

NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION



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Next ePom: Monday February 2, 2015

Submission Deadline: NOON SHARP, Friday January 30. No submissions will be accepted after noon. For ongoing events, please note we can only include the event three times in each six-month period.

ePom is published on the first and third Monday of each month (or the next business day after Jewish or statutory holidays). The submission deadline is noon on the Friday prior to publication.

Did you know? You can send us your ePom submissions via the Federation <u>website</u>. Find the ePom icon and click on "Submit Events". Or you can <u>email</u> your items on upcoming Jewish events. Be sure to put "ePom" in the subject line and to include a title, a brief summary of event details, contact information and your high-res logo. Logos must include the name of your organization. Only one logo per item, please!



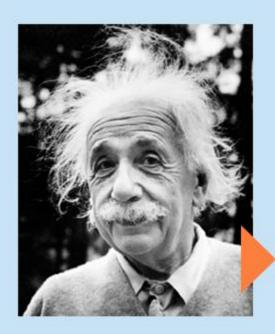
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If you or a loved one needs special accommodations to participate in our programs, activities or services, please contact Judy Shapiro at 403-444-3153 or email.



Calgary Jewish Federation

UTA 2014

United Jewish Appeal

Words to Live By

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

Albert Einstein

Thank you to everyone who donated to the 2014 UJA Campaign. If you haven't yet made your gift, it's not too late to donate

Give Generously - Click here to donate to UJA

Or contact **Irena Karshenbaum** at 403-537-8594 or <u>email</u> or **Aviva Kolotinsky** at 403-444-3151 or <u>email</u>.



BILLETS NEEDED FOR ISRAELI HOCKEY PLAYERS AGED 10-14



Calgary Jewish Federation is excited to host a delegation from the Canada-Israel Hockey School March 10-15. CIHS is a unique program in Israel which brings together Jewish and Arab kids to play hockey as a means to bringing peace to the region. The delegation will include both boys and girls. Responsibilities of billeting families include:

- Host a minimum of two players.
- Drive players to and from central meeting point.
- Organize activities for Shabbat.
- The Israelis would love to play against local youth teams – so if your child is on a team, please help us set something up!

For more information, contact Judy Shapiro at jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org or 403-444-3153.

HONOUR someone special

CELEBRATE an important occasion REMEMBER someone you love

Calgary Jewish Federation Tribute Cards

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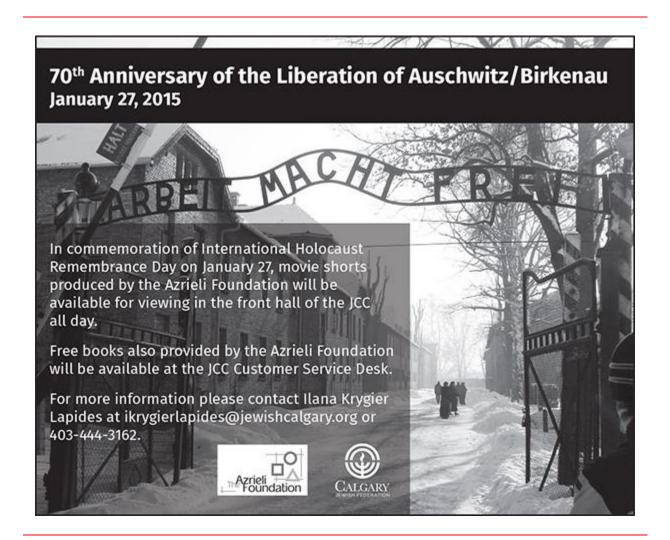






Click here for more information or to order your tribute card online, or you can order by phone: 403-537-8594 or email: ikarshenbaum@jewishcalgary.org.

Minimum (taxable) donation is \$12.





If it did, then a living a full Jewish life would 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 participating fully in our community. With one application followed by a discreet, personalized session with a 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 jewishcalgary.org or at Jewish Family Service Calgary, Akiva Academy, Calgary JCC and The Calgary Jewish Academy.

Please contact Judy Shapiro at 403-444-3153 or jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org for more information.

Application deadline: March 31, 2015

INTEGRATED BURSARY PROGRAM

Silent Auction

Calgary Jewish Federation

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Now you can have one of the iconic celebrity images from the 2014 UJA Campaign!
Put your bid in at the silent auction in the lobby of the JCC, this week only.
All funds raised will support programs funded by UJA.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Stop Smoking Seminars

Monday January 19 | 7:00 - 8:30pm Thursday January 22 | 10:00 - 11:30am Calgary JCC

Members \$20, Public \$30

Are you ready to kick the habit, stay healthy and save lots of money? In partnership with Pharmasave at Copperfield, you will learn the tools to kick the habit. One-on-one consultation is available after the initial seminar. For more information contact the Customer Service Desk at 403-253-8660, ext.0.



Art of Parenting

A new and exciting six-week course by the Calgary JLI

Starting Tuesday January 20 and Wednesday January 21 Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta

Discussing the World's Most Difficult Job

For more information visit the website, call 403-238-4880 or email.



Young Jewish Professionals - Drinks After Work

Wednesday January 21

5:00 - 7:00pm | The Libertine Public House, 2nd floor 223 8 Avenue SW

Want to meet other young Jews? New to Calgary? Or have recently returned? Single, coupled, married? Join us for drinks. No charge to attend. Everyone welcome! For more information, contact Irena Karshenbaum, Calgary Jewish Federation, at 403-537-8594 or email.



Shalom Baby Play Group for the Under Twos

Thursday January 22 and February 5

10:30am - 12:00pm | Calgary JCC

Join our new Shalom Baby Play Group! We will be meeting twice a month on a Thursday morning. We'd love everyone to join us, moms, dads, grandparents, caregivers. Spread the word! For more information contact Kathie Wainer at 403-537-8592 or email.



Erev Limmud - Beth Tzedec

Thursday January 22

7:00pm | Beth Tzedec Congregation

Join us for the concluding session of our Erev Limmud series for January 2015 on the topic of "Same-Sex Weddings: A Conservative Perspective." Rabbi Osadchey will present the various responsa (Rabbinic rulings) issued by the Committee on Jewish Laws and Standards on the subject to provide a view of how Jewish Law functions in our time and how this subject is addressed in a modern context. For more information, please contact the Beth Tzedec office at 403-255-8688.



Carlebach Shabbat

Friday January 23

Services at 6:00pm and Shabbat Dinner at 7:00pm

Saturday January 24

9:00am | Beth Tzedec Congregation

Join us as we explore the music of Shlomo Carlebach as we weave his melodies into our Friday night and Shabbat morning services.



Shabbat Shiraz

Friday January 23

Wine and Cheese at 7:15pm

Service at 8:00pm | Temple B'nai Tikvah

Join us for our monthly musical Kabbalat Shabbat service! Bring a bottle of wine to share with a few friends; we'll supply cheese and crackers and other snacks. Then, enjoy a lively Shabbat service with Rabbi Howard and some of our talented Temple musicians. No RSVP

required. For more information contact Temple B'nai Tikvah at 403-252-1654 or email.



Tu Bi'Shevat Taste of Israel - Last Chance for Tickets

Saturday January 24

Doors open at 7:00pm

Show starts at 7:45pm | Temple B'nai Tikvah

Only five days left to buy your advance tickets at \$40 or \$54 at the door. Be inspired, entertained and amazed with one of the world's most respected and acclaimed mentalist and TV star, Haim Goldenberg. Stay for the celebration afterwards and dance the night away to the Israeli sounds of Calgary's nine-piece band Heebster. Schmooze, nosh, drinks, raffles and lots of fun - Celebrate Tu Bi'Shevat the JNF way and have **A Taste of Israel**! This is an 18+ event. Calling all Young Professionals - this is the event to be at! For more information and tickets, go to ourwebsite or call the office at 403-255-0295.



KADDISH Grief Support Group

Sunday January 25

1:00 - 3:00pm | Beth Tzedec Congregation

If you have recently suffered the loss of a loved one or any personal loss such as health, marriage, job or home, KADDISH welcomes you to join with others to gain unique tools and perspectives, along with Jewish teachings that provide helpful spiritual resources to support your journey of loss. For more information, contact Bobbie Osadchey at 403-719-5755 or email.



HOJMI Gala Dinner

Sunday January 25

5:30pm | Carriage House Inn, 9030 Macleod Trail SE HOJMI Gala Dinner featuring world-renowned speaker Rabbi Ken Spiro and author of *World Perfect - The Jewish Impact on Civilization*. The evening will also be honoring Mike Ullman and the Akiva Academy Buy the Building Committee. For ticket information, contact HOJMI at 403-259-3230 oremail.



Lil Faider Interfaith Scholar-in-Residence Program

Sunday January 25

10:00am | Beth Tzedec Congregation

Come together with our Blackfoot Nation speaker Casey Eagle Speaker for a stimulating insight into First Nations culture and spirituality. The topic will focus on the historical development of Blackfoot customs and rituals. A light brunch will be served (\$5 per person). RSVP in advance at the Synagogue office at 403-255-8688 or email. And join us on

Sunday February 22 for "Spiritual Beliefs and Practices".



Making Mitzvahs

Sunday January 25

1:00 - 3:00pm | Beth Tzedec Congregation Join Calgary YLD and Rabbi Osadchey as we make soup and learn secrets from the great chef of Beth Tzedec. The soup will be distributed through Jewish Family Service Calgary. Cost is \$18 per person. Register online or call Diana Kalef at 403-444-3154 for more information or email.



Tu B'Shevat Fused Glass

Tuesday January 27 7:00 - 8:00pm | Calgary JCC

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat by creating a unique fused glass tree wall art piece. The price is \$36 for JCC members and \$40 for the community. Register <u>online</u> or phone the JCC Customer Service desk at 403-253-8600, ext.0 and mention code 6649.



Get Ready for Shabbat with PJ Tot Shabbat

Every second Friday morning

Next: Friday January 30 and February 13

9:45 - 10:30am | Calgary JCC



Our free half-hour class will focus 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. This class is suitable for tots three years and under, together with parents, grandparents and caregivers. The PJ Library® Tot Shabbat Program is funded by Lion of Judah in honour of Jenny Belzberg, Myra Paperny and Faith Riback. There is no charge but please let Kathie Wainer know if you are planning to come at 403-537-8592 or email.



The 10th Annual One Shabbat One World!

Featuring Rabbi Yitzchak Schochet M.A. of London, England Friday January 30 and Saturday January 31 NEW VENUE THIS YEAR! For more information and to register visit our websites: JLI or Chabad or call 403-238-4880.



The Bible, Gender and Sexuality

A Weekend of Learning with Dr. Amy-Jill Levine Friday January 30 - Sunday February 1

Adam and Eve: Returning to Eden

Friday January 30 7:30 - 9:00pm | St. Mary's University

Dinah and Shechem: Responding to Abuse

Sunday February 1

10:00am Worship Service | St. David's United Church

Co-sponsored by Calgary Council of Christians and Jews, Beth Tzedec Congregation and St. Mary's University. For more information contact 403-255-8688.



Beth Tzedec Scholar-in-Residence: Professor Amy-Jill Levine

Shabbat January 31

1:00pm | Beth Tzedec Congregation

Professor Amy-Jill Levine returns for an encore lecture on the theme of "Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible." The community is welcome to attend Shabbat Services from 9:00 to 11:30am followed by Kiddush. At 1:00pm, there will be a talk on "David and Bathsheba: Refusing to Comply". For more information and to RSVP, please contact the Beth Tzedec office at 403-255-8688.



Tu Bi'Shevat Telethon

Sunday February 1 All day | Calgary JCC

The communities of Halutza, along the Gaza Border, live under the constant threat of rocket fire. JNF will be committing all tree planting efforts to improve the protection of these citizens. Security planting allows trees to act as a physical and visual barrier. Volunteers needed to help. Call Brenda at 403-255-0295 or email.



REGISTER NOW



Teachers' Convention Camp at the JCC

February 12-13

or email.

Registration is now open for Teachers' Convention Camp. For more information and to download the registration form go to our<u>website</u> or contact Ryan Pratt at 403-537-8598 or <u>email</u>.



BTZ Shul School - Jewish Education for Children

(Ages 4 - 10 or JK - Grade 4)

The first three Sundays of each month (ending June 21, 2015) 10:00am - 12:00noon | Beth Tzedec Congregation Did you know that we are accepting NEW registrations for Shul School? Give your child the opportunity to explore their Jewish tradition and culture, learn basic Hebrew and experience the joy of being Jewish. For more information contact Rabbi Joshua Corber at 403-255-8688, ext.8 oremail. To enroll contact Tracy Forman at 403-255-8688, ext.6



BTZ B'nai Mitzvah Class - Bar / Bat Mitzvah Program

(Grades 5-8)

Tuesdays (last class June 9, 2015)

4:00 - 5:30pm | Beth Tzedec Congregation

If you missed registration in September, you are not too late, we are now accepting NEW registrations for our B'nai Mitzvah classes. Your child's Bar / Bat Mitzvah marks an important milestone in his / her life's journey. Join Rabbi Shaul Osadchey, Cantor Russell Jayne and Rabbi Joshua Corber as they prepare your child spiritually, musically and hebraically. For more information contact Rabbi Joshua Corber at 403-255-8688, ext.8 or email. To enroll contact Tracy Forman at 403-255-8688, ext.6 or email.



Camp BB Riback

A summer at Camp BB Riback is not just a summer of fun... it is a lifetime of friendships, memories, traditions and skills! CAMPER (grades 1-10) REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Register before February 1 to guarantee your spot and get Summer 2015 at 2014 prices! Visit our website for more information.



Seeking Jewish Athletes for Upcoming Maccabi Games Berlin, Germany - July 27 to August 5, 2015 Santiago, Chile - December 27, 2015 to January 5, 2016

Registration and recruitment are now underway for the European and Pan American Maccabi Games. Local Jewish elite athletes are encouraged to register for this incredible athletic and Jewish experience. Several local alumni are actively working to raise awareness of the games, of the Maccabi Canada organization and the process for local Jewish elite athletes to join the Canadian Maccabi delegation. The following are a sample of sports you can compete in at the games: basketball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, karate and swimming. We invite you to become part of the Maccabi Canada movement as an athlete, coach, supporter, sponsor or volunteer today! Visit the Maccabi Canada website. For more information email Jordan Balaban, a seasoned participant. For athletic scholarship information email the Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary.





Voices Choir

Wednesdays

3:30 - 5:30pm | Calgary JCC

Join our seniors every Wednesday for choir practice led by Karina Schulz. New members are always welcome. The choir goes to various organizations and seniors homes to entertain them.



Body Blast at the JCC

Challenge yourself this winter with our 30-day personal training program. Train three times a week with a personal trainer with a personal assessment at the beginning and end of the challenge. Visit our websitefor more information or contact Scott Russell at 403-444-3150 or <a href="mailto:email



Exploring Jewish Thoughts: A Class with Rabbi Miller

Mondays beginning January 5

7:30 - 8:25pm | House of Jacob Mikveh Israel Rabbi Miller will be speaking on important Torah ideas for both beginners and advanced students. For more information, contact the HOJMI office at 403-259-3230.



EXODUS: You've (hopefully not) seen the movie, now study the Book!

Wednesdays January 7 to February 25 7:30 - 8:25pm | House of Jacob Mikveh Israel Eight sessions directed by Ridley, er, Rabbi Miller. For more information contact the HOJMI office at 403-259-3230.



Evenings with "NaCH"

Wednesdays starting January 14

7:00 - 8:00pm | Beth Tzedec Congregation

We have been reading the Torah for over 3,000 years, but except for the Haftarot and a few Megilot, how much do we really know about the Neviim (Prophets) and the Ketuvim (Writings)? Come find out what is in the rest of our sacred scriptures. I can assure you, some of it is not for the faint of heart. We will begin with the book of Joshua on January 14 and continue reading until we finish Divrei Hayamin (The books of Chronicles). Join Cantor Russ on this fascinating journey and you will never look at the TaNaCH the same way again. For more information, contact Cantor Russ at 403-255-8688, ext.4 or email.



Winter Swim Classes at the JCC

There are swim lessons and programs for any age! Visit our <u>website</u> for details or contact Cindy Walker at 403-444-3147 or<u>email</u>.





Fourth Annual Robbie Burnstein Dinner and FUNdraiser

Thursday February 5

6:00pm | Beth Tzedec Congregation

Burnstein Tix are Going Fast... Get Yours Today!

Get your plaid on for the 4th Annual Robbie Burnstein Dinner and FUNdraiser taking place at Beth Tzedec on Thursday February 5. Proceeds of the dinner and live auction support education and outreach programs at Beth Tzedec and the Woodridge PREP Centre, a community-based resource supporting youth with Down Syndrome and their families. Ticket sales have been brisk. With more than 80% sold, we have very few seats remaining. Avoid disappointment by purchasing your tickets today online or by calling the Beth Tzedec office at 403-255-8688, ext.0.



Family Mindfulness and Parenting

Wednesday February 11

 $7:00 - 9:00 pm \mid Jewish Family Service Calgary$

#420, 5920 1A Street SW

Presenter Cirel Rutstein MSW, RSW, Clinical Counsellor, will be talking about how practicing mindfulness can help with cultivating healthy relationships at home that will have a lasting impact on our children. This is the third topic of a four-part Parenting Series JFSC will be offering this year in partnership with Akiva Academy and the Calgary Jewish Academy. Space is limited. Please RSVP to secure your seat by email or call 403-287-3510.



All in the Family - Sharing Family Histories

Tuesday February 11 and Wednesday February 18 9:00am - 12:00pm | Calgary JCC Lobby

In honour of Family Day, The Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta is collecting material relating to family history. Bring a family photo, your family tree, your family history or your favourite family anecdote to the JCC Lobby. We can scan your material for our files and return it to you or you can donate it for our collections. For further information: JHSSA office 403-444-3171 or email.



BTZ Tot Shabbat (Monthly)

Friday February 13

5:00pm | Beth Tzedec Congregation

Introduce your little one to the magic and majesty of Shabbat in prayer, song and story. Meet other young families in a relaxed setting and become familiar with the rituals of Shabbat. For more information contact Beth Tzedec at 403-255-8688.



HAZAK 55+

Executor Duties and Responsibilities and Incapacity and the Authority to Act

Thursday February 19

12:00 - 2:30pm | Beth Tzedec Congregation

Presenter: Aaron Bickman, Partner, McLeod Law Practice areas include: Wills & Estates, Trusts, Estate Litigation and Planning, Guardianship &

Trusteeship, and Probate & Estate Administration. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers at the conclusion of Aaron's presentation. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon and costs \$5 per person with the program to follow. For more information please contact Donna Caplan at 403-271-3066. RSVP to Beth Tzedec at 403-255-8688.



The Fairmont Palliser Hotel and its Jewish History; An Illustrated Talk by Harry Sanders

Sunday February 22 2:00pm | Calgary JCC No admission fee

The Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta invites the public to an illustrated talk by local historian Harry Sanders about our Jewish community's long-standing connection to the Palliser Hotel. If you have photos of events that took place in the Palliser or if you'd like further information about the program please contact JHSSA at 403-444-3171 oremail.



Purim Carnival

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 please <a href="mailto:emailt



YLD Purim Party

Saturday March 7 7:30pm | The Libertine 223 8 Avenue SW

BAM! POW! It's Heroes and Villains night for the Young Leadership Purim Party. Rock your spandex and mask! Entry fee includes drinks, food and entertainment. \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door, \$25 for students. Buy tickets <u>online</u>. Contact Diana Kalef for more information at 403-444-3154 or <u>email</u>.



"The Q" - A Multimedia Trivia Event

Sunday March 15

7:00pm | Carriage House

Join us for an evening of camaraderie, food, laughs and good natured competition. <u>Email</u> Calgary Community Kollel or call 403-613-0248.



Family A JFSC Cabaret Honouring Debbie Krygier

Sunday March 29

6:30pm | Gasoline Alley in Heritage Park

There will be food and entertainment as we honour Debbie Krygier for the time and effort that she donates to community events for various Jewish organizations. For more information, contact Jewish Family Service Calgary at 403-287-3510.



Family Recognizing and Addressing Bullying

Thursday May 14

Courtesy of Jewish Family Service Calgary. Details to follow. For inquires, contact Tanya Muschanov at 403-287-3510.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Little Synagogue at Heritage Park

The Little Synagogue at Heritage Park is recruiting for volunteers and staff for the upcoming summer. This is a meaningful and engaging volunteer opportunity as the visitors: local, national and international, are delighted to visit this building and learn more about its history, restoration and artifacts. Heritage Park gives in depth training in history of the period, interpretive skill development and specific site training at the Synagogue. Training takes place in May. The Park opens on the May long weekend and operates seven days a week during the summer season. Kindly contact Leslie Levant at 403-259-3740.



Camp BB Riback

NOW HIRING SUMMER 2015 STAFF TEAM (grades 11+)! A role on the staff team at Camp BB is a great responsibility and a great opportunity. Make a difference for yourself and those you serve. Applyonline today!



Family Claims Conference Homemaking Program - Support Worker

Jewish Family Service Calgary is looking for compassionate, gentle caregivers with a passion for the elderly. We will be providing care to Holocaust Survivors so they are able to continue living comfortably and independently in their own home. Responsibility, compassion, time management, trustworthiness, and Russian language fluency are the key traits we are looking for. For more information please visit our website and go to the Careers page. Please submit resume and cover letter to Robyn Winograd by <a href="mailto:email

Weizmann Canada - Part-time Development Officer

Weizmann Canada is seeking a part-time Development Officer. The Development Officer's main goal is to continue growing our presence in the Calgary area and play a key role in prospecting, cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship of new and existing donors. Responsibilities

include: maintaining donor records, working with the national team on events and building awareness. As well as working with lay committees and volunteers to support their efforts on behalf of Weizmann. Requirements: University degree or equivalent, strong computer skills, ability to work independently, experience with a fundraising database. This position has the potential to become full time. Interested candidates can email CV and cover letter to Lorie Blumer.



DID YOU KNOW?



Shalom Baby

Has there been an addition to your family?

Shalom Baby welcomes new babies and their parents to the Calgary Jewish community by providing free Shalom Baby gift bags filled with information, resources and gifts from Jewish organizations in the city. We invite new parents and grandparents to share the joyful news of a new baby in our community with us and we will arrange for the delivery of a Shalom Baby gift bag. Please <a href="mailto:em



News from Israel and the Jewish World

For up to the minute news and insights on Israel and the Jewish world, please click <u>here</u>.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We Want to Hear From You!

If you have any comments about ePom or anything else in the community, please contact Adam Silver, Chief Executive Officer, Calgary Jewish Federation at 403-444-3151 or email.

Calgary Jewish Federation wants you! We have lots of exciting information to share about upcoming programs and events. If you are not already receiving our publications, please send us your contact information and we will be sure to bring you up to date on happenings in Jewish Calgary. To sign up today, contact Aviva Kolotinsky at 403-444-3157 or email.