

community calendar

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NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



A MESSAGE FROM YANNAI

I am writing this message to you on the morning of *Yom HaAtzmaut*, eager to celebrate Israel's Independence Day with my family and the entire community at this evening's event at the JCC.

These early spring weeks have been emotional for us as a community and as a people. We mark *Yom HaShoah* as a tearful commemoration of the latest of the great tragedies perpetrated against our ancestors, and struggle with our promise to ourselves and the world to ensure "Never Again."

A couple of nights ago, in honour of *Yom HaZikaron* we reflected on the sacrifice required to establish our state in our homeland, as well as the ongoing dangers to its defenders and citizens. For *Yom HaAtzmaut*, we celebrate with joy the thriving State of Israel, miraculous blooming of the desert, and blossoming of the start-up nation.

As we marked these days on our calendar, we personally experienced their underlying meanings and emotions

in our daily news feeds. We recoiled in horror at the murderous violence of Poway and the rising tide of global antisemitism. We prayed for the safety of our brothers and sisters as missiles indiscriminately rained down on civilians, proud of the IDF's actions as the world's most ethical army as they worked hard to protect its citizens. We observed Israel's vigorous democracy in action, free elections, and a free society standing out as beacons, surrounded by a sea of brutal dictatorships.

This cycle of history – of our modern Israeli calendar – parallels our ancient history and ancient Jewish calendar. We are currently in the period of the *mitzvah* of the counting of the *Omer*, the seven weeks between *Pesach* (Passover) and *Shavuot*. Passover, like *Yom HaShoah* and *Yom HaZikaron*, marks the forging of a nation through shared triumph over tragedy – persecution, violence, terror, and genocide – ultimately defeated by justice, goodness, and faith in

our One God. *Shavuot* marks the blossoming of a nation through shared purpose and meaning: *letaken olam be'malchut Shakkai* – to perfect the world as Godly people through our efforts and actions.

We, at Calgary Jewish Federation, commit to working hard in building our great community for ourselves and our children. We are proud to join our brethren around the globe, standing in pride of Israel and its people as they continue to be *Or Lagoyim* – an inspiration to the nations of the world.

B'Shalom,

Yannai Segal
President, Calgary Jewish Federation

PJ Library
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US AT

Popsicles IN THE Park

It's a Party!

IT'S OUR 10TH BIRTHDAY!

SUNDAY JUNE 2 • 11AM-2PM • JCC

Bring the family for a fun-filled day and celebrate 10 years of PJ Library® in Calgary!

Petting zoo, face painting, bouncy house, bubbles, kosher popsicles, and lots of birthday treats and surprises

There is no need to register. Email: kwainer@jewishcalgary.org with any questions.

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JEWS, SCHMOOZE & CANOES

MAY 31 - JUNE 2 • CAMP BBIRBACK

CALGARY & EDMONTON HILLELS COME TOGETHER FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN IN THE SUN

CONTACT FOR INFO: DANIELLE BRAITMAN AT 403.444.3148 OR DBRAITMAN@JEWISHCALGARY.ORG

JOIN US FOR A GREAT WEEKEND OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY TRAINING

\$85 PER PERSON

Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta, Temple B'nai Tikvah, and Calgary Jewish Federation present:

The Book Smugglers

by David Fishman

Thursday, May 30
2:00PM • Calgary JCC

Join us for a fascinating moderated discussion lead by Rabbi Mark Glickman, about the 'Paper Brigade' of the Vilna Ghetto which heroically salvaged Judaic treasures from the Nazi and Soviet forces.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND COMMUNITY SHEM TOV AWARDS

THURSDAY JUNE 20
CALGARY JCC 1607 90 AVENUE SW

6:45PM CALGARY JCC YEARLY UPDATE MEETING

7:00PM CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION AGM

FEDERATION AGM AGENDA INCLUDES: ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS, COMMUNITY UPDATES, AND SHEM TOV AWARDS.

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