**A Coat of Many Colours: Conversations about Jewish Practice**

**Burquest Jewish Community Centre**

**2860 Dewdney Trunk Road, Coquitlam BC**

**Sunday Oct 16, 1-3pm: An Integrative Spirituality**

**Rabbi Laura Duhan-Kaplan, Jewish Renewal**

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**An Integrative Spirituality**: Over the years, I have studied many spiritual traditions. Each one has helped me see Jewish thought and practice in a new way. Today, I teach and practice Judaism with a universal spirituality that reflects both Kabbalah and BC spiritual culture. In our session, I will speak about my background, my current work, and what an integrative spirituality grounded in Jewish practice might look like. Then, we will discuss a short Jewish text about spirituality, and share a spiritual exercise both Jewish and integrative.

**Sunday Oct 30, 1-3pm: TBA**

**Rabbi Philip Gibbs, Conservative Judaism**

Rabbi, Har El, The North Shore Centre for Jewish Life

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**Sunday Nov 13: From Synagogue to Home**

**Rabbi Tom Samuels, Unaffiliated**

Okanagan Jewish Community Centre, Beth Shalom Synagogue

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**From Synagogue to Home:** I am an ordained rabbi through the Jewish Spiritual Learning Institute. I grew-up in a Conserva-dox, lay-led *Chavurah*in Toronto, and went to a Religious-Zionist yeshiva for high school. Afterwards, I moved to Israel and served as a tank gunner in the IDF’s Hesder Yeshiva program. I do not identify with ANY singular Jewish denomination, institution, theology, pedagogy, and the like. At the core of my Jewish identity, what continues to inform who I am as a Jew and as a rabbi, is the Talmudic concept of *Chidush,* from the Hebrew root *chadash*, meaning “new.”

My session will explore the idea of relocating the North American model for “doing Jewish religion” from the synagogue building to the home. In response to the destruction of the Second Temple, a new Judaism emerged called Rabbinic Judaism. The ancient rabbis established a new locus of Jewish identity and connection to the home, and specifically, to the *Shulchan*, the Shabbat table. Using the model of the Hassidic *Tish* (or *Botteh*, or what Chabad-Lubavitch call the *Farbrengen*), we will experience the seamless tapestry of Torah learning, *Tefillah* (prayer), singing, and eating that could be replicated by Jewish communities, with or without a local synagogue, throughout North America.

**Sunday Nov 27: These Are The Things - 10 Commandments for Living a Purposeful Life.**

**Rabbi Dan Moskovitz, Reform Judaism,**

Senior Rabbi, Temple Shalom

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I am a Reform Rabbi ordained at Hebrew Union College -Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati Ohio.  I subscribe to the general position that tradition has a vote but not a veto on my choices of Jewish religious practice.  Reform Judaism in general emphasizes the moral ethical commandments as being obligatory while the spiritual ritual Commandments are more subjective to the individual worshiper with the autonomy to make meaningful informed choices in their personal practice.  My current rabbinate as Senior Rabbi of Temple Sholom is shaped by an emphasis on finding meaning through Jewish custom and practice, social justice work, inclusion, outreach to the unaffiliated and developing a relational community.

I will present a passage from the mishna called *Elu Dvarim* which details 10 commandments that if followed during your life receive reward now and for eternity.  Each of these commandments is relational and has the potential to be profoundly meaningful.  I will present and we will discuss how the application of these particular Commandments to your life regardless of your faith tradition or whether or not you even have one is one answer to the eternal question what is the meaning of life

**Sunday Dec 11: TBA**

**Rabbi Dovid Rosenfeld, Chabad Lubavitch**

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