurrently (1 yth/1 adult)
- 4:30 to 5:30 — free time
- 6 to 9 — catered banquet and showcase of talent from several communities
- 9:30 — return to hotel for a sing-a-long/youth activities

Sept. 6, Monday

- 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. — continental breakfast at White Spot in Coast Vancouver Airport Hotel
- farewell to our guests

Registration packages

(Registration payment is due by **August 1**.)

If you get your registration payment to us for **Package 1** by **July 1**, take \$20 off the package price.)

Full package (with hotel)—\$290

- (based on double occupancy)
- Two nights hotel room
- Two breakfasts
- Two lunches
- One restaurant dinner
- Theatresports
- One banquet
- choice of 10 workshops
- keynote speaker
- youth activities/sing-a-long

Package 2 (no hotel)—\$180

- Two breakfasts
- Two lunches
- One restaurant dinner
- Theatresports
- One banquet
- choice of 10 workshops
- keynote speaker
- youth activities/sing-a-long

Package 3 (just Saturday)—\$120

- Lunch
- keynote speaker
- choice of 4 workshops
- restaurant dinner
- Theatresports
- youth activities/sing-a-long

Package 4 (just Sunday)—\$120

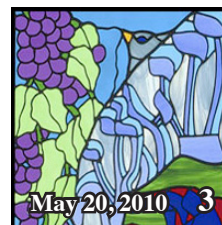
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- choice of 6 workshops
- Banquet dinner and variety show
- youth activities/sing-a-long

Package 5 (Saturday evening)—\$45

- Restaurant dinner and Theatresports

Package 6 (Sunday evening)—\$35

- Banquet and variety show



Registration Form (Please print clearly.)

Registration payment is due by August 1.

Name _____ Age _____ M/F _____
 Name _____ Age _____ M/F _____
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 Name _____ Age _____ M/F _____

Address _____
 City _____
 Province/State _____ Postal/Zip code _____
 Phone _____ E-mail address(es) _____

Primary group affiliation _____

Package No. (choose Package 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6) _____ \$ _____

If you are attending the full conference [Package 1] and get your registration to us by July 1, take \$20 off the package price.

I wish to share a room with _____

Special housing or dietary needs _____
 (We will try our best to accommodate all special needs.)

Total fee enclosed \$ _____

Please send cheque or money order or enter credit card information below.

___ VISA No. _____

Exp. Date (mm/yy) ____/____ Verification number _____ (located on back of card)

Name on card (please print clearly) _____

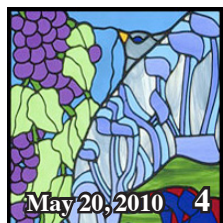
Send this form with:

- the credit card information or cheque/money order made out in Canadian funds to "Peretz Centre" (Write: "Jew West—Connections and Continuity" on the memo line)
- Emergency Medical Form(s) [if registering a teen or young adult under 18]
- Declaration(s) of Responsibility [if registering a teen or young adult under 18]
- copy of birth certificate(s) [if registering a teen or young adult under 18]

to—

Jew West—Connections and Continuity
 Peretz Centre
 6184 Ash St.
 Vancouver, B.C.
 V5Z 3G9

P.S. U.S. citizens: Don't forget your passports!



Emergency Medical Form

(Required for everyone under the age of 18. Please make additional copies if necessary so that there is a separate form for each participant under the age of 18.)

Name of teen _____

Birth date ___/___/_____

Allergies _____

Medical conditions _____

Food restrictions _____

Activity restrictions _____

Medicine taken regularly _____

Date of last tetanus shot _____

Health insurance provider (please supply copy of health insurance card – required!)

Policy number _____ Group _____

I hereby authorize the regional conference organizers to consent to and authorize any necessary emergency medical attention to the teen named above during his/her participation in the regional conference. I agree to accept all financial responsibility for any necessary medical attention.

Parent/legal guardian signature _____

Date ___/___/_____

Address _____

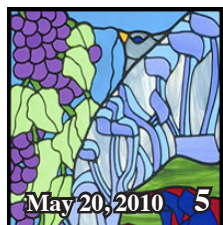
Phone number where I can be reached (include area code) _____

Emergency contact

name _____ Phone _____

Emergency contact 2

name _____ Phone _____



Conference Rules

The conference organizers have worked hard to ensure an enjoyable, safe, and successful conference. All participants are asked to do their part by using common sense and courtesy and by respecting the rights of others.

Below is a set of rules concerning behavior for all individuals using the facilities at the Coast Vancouver Airport Hotel and the Peretz Centre. They apply, mutatis mutandis, to every participant of the conference.

- No one under the age of 18 may leave the centre or hotel except for a medical emergency or when accompanied by a designated adult. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Weapons and controlled substances are not allowed.
- Alcohol is not allowed on Peretz or Hotel property, except when served according to conference organizers instructions to individuals of legal drinking age.
- No pets are allowed.
- Smoking is not allowed by anyone under the age of 18. Smoking is not allowed in any building.
- Only persons who are registered for the conference are allowed in hotel rooms or in facilities reserved for the conference.
- Courtesy is required in all conference areas.

Declaration of Responsibility

Parents and Guardians of teens, as well as teens and young adults, must sign the Declaration of Responsibility. Please make additional copies if necessary so that there is a separate form for each teen and young adult.

I, _____ give my permission for _____ to attend the Jew West regional conference. I have read the conference rules, and agree to honour them. I accept any legal and financial responsibility for my child/ward while he/she attends the conference, and acknowledge that the conference organizers shall not be responsible for my child's/ward's actions or their consequences. I do understand that the conference organizers will make the best arrangements possible for the safety of all participants, but that the conference is not responsible for any injury or loss of property that might occur.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date ___/___/_____

By signing this document, I agree to follow the rules of the Jew West regional conference. I understand that I may be required to leave the conference at my own expense, should I fail to follow the rules.

Teen/young adult signature _____ Date ___/___/_____

