

**community calendar**

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**A MESSAGE FROM ROB NAGUS**

This time of year holds a unique and powerful place in our communal calendar. It is the season in which we mark what are colloquially referred to as "the Yoms," a sequence of days that call on us to remember, to mourn, and to celebrate the enduring strength of the Jewish people.

We begin with *Yom HaShoah*, where we pause as a community to remember the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust and to honour the survivors who continue to share their stories with courage and resilience. Their testimony is not only a remembrance of the past. It is also a warning to the present and a responsibility for the future.

This responsibility feels especially urgent today. In the wake of tragedies such as the attack at Bondi Beach, recent events in Michigan, and shootings at synagogues as close to home as Toronto, the sense of concern for Jewish communities has intensified in ways that many of us have not experienced before.

Here in Calgary, across Canada, and around the world, we are witnessing a troubling rise in

antisemitism, alongside an alarming increase in Holocaust denial and distortion. These are not abstract fears. They are real and present dangers that demand a clear and unified response. Holocaust denial is not a matter of perspective. It is an assault on truth, memory, and human dignity.

"Never Again" must remain more than a phrase. It is a commitment to education, to vigilance, and to speaking out against hatred in all its forms. I want to acknowledge the many members of our community who continue to meet this moment with leadership and resolve. These are individuals who educate, advocate, volunteer, and stand firm in the face of rising hate.

As we move forward, we transition from remembrance to reflection and then to celebration. *Yom HaShoah* is followed by *Yom HaZikaron*, where we will gather as a community for a solemn commemoration to honour Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror. Almost immediately after, we mark *Yom HaAtzmaut*, celebrating Israel's independence

with a joyful, family-friendly event at the Paperny Family JCC. This is an opportunity for our entire community to come together in pride and connection.

This progression from mourning to celebration captures something essential about the Jewish story. We carry our past with us, we honour those we have lost, and we continue to build, to live, and to celebrate who we are.

In this season of remembrance and renewal, may we honour the past not only with reflection, but with resolve, and may we continue to stand strong and proud as a community.

*Am Yisrael Chai,*

Rob Nagus  
CEO  
Calgary Jewish Federation

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

**HOW TO SHARE AN EGG**

In Conversation with **Bonny Reichert**

**THURSDAY  
MAY 7**

**7:00PM\***

**CALGARY  
CENTRAL  
LIBRARY**

\*Doors open at 6:30PM



Join us in-person for a special book talk with award-winning journalist, chef, and debut author, Bonny Reichert. She will share her deeply moving memoir: *How to Share an Egg: A True Story of Hunger, Love, and Plenty* – exploring how food, family, and the legacy of survival intertwine.

Moderated by Calgary's Danyael Halprin, journalist and children's book author of *A Magical Passover Starring the Tooth Fairy*.



Learn more and register at **QR code** or contact [holocaustedu@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:holocaustedu@jewishcalgary.org) for more information.



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**SHARAKA**  
The New Middle East:  
Voices of the Abraham Accords

**SUNDAY, MAY 17 • 7PM**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
5927 Tipton Road NW

**FEATURED SPEAKERS**

- Noam Meirov (Israel)
- Youssef Elazhari (Morocco)
- Fatema Al Harbi (Bahrain)



Join us for a powerful and timely conversation with young leaders from Sharaka, a groundbreaking initiative fostering understanding and partnership between Arabs and Israelis. These changemakers, who grew up in antisemitic societies, are now using their voices to challenge hate, promote coexistence, and explore the transformative potential of the Abraham Accords. Hear their personal stories of change, including their experiences visiting Israel, engaging in Holocaust education, and building bridges across a rapidly evolving Middle East.

RSVP TO RECEIVE EVENT UPDATES AND REMINDERS:  
[CCCJ.ALBERTA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CCCJ.ALBERTA@GMAIL.COM)



**A Generational Gathering**

**Sunday, May 3 • 2-4PM**  
Paperny Family JCC

Free

Grandparents and grandchildren, join us for a special afternoon of connection, delicious treats, and a meaningful family craft. Come share stories, laughter, and time together – because the future of our community is built through moments like these.



This program is made possible thanks to a generous grant from Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary.



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**Choirs OF THE WORLD**

**MONDAY  
JUNE 1  
7:00PM**

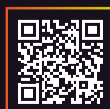
**A CELEBRATION OF VOICES ACROSS CULTURES AND GENERATIONS**

FREE

Temple B'nai Tikvah | 900 47 Avenue SW

**A Multicultural Choral Concert Shining in Harmony.**

Join us for an unforgettable evening of choral music featuring a variety of styles – from **Latin American rhythms** and **rock & roll** to **Canadian favorites**, and more.



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# Meet Calgary's NEW SHINSHINIM!



We're excited to welcome **Adva** and **Noam**, Calgary's new *Shinshinim* (young Israeli emissaries), who will be spending the year with our community beginning this September.

Over the coming months, we'll introduce you to Adva and Noam – sharing their stories, passions, and experiences. From Israel to Calgary, they'll bring energy, culture, and a special connection to the Jewish people as they connect with Jewish Calgary's organizations and families.

Stay tuned to get to know them and follow along throughout their journey with our community this year!

## FUN FACTS About Adva & Noam

### 5 Fun Facts ABOUT ADVA

- My favourite TV show is *Gilmore Girls*.
- I loooove sleeping!
- I am in the Scouts.
- My favourite singer is Eviatar Banai.
- I love running in my free time!



### 5 Fun Facts ABOUT NOAM

- My favourite TV show is *How I Met Your Mother*.
- I loooove drawing!
- I am in Krembo Wings.
- My favourite band is Mashina.
- I love reading in my free time!



We are looking for four host families for Adva and Noam for approximately five months each. If you would like more information, please contact **Diana Kalef** at [dkalef@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:dkalef@jewishcalgary.org)