

COMPANY PROFILE

Company: **Jewish Family Services of Vancouver Island**

Industry: **Social services**

Founded: **2009**



OVERVIEW

Jewish Family Services is a not-for-profit organization that developed across North American Jewish Communities to address the needs of people in the communities in which we live that are in long term or short-term crisis situations. Each city and geographic area have their own set of criteria and assess where is the greatest need and what resources are available.

MISSION

Guided by the wisdom and values of our Jewish tradition, the mission of Jewish Family Services of Vancouver Island (JSFVI) is to provide supportive services that will strengthen families, children and individuals within the context of their unique needs and traditions.

VISION

In keeping with our values and the spirit of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), JSFVI provides services with integrity, compassion, respect and professionalism. We provide financial, moral and physical (when needed) support for needy families within the scope of our volunteers and financial base.

The goals of JFSVI are to improve individual and family access to housing, employment and educational opportunities and to reduce social isolation through community activities and individual social engagement.

Quick Facts

- The local chapter on Vancouver Island was established in 2009.
- The Yom Tov Holiday basket program started in 2014.
- Currently boasts 25 members.
- 10 members serve on the Board of Directors.
- JFSVI works with a part-time social worker, whose duties include assessing new clients and providing supplemental support services.
- JFSVI is most active five times a year during the major holidays Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, Purim and Passover, and Shavuot.



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EXECUTIVE TEAM

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- **Currently serves 45- 50 individuals** per month that are primarily from the Jewish Community.
- **The Cummings Program** at JFSVI manages Claims Conference Grants to assist Holocaust survivors on Vancouver Island.
- **The Claims Conference** distributes hundreds of millions of dollars annually in direct payments from Germany to tens of thousands of Holocaust victims across the globe.
- **Emergency Food Subsidy Program**— JFSVI provides monthly Food subsidies for low-income individuals and families on Vancouver Island.
- **Yom Tom Holiday Gift Basket Program**—Five times a year on major holidays, volunteers will hand-deliver baskets full of gifts and holiday food items so that clients can gain access to the specialty items needed to celebrate the Jewish holidays.
- **Cobs Bread** on Shelbourne St. in Victoria is a supporter and sponsor of Jewish Family Services of Vancouver Island. Cobs donates Challah and other pastries and breads to the JFSVI Yom Tov Holiday Basket program.
- **When buying goods from Cobs Bread**, if you mention “Jewish Family Services,” before paying, Cobs Bread will donate 5% of your total purchases to our fundraising campaign.
- **JFSVI** provides clients with **courtesy tickets** for Jewish cultural events like the Jewish Film Festival of Victoria, Kolot Mayim Community Passover Seder, music concerts and theatre so that money is not a barrier to participating in cultural events.

