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## JCC negotiations reach an impasse

By Steve Shafir and Gary Wolch

(EJNews) – On August 1, 2019, the Presidents of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton and the Edmonton Talmud Torah Society issued this letter to the Edmonton Jewish Community regarding the status of the Jewish Community Centre project in Edmonton.

Steven Shafir and Gary Wolch released this letter to the community:

We are writing to you as the Presidents of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton and the Talmud Torah Society. After years of stakeholder engagement, over the last 18 months, our two organizations have been negotiating the terms of an agreement to build a Jewish Community Centre on the Talmud Torah Society lands. The negotiations culminated in a vote in December 2018 by the members of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton to continue negotiations and thereafter proceed with the build provided an additional \$1 million was raised.

Later this past winter, the members of the Talmud Torah Society, which include the members of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, failed to pass a motion giving the board of directors of the Edmonton Talmud Torah Society the power to enter in to an agreement to lease a portion of its lands and building to the Jewish Community Centre of Edmonton.

We would like to acknowledge Clive Oshry's commitment to the Edmonton Jewish Community over the last 9 years as he nurtured this JCC project. He brought us closer to a new JCC than most would have fathomed just 10 years ago.

We would also like to thank the committee members who spent hundreds of hours negotiating the terms of a potential JCC: Matt Singer, Adam Merrick, Ori Ovics, Mike Sadovnick, Steve Shafir, Kevin Swerling and Doug Wolch.

The dedication of these individuals to bettering the Edmonton Jewish Community cannot be underestimated. We are indebted to the hard work of all of our volunteers, who take time out of their lives to serve the community's interests.

## Award winning Israel Pavilion draws large crowds



The Aviv Israeli Folk Dancers were the stars of the Israel Pavilion during this year's Edmonton Heritage Festival which took place from August 3 to 5 at Hawrelak Park. The Israel Pavilion, operated by the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, joined one hundred others representing and celebrating different countries and cultures. It was among the 73 colourful and vibrant tents dotted throughout park for the 44th edition of the three-day multicultural festival.

The Israel Pavilion was awarded a top cultural award for the arts at this year's festival. In addition to the Aviv Dancers and mini dancers, the Shiru ha Shir dancers also performed several times each day to the delight of audiences. Other elements of the pavilion included a selection of authentic foods to sample, an oasis in the Negev Desert and making bracelets with your name in Hebrew. Yasher Koach to all the volunteers who helped make this year's pavilion a success.

"At this time, we are announcing the mutual disbanding of our negotiating committees, as this process has exhausted the time and energy of these groups; going forward, neither organization has identified an individual willing to take over the leadership of this JCC project."

Despite this impasse, the Jewish Federation of Edmonton wishes to confirm its commitment to the Talmud Torah Society and the Talmud Torah School. The school will remain a significant beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton. The failure to come together to build a JCC and the strong historical, current and future relationship between the Talmud Torah Society and the Jewish Federation of Edmonton are mutually exclusive and we want to stress that the two organizations will maintain, continue and build on our existing relationship.

In addition, the Talmud Torah Society confirms its vital role in Edmonton's Jewish community and recognizes that, as the community's school, the Talmud Torah Society and the school building can be, and will be, a central gathering point for the community for future events.

Both the two of us and our organizations look forward to working together for the benefit of the Edmonton Jewish community as a whole. Please stay tuned for future communication from the Jewish Federation of Edmonton regarding the next steps regarding the use of the Jewish Community Centre funds.

The letter is signed, Steve Shafir and Gary Wolch, Presidents, Jewish Federation of Edmonton and Edmonton Talmud Torah Society.

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## Join the fun: Beth Israel Golf at the Links on August 25

By Stan and Rosemary Kitay

Summer is finally here and outdoor activities are in full swing. Yes, swing is the operative word with the familiar sounds of the season we have all been waiting so patiently: whack—oh no, not again. (You can also add your own expletives.)

That's right, it's golf season.

To all the golfers out there, from the scratch golfer to the novice hacker: have a great season and have a good time. That's what it's all about.

Beth Israel is organizing its upcoming golf tournament scheduled for Sunday 25 August. This event promises to be as good and hopefully better than our recent tournaments in 2015 & 2017.

A Sunday event starting at 1pm at the Links Spruce Grove gives everyone an opportunity to

take part. We accept all players including those who have never held a club before. A Texas scramble format ensures a good pace of play so that all players can enjoy the game without the frustration of the game dragging on for 6 hours or so.

Cost per golfer is \$180 including 18 holes of golf, dinner, driving range balls, a food and drink voucher and use of a golf cart.

As usual for a Jewish institution tournament, you will not go hungry or thirsty. Your blood sugar levels will be well cared for!

We have scheduled the delicious kosher dinner, prize giving and silent auction for Monday evening at 6.30pm at Beth Israel Synagogue. If you cannot golf, please join us for dinner for a nominal fee of \$40.

We have a huge variety of donated auction

items including rounds of golf and a spin in a high performance sports car.

Donations in the form of cash or items for the silent auction are also welcome.

Please sign up as a single, couple or bring as many friends, family members and work colleagues as you can. Funds raised will be designated to our youth department and programs, which we all know is so important to the future well being of our Jewish institutions.

Please contact the Shul office at 780-488-2840 or [roxanne@familyshul](mailto:roxanne@familyshul) for more details.

We are also available at [skitay@shaw.ca](mailto:skitay@shaw.ca) or [rlkitay57@gmail.com](mailto:rlkitay57@gmail.com) if you have any queries.

We look forward to hosting, feeding and entertaining you.

Your BI golf co-chairs, Stan & Rosemary Kitay.

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### Israeli dancers perform



The Shiru ha Shir dancers organized by Maya Goldberg, gave several lovely performances as part of the Israel Pavilion.

## Registration is open for YEG Na'amat Leadership Retreat

By Robin Marcus

Mark your calendars for the weekend of September 6 - 8, 2019!

Na'amat Canada Edmonton is hosting an "in-city" Leadership Retreat at Talmud Torah School (6320-172 St.) on Sunday September 8 from 9 am - 4 pm.

We are thrilled to welcome Na'amat Canada National President, Doris Wexler-Charow to Edmonton. Doris Wexler will be leading us in a workshop using Open Space Technology. Other speakers and fun activities will round out

the day. Lunch and snacks will be included in the registration cost.

On Friday, Sept. 6th, the Young Edmonton Na'amat chapter (ages 25-35) will be hosting a family-style, potluck Shabbat dinner, for their demographic.

On Saturday night, Sept. 7th, a Wine & Cheese Social will be held for all retreat registrants and their significant others.

Na'amat Canada Edmonton includes 3 chapters: Aviva (our most "mature" members); Tikvah (our in-between age demographic) and, also now, a burgeoning young women's chapter.

All 3 chapters invite any interested women in our community, members or non-members of Na'amat to participate in this exciting and dynamic retreat. If you are not currently on our e-mail list and would like to find out more information, as more details become available, please e-mail Darlene Bushewsky, Na'amat City Council President at: dbushewsky@hotmail.com.

We hope that you can join us!

For more information on Na'amat, the international organization and what we do in Canada, please check out the website at [naamat.com](http://naamat.com).

## Canada won't reschedule the federal election

(JTA) — Canada is not changing the date of its national elections, even though they fall on a Jewish holiday.

Chief electoral officer Stéphane Perrault announced July 29, 2019 that he would not recommend changing the date, which coincides with the last days of Sukkot. On July 23, the country's federal court ordered him to review a prior decision.

The government responded to a lawsuit filed by an Orthodox Jewish candidate in Canada's federal election and a Jewish voter. They claimed that holding elections on Oct. 21, which is Shemini Atzeret, one of the last days of the Sukkot holiday, discriminates against observant Canadian Jews.

Of the four advance polling days, three are on other Jewish holidays or Shabbat, when observant Jews are prohibited from working, traveling, actively using electricity or performing a variety of workaday tasks. A special ballot can be sent by mail.

Perrault said he is committed to working with the Jewish community to "maximize voting options."

Chani Aryeh-Bain, the Conservative Party candidate for the Toronto-area district of Eglinton-Lawrence, is an observant Jew and therefore will not be able to campaign on Election Day, nor have members of her community campaign for her outside of polling stations.

Since 2007, Canadian law has mandated that national elections be held on the third Monday in October in the fourth calendar year following the previous election. Canada's 2008 federal election fell on the first day of Sukkot.

## Heritage Festival Highlights from the Israel Pavilion



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# Or Shalom fosters a sense of community

By Francie Nobleman and Debby Waldman

Since opening its doors more than five years ago, Or Shalom has welcomed students from a range of backgrounds. The Jewish school meets at Temple Beth Ora.

The curriculum integrates three areas of study: Torah and ethics, holidays and customs, and Hebrew. The teachers each have rich and diverse Jewish experiences. What they share is a love of Judaism, and enthusiasm about sharing that love. Music is a key part of the curriculum, with the students learning songs in English and Hebrew. Song sessions are always held at the end of the day, so parents can join in before heading home.

Or Shalom is dedicated to fostering a sense of community amongst not just the students, but the families. Several times during the year the school hosts a family education day in which students are encouraged to come with their families - parents, siblings, grandparents and others - to learn as a group.

Other special events include interactions with Jewish seniors at Our Parents Home, and celebrations of Jewish holidays. Last year the students wrote and put on a Purim play. They worked on the program for weeks, including making papier mache puppets for the production.

"We are going to try to create more events like this where they have longer, more in depth projects which they work on," Rabbi Caine says. "This allows them to create something and have an opportunity to present it. It gives the kids opportunities to be creative and take leadership roles. They still have their teachers to guide them, but they are doing more of the creation."

The teachers have been busy this summer planning the 2019-20 school year. Preparation has included a study session during which Rabbi Gila Caine provided an introduction to Mussar, a Jewish practice of virtue-based ethics; and middot, which are character traits.

Each month the curriculum will focus on one or more character traits, including empathy, perseverance, enthusiasm, responsibility, patience, generosity, joy, respect, honesty, trustworthiness, and integrity. In Nissan, which



Or Shalom Sunday School is a welcoming and nurturing environment.

corresponds with Pesach, the trait will be fairness. As such, the students will learn about Pesach through that lens.

"We will build the conversation around Pesach, about how we behave, how do we make a world that is fair for everybody," Rabbi Caine says. "It is not just the story of Pesach, it's a story that is relevant to much more."

One of Rabbi Caine's goals for this year is that students will start to develop what she calls "an inner Jewish language." In the following Q&A, the Rabbi explains a little more about what that means.

*Why is it important to have a "Jewish language" for our everyday experience?*

I want the children, and I think also our teachers want the children, to have a wholistic Jewish identity, so it doesn't just fit in these highlight moments. You don't just turn into being Jewish on Friday when the sun goes down, for instance. You are still Jewish on Monday morning or on Tuesday at school.

I would like the students to be able to approach anything from a Jewish perspective. Kids are very good at taking these things and translating them into their lives. We want to give them tools to make a "Jewish language" relevant for their everyday life.

*Why is it so important for them to have an inner Jewish language?*

Because it ties us immediately to things that I think are important: it allows each of the children to be able to mine their own culture in a more complex and creative way. It will give them another layer of Jewish identity. And I'm hoping it will make their Jewish education more interesting.

*Why make this a priority at Or Shalom?*

First of all we want the kids to take whatever they study at the school into their daily life. We don't want Or Shalom and their Judaism to be something that just happens at Or Shalom school, we want it to be something that happens every day. They need these ethics every day.

*What are the advantages of having this inner Jewish language?*

It allows you to communicate with other Jews - not just the Jews that sit in your own synagogue, but the wider Jewish world. It opens up another door to Jewish civilization. Shabbat is a door, the high holidays are a door, and having this Jewish language will open another door. Even if you do not celebrate Shabbat in the same way, or the holidays or festivals in the same way, this will give you the tools to understand how things are similar in our culture.

Or Shalom School is currently taking registrations for the fall. For information call Temple Beth Ora at 780-487-4817 or email [office@templebethora.org](mailto:office@templebethora.org).

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## Folk Fest and Fringe are gems of the summer festival season

By Deborah Shatz

(EJNews) – Summer in Edmonton means the return of festival season in Alberta’s Capital and once again the season will be anchored by the always-fantastic Edmonton Folk Music Festival followed by the ever-popular Edmonton Fringe Festival.

The 2019 Folk Fest will be taking place August 8-11 at Edmonton’s Gallagher Park featuring headliners Hozier, Brandi Carlile, Blue Rodeo, The Waifs and The War & Treaty.

If you’ve never been to Folk Fest, you should give it a try. And if you are a longtime fan who missed out on the ticket launch, don’t miss the opportunity now.

Each year the Festival comes to Edmonton and fills Gallagher Park with amazing music and a friendly easygoing atmosphere. It’s a great opportunity to take a break from everyday life for the weekend or just a day or night and sit back, relax and enjoy some great live music in a beautiful outdoor venue. There is always so much to do, and so much to see. With 69 artists playing this year, plus countless food vendors, art and craft displays and merchandise, and activities for kids and families, there truly is something for everyone.

The main stage is located at the bottom of the hill at Gallagher Park, creating natural stadium seating for all those in attendance, and featuring one of the most gorgeous views of Edmonton the city has to offer, and amazing sound quality.

In addition to the main stage, the festival has continuous music being played on 7 side stages throughout the day featuring several fan favorites including *Ani DiFranco*, *The Brother Brothers*, *The Harpoonist* and the *Axe Murderer*, *Kenny Blue Boss Wayne* and many more.

For more information on the 2019 Edmonton Folk Music Festival, including full lineup details visit [edmontonfolkfest.org](http://edmontonfolkfest.org).

Right on the heels of Folk Fest, the 38th Annual Edmonton Fringe Festival will take place in the heart of Old Strathcona from August 15-25. Tickets go on sale August 7 at 12 noon.

Over 1600 artists will descend upon some of Edmonton’s established and makeshift venues to perform a wide range

of alternative theatre ranging from hilarious to heart wrenching, improv to scripted and conventional to avant garde. The 10-day festival saturates the streets and theatres in Old Strathcona with a lively and festive atmosphere.

Several of the upcoming shows have Jewish connections, two in particular are: *The Walk in the Snow* - The true story of Lise Meitner by Jem Rolls and *Ingenue: Deanna Durbin, Judy Garland and the Golden Age of Hollywood* by Edmonton community member Melanie Gall.

*The Walk in the Snow* tells the overlooked story of Lise Meitner, a Jewish Austrian physicist who helped give the first theoretical explanation of the fission process. Her role in working with other prominent scientists was ignored at the time, while her mentors and collaborators were awarded the Nobel prize in chemistry in 1945.

Written and performed by Fringe veteran Jem Rolls in a breathless 60 minutes, *The Walk in the Snow* played to sold out audiences in London, Ottawa, Regina and Winnipeg this summer.

CBC gave it 5 out of 5 stars, writing that Jem Rolls “shines brightly, bringing us the tale of an important hidden figure in the history of physics.”

“Ever political, Rolls knows too much to let this story stay in the past. This is very much about today, redressing the forgotten contributions of women and reminding us how, in a flash, our times can change utterly.”

*The Walk in the Snow* is being performed at Walterdale Theatre beginning August 16.

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“We are so appreciative of Devorah’s devotion to the work of the Jewish National Fund and being so committed to serving our community,” stated JNF Edmonton Executive Director Jason Cairns.

“We want to wish Devorah all the very best in this exciting new chapter and wish her a retirement filled with joy and happiness,” added JNF Edmonton President Sharon Bookhalter.

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*Ingenue: Deanna Durbin, Judy Garland and the Golden Age of Hollywood* is a wonderful musical show that tells the true tale of the lifelong friendship – and rivalry – of these two idols of Old Hollywood.

Each chapter of the story is paired with a song - many from the time period, but a few operatic pieces as well, which showcase Gall’s spectacular singing.

CBC called Melanie Gall an “unforgettable delight” and Apt613.ca said that “*Ingenue* is a charming, beautifully polished show. I highly recommend this play to everyone. Whether or not the historical aspect is of interest to you, Melanie Gall’s singing is a sublime experience that should not be missed.”

*Ingenue* is playing at Yardbird Suite starting August 15.

Visit [fringetheatre.ca](http://fringetheatre.ca) for a full schedule and to purchase tickets; tickets are also available at the Fringe box office.



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# Happiness Guru Yoram Yovell visits Edmonton

by Deborah Shatz

The Canadian Friends of Hebrew University (CFHU) hosted an extremely engaging event on July 23 at the University of Alberta featuring Israel's Guru of Happiness Dr. Yoram Yovell. The Edmonton event was the final stop in a Western Canadian speaking tour that included Vancouver and Calgary.

Prof. Yovell, a charismatic speaker, had the full house crowd completely enraptured by his enlightening, witty and timely address. His topic, The Science of Happiness, appealed to a broad spectrum of the community as well as U of A faculty and students but one of the most appealing aspects of the event was its celebration of Israeli innovation.

In these difficult political times, there is such a wide divide between the right, the left and the pragmatic but there is overwhelming agreement that Israel is at the forefront of innovation, particularly the research and development that is taking place at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Prof. Yovell's address was a lovely opportunity to be reminded of that and for members of the community from all levels of affiliation to gather.

The evening opened with CFHU Edmonton chapter president and emcee Howie Sniderman introducing Dina Wachtel, Executive Director of CFHU – Western Division. Wachtel explained that Hebrew University is one of the leading centres for academic research and development. As part of its recent 82nd Board of Governors (BOG) meeting, 335 students were awarded PhD degrees, more than at any other academic institution in Israel. The majority of new PhDs were in the Natural Sciences (72), Humanities (70) and Social Sciences (46) fields. Fifty-three percent of the recipients were men, and forty-seven percent, women.

The graduates themselves spanned generations - the oldest was a 75-year-old completing a PhD in History, while the youngest was a 27-year-old completing a doctorate in Medicine.

Wachtel spoke about the wonderful synergy of entrepreneurship and academia that is centred at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem citing the internationally acclaimed development of two innovations: delicious cherry tomatoes that are beloved around the world and the safety sensor mechanism in cars that alerts drivers if they veer out of their lanes or into harm's way.

In addition to introducing Wachtel, Prof. Yovell, and Dr. Walter Dixon, Assistant VP of Research at the U of A, Sniderman expressed with appreciation that the Edmonton event was co-sponsored by the University of Alberta. He said that one of CFHU's goals in bringing Prof. Yovell to Edmonton was to further strengthen the bond between Hebrew University and the University of Alberta, two highly acclaimed centres of excellence for academia and research.

Happiness is a very compelling topic and Prof. Yovell is a very accomplished speaker, academic and scientist. He is an

associate professor in the Division of Clinical Neuroscience at HU's Hadassah Ein Kerem Medical Centre in Jerusalem. As a scientist, he researches drugs targeting the specific areas of the brain where physical and emotional pain reside. By identifying the exact receptors in the brain that trigger intense sadness, his lab discovered alternatives to opioid treatments, giving hope to some of the most severely depressed patients they treat.

Prof. Yovell's description of his ground-breaking therapy and the way it's changing the lives of suicidal patients gave everyone in the audience an even greater appreciation of how important happiness is.

In addition to his description of the science behind happiness, Prof. Yovell offered numerous tips that would help us all lead happier lives. He said that happiness is not a miracle, but rather something to work on. Few people are genetically happy. The rest of us need to devote time and effort to making ourselves happier. So, go ahead and work on your happiness but make sure your efforts are in the right directions.

Pleasure ≠ happiness. Pleasure is an essential ingredient of happiness and by all means enjoy it but remember that because of the way the pleasure circuits function in our brain, maximizing pleasure will never lead us to sustained happiness.

Most of our happiness ultimately comes from meaningful things we do in life and from our meaningful relationships. Focus on those and you'll find that much happiness comes from action and from contributing to the welfare of the people and causes you care about.

Before breaking for a dessert reception, Sniderman thanked Professor Yovell for his engaging address and presented him with a gift of HBC Canada mittens to



Hebrew U Professor Yoram Yovell gave an engaging lecture on the Science of Happiness to a happy Edmonton audience on July 23, courtesy of CFHU and the U of A. Prof Yovell and his daughter enjoyed some sight seeing in Edmonton with CFHU Edmonton president Howie Sniderman and Debby Sniderman and Western Canada Exec. Director Dina Wachtel.

remember his trip to Edmonton – one pair for him and one for his young daughter who accompanied him on his Canadian tour.

He thanked the audience for attending and said that plans are already underway for more opportunities to showcase the innovations of Hebrew University to the Edmonton community.

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# Bnai Mitzvah project begins in September

by Yaara Shabtai

Bar / Bat Mitzvah is a significant milestone in Jewish life, signifying the responsibility and commitment that comes with growing up. Together, we will embark on a journey that will strengthen our personal, familial, communal, and national identity. The B'nai Mitzvah Project puts emphasis on personal growth while creating memories that will last a lifetime. This project is suitable for all age-appropriate children regardless of affiliation.

Led by Keren and Aviv Scheinman, through this project we will take the kids and their families on a journey through different circles of life: Me - self-recognition, independence, growth; My Family - understanding the meaning of family value and family history; My Community - familiarity with my community, where I live, past, important events, and more; and Outside my community - familiarity with my country, cultures and history.

We are proud to announce that the pilot year has been very successful! "[My son] got so much out of this. The roots project allowed our entire family to learn amazing things about our ancestors that we never would have known without this initiative," says Gary Wolch.



The B'nai Mitzvah Project will be held again this year for families who have children who are 12 and 13 years old. Registration ends August 31.

We are excited to start with a new group of Bnei/Bnot - Mitzvah in September. All children who will celebrate their Bar/Bat Mitzvah next year are invited to join us on this amazing, once in a lifetime journey.

Registration ends on August 31st and meetings will start in mid-September. For more information please contact Yaara Shabtai at yaaras@edjfed.org

# Bringing Chai Lifeline to Edmonton

By Gail Bergman

A group of Chai Lifeline Canada girls, aged 9-13, and their high-school student chaperones, enjoyed a three-day trip to Edmonton last month (June 16-18).

Their first stop was Beth Israel Synagogue, where they enjoyed an Italian-themed dinner with the Edmonton Jewish community.

The goal of the trip – besides important bonding to give the girls strength and lots of fun at the West Edmonton Mall – was to raise awareness about Chai Lifeline among the Edmonton Jewish community and start the expansion of the organization's services to Edmonton.

The Chai girls who participated in the trip included those who have siblings going through health crises, some clients

who were medically stable enough to go, as well as some Penina's Helping Hand girls who are having a rough time.

The girls had an incredible three days! From the Galaxyland Amusement Park to the World Waterpark and everything in between, their adventurers explored it all. And so much fun was had every step of the way! Chai Lifeline extended a very warm thank you to West Edmonton Mall and their team of employees who helped facilitate this once in a lifetime opportunity for the Chai Lifeline Family.

Based in Toronto, with an office in Montreal, Chai Lifeline Canada is a charity that helps support the families of children who suffer from life-threatening or lifelong illnesses. With 535 volunteers helping 400 children and 2,000 family members, it provides dozens of free initiatives to help give children stability and their families a sense of normalcy.

Initiatives include counselling, tutoring for children missing extended periods of school, family retreats, sibling programs similar to that of "Big Brother, Big Sister" and summer camps for kids.



Edmonton community member Devora Kaplan with Chai Lifeline client Tehilla Zelunka of Toronto.

For more information visit [chailifelinecanada.org](http://chailifelinecanada.org).

## Talmud Torah Society Rosh Hashanah Flower Fundraiser To Support 2019-20 Grade 6 Shabbaton



The Talmud Torah Society is selling bouquets of flowers for Rosh Hashanah. The proceeds from this fundraiser make it possible for our Grade 6 class to spend a weekend with their counterparts from Vancouver, Richmond, and other communities, learning and celebrating Jewish life as they prepare to graduate from TT. It's the culminating activity of their time at our school!

For only \$40, you'll get a lovely bouquet delivered to your Edmonton-area friends or family just in time for Rosh Hashanah 5780, which begins at sunset on Sunday, September 29.

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