



Pomegranate

NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



A MESSAGE FROM ADAM SILVER

As we approach *Pesach* (Passover) this year, “*Let my People go*” takes on a whole new meaning for global Jewry. We recently marked six months since the Hamas terror attacks of October 7, and all these months later, there are still over 130 hostages being held captive in Gaza. There are over 1,000 families that are incomplete, that have had family members abducted, murdered, maimed, or all three. For those families, and for us, elements of the ancient Passover story don’t seem that ancient at all.

For those families, their *Seders* will be missing regular guests and loved ones. Many of us will be thinking of the last six months, of the hostages in captivity, and of the horrific atrocities perpetrated by Hamas. We will be thinking of the potential gifts and accomplishments taken from the world that day, and the lasting impact of those losses. Some people already leave an empty place setting and chair at their *Seder* tables for victims of terror, for incarcerated family members, or for other reasons. This year, I would like to encourage even more of us to leave an

empty chair and place setting for the hostages, the murder victims, and the volunteers and soldiers who are away from their families to defend Israel and its people.

The Passover story is one that spans many years, taking the Jewish people from slavery to freedom, from oppression to *Eretz* Israel. It is also a story of challenge, perseverance, and resilience. The Israelites, in their darkest moments, question the strength, faith, and dedication it will take to fight back against the Egyptians, and to depart on an unknown, uncertain journey through the desert to the Promised Land. Over the last six months, we have certainly seen darkness and depravity. We have experienced a world that is upside down in its morals and truths. But we have also seen amazing strength and resilience in our own Jewish community – initially filled with fear, anger, and bewilderment, we see community members attending programs in large numbers, proudly wearing their symbolic jewellery like a *chai* or *Magen David*, and standing up against antisemitism wherever they encounter it. We have also seen allies, though not as

numerous as we would hope, standing by our sides with unwavering support.

These have not been easy times. In fact, they have been devastating and demoralizing. Yet, through leaning on one another and on our community, we continue to weather the storm. Israel is not defeated, and the people of Israel are resolute. This year, at our *Seders*, we will proudly and loudly proclaim “*Lshanah Haba’ah B’Yerushalayim*” – Next year in Jerusalem! – knowing that this year’s recitation means more to us than ever before.

Wishing for brighter and more peaceful days ahead, and sending best wishes from my family to yours for a *Chag Pesach Kasher v’Sameach*.

Adam Silver
CEO
Calgary Jewish Federation

Building an inclusive community is a priority. Contact us and we will make every effort to meet your needs.

INCLUSION POWERED BY CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION

PESACH 3RD SEDER

Please join us for a *Pesach Seder* experience with Rabbi Ilana Krygier Lapidés in a welcoming environment that will be a sensory-friendly and harmonious experience for all ages.

Limited spots available, register at QR code or contact Karina Szulc at karinas@jewishcalgary.org or 403-444-3158.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
1:00-2:30PM
PAPERNY FAMILY JCC

YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 | 27 NISAN 5784

HEARTSTRINGS: MUSIC OF THE HOLOCAUST

6:30PM COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE PAPERNY FAMILY JCC MEMORIAL	7:30PM COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MARNIE BONDAR AND DAHLIA LIBIN AT HOLOCAUSTEDU@JEWISHCALGARY.ORG

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING IN ISRAEL?

Calgary and Edmonton Jewish Federations are organizing an Alberta delegation to go on BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL ONWARD, June 17-24! Open to Alberta Jewish community members ages 20 to 40, this highly subsidized and impactful experience creates memories that will last a lifetime.

For registration info, eligibility, and trip details, email Hannah (Calgary) at hgiesinger@jewishcalgary.org or Jacqueline (Edmonton) at jmedalye@edjfed.org.

REGISTER NOW
SCAN QR CODE

OR GO TO JEWISHCALGARY.ORG

YOM HAZIKARON ISRAEL'S MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday, May 12 • 7:00PM • Temple B'nai Tikvah

Come together as a community to commemorate and memorialize IDF soldiers who have perished in the line of duty, and victims of terror. Join us for a heartfelt ceremony along with prayers, readings and music, with a special commemoration for the victims of the October 7 attacks.

YOM HAATZMAUT ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

Tuesday, May 14 • 5:30PM • Paperny Family JCC

It is Israel's 76th birthday! Everyone is welcome to join us at the JCC as we celebrate with music, food, and fun activities for all ages.

Enjoy Israeli-themed food which will be available for purchase from Karen's Café.

It's Moments Like This

All events on this page are made possible by your gifts to Calgary Jewish Federation's annual UJA Campaign.

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For more information contact Yanina Rabinovich, Arts and Culture Manager
403-537-8596 • yrabinovich@cjcc.ca

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\$18.73 million

ESTIMATED VALUE AS OF APRIL 1, 2024

Jewish Calgary has now completed five years of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's (HGF) LIFE & LEGACY program. Legacy giving supports our community and ensures donors' values, experiences, and priorities are passed on from generation to generation.

We are proud to be participating in the LIFE & LEGACY PLUS initiative. We continue to work on bringing our community closer together and promoting a more unified and sustainable vision for the future of Jewish Calgary.

AS OF APRIL 1, 2024, THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY HAVE MADE A PROMISE TO ENSURE THE FUTURE OF JEWISH CALGARY

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Feldman</p> <p>Cindy, Sam, Rebekah & Josh Feldman</p> <p>Joy Feldman</p> <p>Max Feldman</p> | <p>Stephanie Feldman</p> <p>Barry Finkelman</p> <p>Maxine & Milt Fischbein</p> <p>Jana & Bryant Frydberg</p> <p>Evan Gelman</p> <p>Sarah & Ben Ginzberg</p> <p>Halley & Bruce Girtviz</p> <p>Peta Glezerson</p> <p>Dr. Caron & Rabbi Mark Glickman</p> <p>Yael & Rabbi Chaim Greenwald</p> <p>Dr. Benjamin Grintuch</p> <p>Cheryl & Jason Gurevitch</p> <p>Sheila & Dr. Ralph Gurevitch</p> <p>Debbie & Nelson Halpern</p> <p>Malka & Rabbi Binyomin Halpern</p> <p>Jackie & Hayim Hamborger</p> <p>Annette Hanson</p> <p>Candice Hanson</p> <p>Lucille Hanson^{z"l}</p> <p>Elaine & Jerry Hashman</p> <p>Sara Hastings-Simon</p> <p>Vivian & Benjamin Herman</p> <p>Josh Hesslein</p> <p>Roz Mendelson & David Hodgins</p> <p>Sidney Horovitz</p> <p>Josh Inhaber</p> <p>Susan & David Inhaber</p> <p>Betsy Jameson</p> <p>Rabbi Cantor Russell Jayne</p> <p>Barbara Joffe</p> <p>Naomi Johansen</p> <p>Sharla Stoffman & Malcolm Jubinville</p> <p>Megan MacFarland & Tibor Kaldor</p> <p>Irena Karshenbaum</p> <p>William Katz</p> <p>Rabbi Rick Kline</p> <p>Anna Lourie Kostousov</p> <p>Barb & Ron Krell</p> <p>Gail & Mel Ksienski</p> <p>Malka & Stan Labell</p> <p>Eddy Lang</p> <p>Tamar Zenith & Blair Laven</p> <p>Carolyn & Bruce Libin</p> <p>Harriet & Philip Libin</p> <p>Susan Light</p> <p>Caroline & Alex Linetsky</p> <p>Sandra & Harold Lipton</p> | <p>Steven Lipton</p> <p>Monica & Gustavo Lis</p> <p>The Lister Family</p> <p>Sheryl Livergant</p> <p>Margie Sills-Maerov & Adam Maerov</p> <p>Ellen Magidson</p> <p>Amalia & Mark Mandel</p> <p>Sharon Marcus</p> <p>Sahbra Markus</p> <p>Sheila & David Martin</p> <p>Ralph Maybaum</p> <p>Daniel Merson</p> <p>Leah Moldofsky</p> <p>Deborah Yedlin & Martin Molyneaux</p> <p>Lila & Jacques^{z"l} Mydlarski</p> <p>Elaine & Stuart Myron</p> <p>Kimberly & Richard Nagan</p> <p>Donna & Jack Newton</p> <p>Claude Oppenheim</p> <p>Robyn & Joe Oppenheim</p> <p>Roslyn & Daniel Oppenheim</p> <p>Beth & Rob Ordman</p> <p>Shifra & Yehuda Ortega</p> <p>Joshua Orzech</p> <p>Alex Osten</p> <p>Lisa Welikovitch & Mark Paidra</p> <p>Jane Paterson</p> <p>Hindy & Izak Paul</p> <p>Lorne Pearl</p> <p>Victoria Perkins</p> <p>Rick Phillips</p> <p>Ron Plucer</p> <p>Susan & Myron Podlog</p> <p>Cynthia & David Prasow</p> <p>Saul Prince</p> <p>Debora Prussick</p> <p>Dr. Earl Raber</p> <p>Eugene Ragolsky</p> <p>Gayla & Brian Rogers</p> <p>Susan Rose</p> <p>Irene & Dr. Stuart Ross</p> <p>Jane & Phil Rotman</p> <p>Linda & Isaac Rotstein</p> <p>Pnina & Mark Rubensohn</p> <p>Ashley Runka Owens & Dustin Owens</p> <p>Harry Sanders</p> <p>Brenda & Garry Sapoznikow</p> | <p>Kathy & Norman Schachar</p> <p>Family Legacy Fund</p> <p>Agnes Romer Segal & Eliezer Segal</p> <p>Marina & Yannai Segal</p> <p>Kimberly Rothenberg & Leonard Seidman</p> <p>Dorothy Hanson & Sheldon Shagal</p> <p>Debbie Shaikin</p> <p>The Shaikin Family</p> <p>Daniel Shapiro</p> <p>Gayle Sherman</p> <p>Betty Sherwood</p> <p>Cheryl Baron & Robert Shiell</p> <p>The Shilling Family</p> <p>Deborah Shnay</p> <p>Cheryl & Morley Shore</p> <p>Christina Ellerbeck & Jared Shore</p> <p>Judith Shriar</p> <p>Laura Shuler</p> <p>Sandy Shuler</p> <p>Esther Allman Silberg & Gary Silberg</p> <p>Deborah & Adam Silver</p> <p>Jemmie & Neil</p> <p>Jennifer & David Silver</p> <p>Rebecca J. Silverberg</p> <p>David Sklar</p> <p>Jerry Snukal</p> <p>Lorraine Spector</p> <p>Becky & Brad Spier</p> <p>Sondra & Joe Spier</p> <p>Tina & Larry Stanleigh</p> <p>Beth & Craig Steinberg</p> <p>Diana Kalef & Elliott Steinberg</p> <p>Helen^{z"l} & Mark Swartz</p> <p>Ida & Sam Switzer</p> <p>Michele Doctoroff & Ted Switzer</p> <p>Sasha & Ruben Switzer</p> <p>Shauna L. Switzer</p> <p>Darlene Switzer-Foster</p> <p>Mira & Joseph Tappenden</p> <p>Ruth & Phil Ullman</p> <p>Loredana Della Vedova</p> <p>Nadine & Hartley Waldman</p> <p>Sandra Morton Weizman</p> <p>Shelley Werner</p> <p>Linda & Gary Wolf</p> <p>Helen & Leonard Zenith</p> <p>Susan Klassen & Jonathan Zyto</p> |
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