



## E-News from Calgary

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Dear Friends

Thanks to everyone who attended our Tu B'Shevat Seder on Sunday February 1st. It's always a pleasure seeing you and your children, welcoming new families and learning something new together.

**Tu B'Shevat**, which falls on **Wednesday February 4th** this year, is all about nurturing growth. In honor of the trees' New Year, you can continue this month's theme of nurturing with [green thumb training](#) and some [fun nature crafts](#), and most of all - nurture a love of reading and books with some [Tu B'Shevat reads](#).

It may feel early, but now is the time to start thinking about and registering for the Fall school year. Save the dates as **PJ Goes to Preschool!** We will be at **Akiva Academy on Sunday March 1st** at their Purim Carnival and at **Calgary Jewish Academy on Friday March 27** at their Preschool Seder.

March is a busy PJ month! Not only are we going to preschool, but please save the date for **Sunday March 15** for "The Mitten Song" with Morah Amy Goldberg. Our book based programs are always very popular and this will be a meaningful morning for both parents and children.

Wishing you a month of nurturing family time!

*Kathie*

Kathie Wainer

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## Local Links

- ▶ [Calgary Jewish Federation](#)
- ▶ [Calgary JCC](#)
- ▶ [Akiva Academy](#)
- ▶ [Calgary Jewish Academy](#)
- ▶ [Camp BB-Riback](#)

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- ▶ [Green Thumb Training »](#)
- ▶ [Tu B'Shevat Seder »](#)
- ▶ [Teach Kids to Be Green »](#)
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## February Books

AGES 6 MONTHS TO 2 YEARS

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## PJ Calgary Calendar



**Purim Carnival**  
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**Sunday March 1**  
11:30am – 1:00pm  
Akiva Academy · 140 Haddon Road SW

PJ Library® and Akiva Academy  
open the doors to a world of  
Purim fun and games!  
Make sure to wear your costume!

There is no charge and  
no need to register.

For more information contact Kathie Wainer at  
403-537-8592 or [kwainer@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:kwainer@jewishcalgary.org).

JEWISH READING STORIES & SONGS FOR FAMILIES

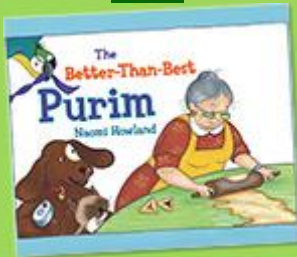
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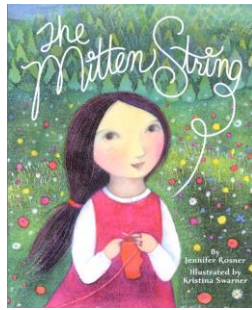
AGES 2 TO 3 YEARS  
**It's Party Time!**  
**A Purim Story**



AGES 3 TO 4 YEARS  
**The Better-Than-Best**  
**Purim**



AGES 4 TO 5 YEARS  
**Be Happy, It's Purim!**  
**(DVD)**



**Sunday, March 15**  
**10:30am**  
**Calgary JCC**

Join Morah Amy Goldberg as we read and learn from "The Mitten String" - a true story showing that you're never too young to do the right thing. Let's explore and celebrate and appreciate together. An inspiring morning for children of all ages.

**Friday, March 27**  
**Calgary Jewish Academy**  
**Preschool Seder**

Join us at CJA's Preschool Seder. Its the perfect opportunity for you and your children to experience the CJA in action. Meet the teachers and perschool parents in a relaxed atmosphere and your children will love being at "big school".

## Holiday Hints

### Nature Crafts for Tu B'Shevat

Show appreciation for nature and trees as a family with a few of these hands-on craft activities.

[Get Crafty with Nature >>](#)



## Parenting Matters

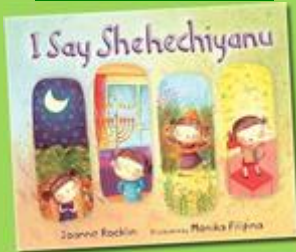
### Like Tree, Like Child: Tu B'Shevat & Nurturing

The Jewish New Year for trees serves as a reminder that, like trees, people benefit from deep roots, a strong base, and consistent nurturing.

[Cultivate Growth in Children >>](#)



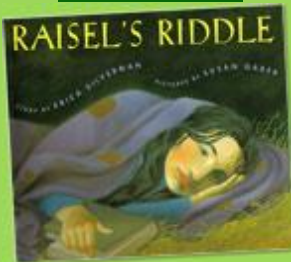
### I Say Shehechyanu



AGES 6 TO 7 YEARS  
Barnyard Purim



AGES 7 TO 8 YEARS  
Raisel's Riddle



AGES 8 YEARS AND ABOVE  
The Story of Queen Esther



### **PJ & JDAM Reads 2015**

PJ Library joins the broad support of Jewish Disability Awareness Month this year with the children's book selection of *Stork's Landing* for use in the JDAM Reads initiative.

Jewish Disability  
Awareness Month



[Read for Disability Awareness >>](#)

### **Calgary Community Information**



Registration is ongoing at Akiva Academy, Calgary Jewish Academy and Camp BB Riback

#### **Akiva Academy**

140 Haddon Road SW  
Open House February 2 - 6  
Nursery through Junior High  
Please call 403-258-1312 / [www.akiva.ca](http://www.akiva.ca)

#### **Calgary Jewish Academy**

6700 Kootenay Street SW  
Nursery through Grade 9  
Please call 403-253-3992 / [www.cja.ab.ca](http://www.cja.ab.ca)

#### **Calgary Jewish Federation Integrated Bursary Program**

Jewish life should never be out of reach financially. If you find it's a struggle to do any more than make ends meet, Calgary Jewish Federation's Integrated Bursary Program can help you overcome obstacles to participate fully in our community. With one application, followed by a discreet, personalized session with Federation volunteer, you can access subsidies for day schools, summer camp and recreational activities, depending on your need and available community funds. Applications available online at [www.jewishcalgary.org](http://www.jewishcalgary.org) or at Jewish Family Service Calgary, Akiva Academy, Calgary Jewish Academy and Calgary JCC. Please contact Jewish Shapiro at 403-444-3153 or [jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org) for more information.

#### **Camp BB Riback**

A summer at Camp BB Riback is not just a summer of fun...its a lifetime of friendships, memories and traditions and skills. Camper (Grades 1-10) registration is now open. Visit [www.campbb.com/form/parents](http://www.campbb.com/form/parents) for more information.



## Save the Dates

### Our Programming Dates:

Sunday March 1  
Sunday March 15  
Friday March 27  
Sunday April 19  
Sunday May 3  
Sunday June 7  
Sunday June 14

Please try not to schedule events in the morning of these dates

## Tell a Friend

Introduce PJ Library to others. Send them a message via our handy "Tell a Friend" form.

[Tell a Friend About PJ](#)

## Moving Soon?

Your books will *NOT* be automatically forwarded to a new address. If you're moving, change your account address. Email [Kathie](#) as soon as possible with your new address.

## One Happy Camper

**THEY SEE FUN & FRIENDSHIP.  
WE SEE THE JEWISH FUTURE.**

One Happy Camper provides grants of up to \$1,000 to children attending Jewish overnight camp for the first time.\*

Visit [OneHappyCamper.org](http://OneHappyCamper.org) to find your camp and apply.

For information, contact Judy Shapiro at 403.444.3153 or [jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org).

\*Some conditions apply.



## Shalom Baby Group



**Play Group for the Under Twos**  
Alternate Thursday mornings  
10am (ish) at the JCC

Join our Shalom Baby Play Group. We meet every other Thursday Morning at the JCC.

We'd love for moms, dads, grandparents, caregivers to join our informal group.

**February meetings: February 5 and 19**

Please E-mail [Kathie](#) or phone 403-537-8592 for more information

**If you know of a new baby in our community please let us know and we will arrange for a delivery of a Shalom Baby Gift Basket!**

## PJ Tot Shabbat

**Alternate Friday mornings**  
**9:45am at the JCC**



Join our free, half hour class focusing on the festive feeling of Shabbat and holidays through songs, stories, blessings and dance. At the end of the class we will join the regular JCC Shabbat Program.

**February Dates: February 13 and 27**

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