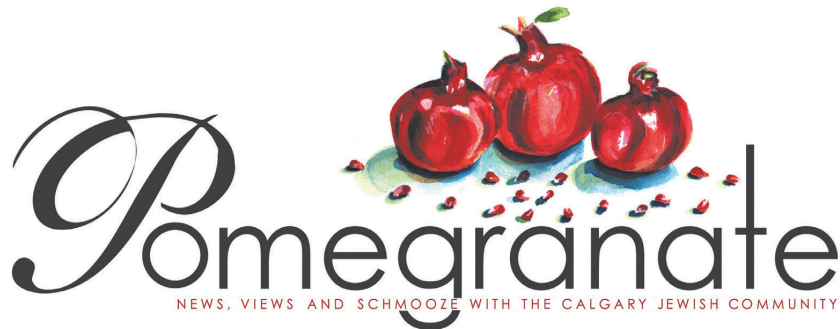


community calendar

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A MESSAGE FROM ADAM SILVER

I am writing this message on the heels of *Rosh HaShanah* and *Yom Kippur*, and slightly before *Sukkot* begins. The High Holidays bring community together but are oriented toward internal reflection and a renewed commitment to be our best individual selves in the coming year. Certainly, there is power in seeing our community come together in attending synagogue services, wishing one another greetings, and committing to a personal reset. However, it's the following *chagim*, *Sukkot*, *Shemini Atzeret*, and *Simchat Torah* that, for me, are much more focused on collective communal experience.

Sukkot offers an opportunity for building and nurturing our sense of community. Also known as the Feast of Tabernacles, *Sukkot* is more than just a celebration of harvest; it is a time to come together, share, and strengthen the bonds that unite us.

During *Sukkot*, we build *sukkahs*, temporary booths, in our yards or communal spaces. These simple structures serve as a powerful symbol of unity and togetherness. Just as the *sukkah's* walls are open and welcoming, our hearts and homes should be open to those around us, fostering a sense of belonging and community.

Here are some ways in which *Sukkot* encourages community building:

1. **Inviting Others In:** The holiday is a time to invite friends, family, and even strangers into your *sukkah* to share meals and celebrate together. It's an opportunity to connect with others, both within and outside our immediate circles.
2. **Shared Traditions:** *Sukkot* comes with unique traditions, such as waving the *lulav* and *etrog* – "Four Species" – and spending time sitting, eating, and even sleeping in the *sukkah*. Engaging in these rituals together with family and friends can create a sense of unity and shared purpose. Jews all over the world are doing similar things at the same time.
3. **Reflecting on Gratitude:** *Sukkot* is a time to express gratitude for the harvest and the blessings of life. Sharing these sentiments with others deepens our sense of community and reminds us of the importance of collective thankfulness.
4. **Community *Sukkot* Events:** Many of our community's organizations host communal gatherings during *Sukkot*. Participating in these events can help us connect with neighbors and build a stronger local community.

5. Acts of Kindness:

Emulating the value of hospitality and kindness demonstrated during *Sukkot* can extend beyond the holiday itself. Engaging in acts of kindness toward others is a way to build and maintain a strong sense of community year-round.

This *Sukkot*, let us embrace the opportunity to build and strengthen our community bonds. Reach out to neighbors, invite friends over to your *sukkah*, or join communal celebrations. Use this special time to foster connections, share traditions, and celebrate the beauty of togetherness.

May your *Sukkot* be filled with warmth, joy, and a deep sense of community and belonging.

Chag Sameach!



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

Kristallnacht THE NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 | 7:00PM | BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION

FOUR WINTERS

Torn from their families by the ravages of Hitler's armies, young men and women, many barely in their teens, escaped into the forests, banding together in partisan brigades, transforming from young innocents raised in closely knit families to courageous resistance fighters. Shattering the myth of Jewish passivity, some of the last surviving partisans share their inspiring stories of resistance, revealing a heartfelt narrative of heroism, determination, and resilience.



Please join us for our annual Kristallnacht commemoration followed by the screening of **Four Winters: A Story of Jewish Partisan Resistance and Bravery in WWII**.

Julia Mintz, director, writer, and producer of the film will be in attendance for a post-screening Q&A.

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PJ LIBRARY® CALGARY IS PROUD TO INTRODUCE OUR FIRST PARENT CONNECTORS!



This new program, made possible through an engagement grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, is designed to help us engage more Jewish families across Calgary. Our goal is to connect with every Jewish family and help foster stronger connections within the community. Our Parent Connectors: Alexis Katzeff, Aliya Tafber, and Andrea Scharfstein, are a group of dedicated and compassionate women who are passionate about building meaningful relationships with other parents in the PJ Library community.

For more information about this initiative or to learn about PJ Library, contact Sydney Truax at struax@jewishcalgary.org or 403-537-8592.



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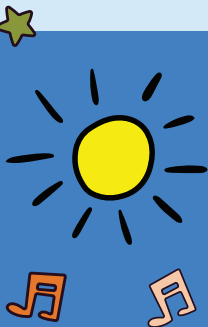
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

3PM • PAPERNY FAMILY JCC

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WALK 'N' ROLL



SEPTEMBER 10 WAS A GREAT DAY TO WALK 'N' ROLL. Jewish Calgary gathered to walk/run 5km, get their "passports" stamped by UJA partner agencies, and answer community trivia questions all in support of the annual UJA Campaign. Back at the Paperny Family JCC field the party really got rockin' thanks to Sonshine and Broccoli, with families dancing and singing along to the great music! Bouncy castles, face painters, and glitter tattoo artists were on hand along with a photo booth. Todah Rabah to the Balaban Family's generosity along with the support of Halpern Akiva Academy, The Calgary Jewish Academy, JFSC, Camp BB Riback and Paperny Family JCC.



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