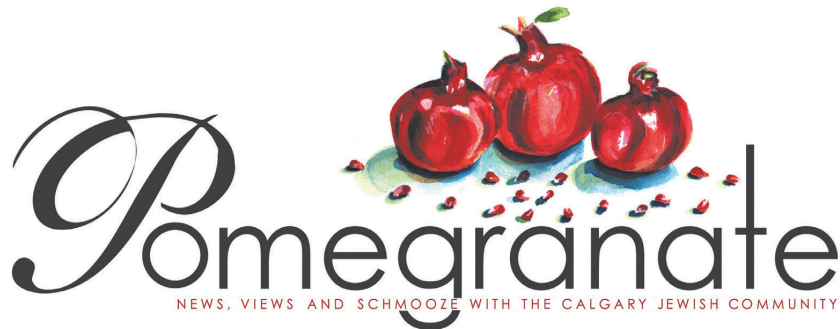


## community calendar

Want to know what's going on in Jewish Calgary?  
Check out the Community Calendar at [jewishcalgary.org](http://jewishcalgary.org)

Have an event?  
Click on "Suggest an Event" to add it to the calendar



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### A MESSAGE FROM DIANA KALEF

I am honored to serve as Calgary Jewish Federation's Interim Executive Director. For those who may not know me, I have been a Jewish community professional since 2002 and have served as the Director of Development in recent years. With Adam Silver's departure, I recognize the significant responsibility of this role while we search for a new CEO. I am incredibly proud of our Federation staff, who continue to deliver outstanding programming and community offerings, even during the summer months typically reserved for planning and UJA preparations.

As we transition into summer mode, we also enter a period of reflection and sorrow on the Jewish calendar. From the Fast of *Tammuz* through the three-week mourning period leading to *Tisha B'Av*, we are reminded of the profound significance these days hold

in our heritage, especially given the challenges facing Israel. The Fast of *Tammuz*, which commemorates the breaching of Jerusalem's walls, highlights the fragility of our security and underscores the need for vigilance and unity in adversity. *Tisha B'Av*, a day of mourning for the destruction of the First and Second Temples and other major tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people, calls on us to bridge the political, religious, and social divides that often fragment our society. We must seek common ground, foster mutual respect and understanding, and collectively work to heal our wounds and build a more cohesive and compassionate community.

In these days of mourning and reflection, we must learn from our past to address the challenges of our current reality. Let us continue to pray for peace, engage in acts of kindness, and commit to the unity and

resilience that will ensure a brighter future for us all.

To conclude, I invite you to join us on Sunday, July 28 for the Walk With Israel, where our Jewish community – along with many of our allies – will walk together in solidarity and pride. Spread the word and let's show up in great numbers. For more information about this event and to register for free, visit [cjsu.ca](http://cjsu.ca). I hope to see you there!

B'Shalom,

Diana Kalef  
Interim Executive Director  
Calgary Jewish Federation

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



**We are thrilled to announce that the PJ Library® Book Nook at the Paperny Family JCC is now open!** This exciting space was recently unveiled and features over a thousand books, a large magnetic board to inspire creativity in kids, comfortable seating, and more.

The Book Nook was made possible by a generous grant from Calgary Foundation. We look forward to seeing our community enjoy this wonderful space! Special thanks to Sydney Truax, PJ Library Program and Development Manager, for her hard work in planning and bringing the Nook to life!



## with you WE CAN



Save the Dates

### finding your voice SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Mark your calendar for our **2024 UJA Campaign Launch** featuring **Amy Albertson**, **Debbie Lechtman** (Roots Metal), and **Matthew Nouriel**. Visit [jewishcalgary.org](http://jewishcalgary.org) for more information about our speakers!



### chai fashion SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Join us for a **PJ Library® fashion show** featuring models young and young at heart – in collaboration with the 2024 UJA Campaign. For information contact Sydney Truax at [struax@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:struax@jewishcalgary.org) or 403-537-8592.



With our community partners **WE CAN** build and support a safe, equitable, inclusive, and healthy Jewish community.



Calgary Jewish Federation is a participating charity in Rogers Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink. All donations made through Birdies for Kids will be matched up to 50% making your donation go even further!



Are you or someone you know starting university in Calgary this fall? Discover **Calgary Hillel**, your Jewish home-away-from home! Stay connected and up-to-date with our exciting events by following us on Instagram @calgaryhillel. Join us and make unforgettable memories!

For more information, email **Hannah** at [hgiesinger@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:hgiesinger@jewishcalgary.org).



Are you ready to shape the future of **Jewish Adult Calgary**? We're on the lookout for passionate, dynamic leaders who love the Jewish community, to join our board! This is your chance to make a real impact and be part of something extraordinary. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

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