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• • • **Application Deadline: Monday, April 2, 2018** • • •

For information contact Judy Shapiro  
403-444-3153 or [jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org).



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Calgary Jewish Federation  
**Shalom Baby Group  
For the Under Twos**

Thursday Mornings  
10:30AM - 12:00PM | Calgary JCC  
Join our fun, free, informal and relaxed baby group for moms, dads, grandparents and caregivers.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

March 29	May 17
April 19	May 31
May 3	June 14

There is no charge, but please contact Kathie Wainer at [kwainer@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:kwainer@jewishcalgary.org) or 403-537-8592 to register.

CHECK OUT THE FULL  
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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to find out what's going  
on in Jewish Calgary

# Pomegranate

NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



### A MESSAGE FROM ADAM

Shalom Friends,  
One of the beauties and wonders of Judaism is that we have been able to pass on our stories and our traditions virtually intact for thousands of years. Pesach is the perfect example of how the repetitive recitation of the Exodus story has enlightened and inspired generations of Jews.

Our collective memory is strong and our rituals ensure that together, we pass our stories from one generation to the next. Pesach not only celebrates our freedom, the Seder (the order) provides us with the script for our remembrance. The Haggadah or "telling" is our guide for sharing our story, recollecting our suffering, and tasting freedom again and again year after year.

When we gather around the Passover table, it is not for love of matzo. It's because we want to remember and share the story of

one of the most compelling journeys ever. And through the Seder we read, sing, ask questions, and literally taste the hardship: the bread made in haste, the tears, the bitter herbs, and the mortar – all the elements of our past.

The path out of Egypt included stretches of hunger, illness, challenges to our faith, and aimlessness wandering with no end in sight. Yet the underlying theme is hope.

Our mandate is to tell the story of our escape from Egypt as if we had been there and experienced the journey ourselves. Each year we relive this. We recall and remember how our ancestors went from an impossible situation to a journey full of possibilities, from enslavement and suffering to freedom and self-determination. As Rabbi Jonathon Sacks writes, "It is the story of the defeat of probability by the force of possibility. It defines what it is to be

a Jew: a living symbol of hope."

We share this hope with our children around the table and concurrently with millions of other Jews around the globe, and millions upon millions who have relived the story over thousands of years.

We share a collective experience that transcends geography and, in many ways, time. Collective memory is a binding and bonding force. The annual story of Exodus serves to perpetuate Jewish continuity and connects us as a people to one another. Retelling the story also cultivates empathy in us for others who are suffering, and frames for us that very little is achieved without at least some degree of faith, challenge, and difficulty.

There are two sides to that matzo: it is both the taste of suffering and the taste of freedom. When we recount the story of Pesach with our families and friends, let's all pledge

to be mindful and aware – to pay attention and to share. We are owners of an amazing legacy and have the significant responsibility to ensure we do not break the narrative chain. Our children and our children's children will, we hope, continue to retell the story of the Exodus, and will do so as free people in our incredible country of Canada.

"Now we are slaves. Next year we hope that all people shall be free," is an aspiration and a call to action. As a community, let us rededicate ourselves to working for equality and freedom for all.

*Chag Pesach Kasher v'Sameach,*

Adam Silver  
CEO, Calgary Jewish Federation



## TASTE OF JUDAISM WITH KESHER

The menu for Keshet Calgary's Taste of Judaism, Pesach edition, included Charoset Truffles, Matzo Brei Cupcakes, and Crispy Caramel Nut Matzo. This fun, hands-on cooking activity was led by Rabbi Osadchey in the Beth Tzedec kitchen. Keshet brings Jewish adults with disabilities together with volunteers for events and activities that enable them to engage more with Jewish life.



Monday, April 30 | 6:00 - 9:00PM

To lend a hand to the Good Food Box Program, Jewish Adults Calgary (JAC) will be getting together to pack nutritious fruits and vegetables. As part of the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary, the Good Food Box makes fresh food available to people in a way that promotes community and eliminates the stigma of food charity programs. Let's enjoy each other's company and do some good!

Sign up is required at [jewishcalgary.org](http://jewishcalgary.org). For more information, contact Diana Kalef at 403-444-3154 or [dkalef@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:dkalef@jewishcalgary.org).



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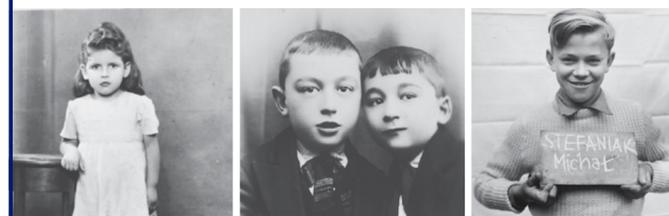
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## YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

WEDNESDAY APRIL 11, 2018 | 26 NISAN 5778



### THE HIDDEN CHILDREN OF THE HOLOCAUST

OUR EVENING BEGINS 6:30PM

Holocaust Memorial Wall, Calgary JCC

OUR COMMEMORATION CONTINUES 7:30PM

Beth Tzedec Congregation



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## PJ Goes to Preschool



Akiva Academy and Calgary Jewish Academy opened their doors (and hearts) to little ones and their parents for PJ Library's annual PJ Goes to Preschool program, where they could get a "taste of preschool" and join students for Kabbalat Shabbat. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to meet the teachers, tour the schools, and see our Day Schools in action.



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