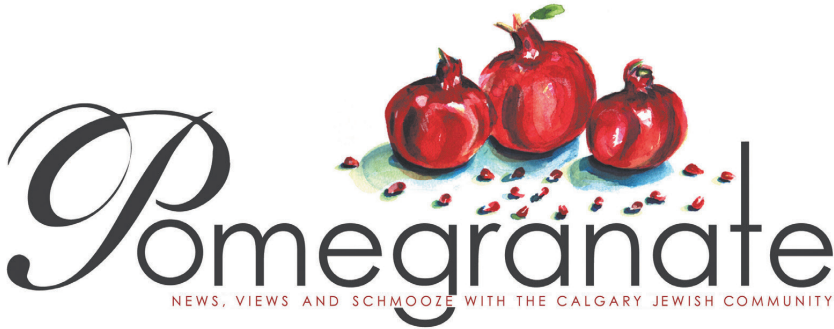


community calendar

Want to know what's going on in Jewish Calgary?
Check out the Community Calendar at jewishcalgary.org

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A MESSAGE FROM ADAM SILVER

Each year, the month of February ushers in **Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month (JDAIM)**. The initiative's co-founder, Shelly Christensen (who has visited and presented to Jewish Calgary in the past), highlights JDAIM's mission is to unite Jewish communities worldwide to raise awareness and champion the rights of all Jews to be accepted and included in all aspects of Jewish and community life. This inclusion does not simply mean creating specific programs for those who are different. Rather, our goal as a community is to provide accommodations for enhanced participation in programming and, from a strengths-based perspective, showcase the incredible talents and contributions of Jewish Calgarians who are neuro-diverse or have various disabilities.

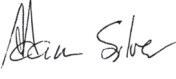
It is our collective responsibility and opportunity to ensure all members of Jewish Calgary feel welcome, and our community organizations continue to

commit to being growingly more inclusive. Many organizations are now offering accessible options enhanced audio and visual support, sensory-aware options for programs and services, and free admission for aids/companions who accompany community members to assist them. It is not enough to simply open the doors, however. It is critical for us all to address any preconceived notions we have, and to act with kindness, empathy, and appreciation. Judaism commands us to not insult the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of someone who is blind (Leviticus 19:14). Removing barriers and including each and every person in the *Kehillah* (community) are core tenets of our faith, and certainly drivers of Jewish Calgary.

Though JDAIM comes only one month a year, inclusion is a year-round and evolving practice. As we imagine ways our community can and does embrace those who are different, we must all make

time to reflect on ways our families and homes can do the same. What can we learn from those who have different cognitive or physical abilities? Can we slow down and, in the moment, see their beautiful and talented souls? In what ways can we include those with diverse needs and abilities in our lives and community practices? While we continue to remove barriers and make programs and services more accessible, we still have much work to do. It is my commitment that we will continue to learn and grow, making Jewish Calgary the welcoming and inclusive home I know it can and wants to be.

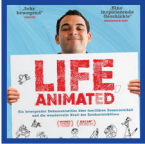
B'Shalom,


Adam Silver
CEO, Calgary Jewish Federation

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

February is Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance & Inclusion Month


Celebrate and join us at our featured events at the Paperny Family JCC



WELCOME DINNER AND MOVIE:
LIFE ANIMATED

Wednesday, February 8
5:30-8:00PM


A coming-of-age story about a boy and his family who overcame great challenges by turning Disney animated movies into a language to express love, loss, kinship, and brotherhood. Dinner: \$25 • Movie: FREE



ART EXHIBIT:
THROUGH MY EYES

February 12-28
Opening Reception: February 12


View the work of **Yehudit Chayil** and her inspirational message that "no challenge is too great." Meet this talented artist at the opening reception on Sunday, February 12 from 3:00 to 5:30PM.



SPECIAL IN UNIFORM:
WHEN NO IS NOT AN OPTION


Sunday, February 26
1:00PM


Featuring guest speaker **Lt. Col. (Res.) Tiran Attia**, Director of Special in Uniform. Be inspired with how adults with disabilities are fully included, and find pride and joy in the Israel Defence Forces.



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In her latest book, **Dara Horn** explores a pointed question: Why do people seem to love dead Jews, but not living ones?

The Holocaust continues to make headlines and fill our films and fiction. Yet ignorance and indifference towards Jew-hatred seems to be higher than ever.

Join Dara as she discusses what exactly is going on here.

IN RECOGNITION OF
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PEOPLE LOVE DEAD JEWS

WITH DARA HORN

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JANUARY 26-30
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Set in Vienna in 1938 and London during the Blitzkrieg, *The Children of Willesden Lane* tells the story of Lisa Jura, a young Jewish pianist who is dreaming about her concert debut at the storied Musikverein concert hall. With the issuing of new ordinances under the Nazi regime, everything for Lisa changes, except for her love of music and the pursuit of her dream.

Combining vivid storytelling and masterful performances of classics by Bach, Beethoven, and Rachmaninoff, *The Children of Willesden Lane* is a critically acclaimed one-woman show that illustrates how music can bring light and hope to even the darkest of times.

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