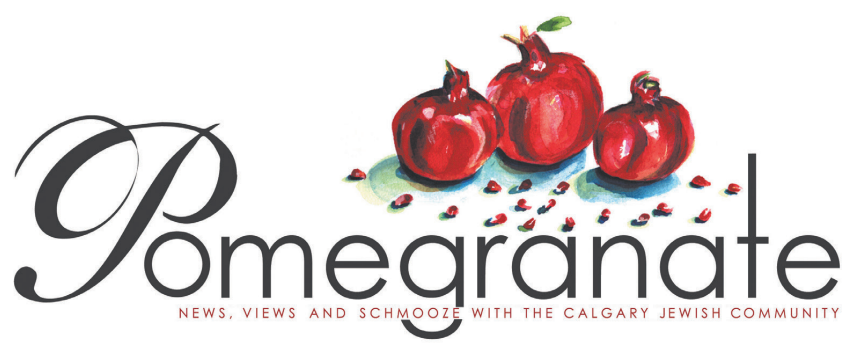


community calendar

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

Early Sunday morning on July 28, as I was preparing for the Walk With Israel, my phone rang with unsettling news. A chain had been put up across the pedestrian overpass at the beginning of our walk route, and pro-Palestinian graffiti was sprayed all around the area. Calgary Police Service was already on the scene. I felt sick but not surprised – the location and route of the Walk had been shared publicly. Despite this act of intimidation, there were no protesters present.

However, this did not deter the over 1,000 participants who showed up. In fact, before we even started, someone covered up the graffiti with blue and white paint. A Good Samaritan drove up, took cans of paint out of his car, and began brushing over the remaining spraypaint. Instead of walkers seeing “Zionists Not Welcome,” someone hung an Israeli flag over the word “Not.”

Our collective spirit and dedication were on full display as we walked together in support of Israel, strengthening our bonds and reaffirming our commitment to our shared values. As I walked, I stopped to speak with some of the allies who had joined us.

I said, “Thank you,” and they answered, “We are with you!” Residents in the neighborhood we walked through came out to wave and cheer us on, and cars driving by honked in support. The palpable energy was truly inspiring. The enthusiasm and support made this event a memorable and impactful one.

As we celebrate the success of the Walk With Israel, I am reminded of how vital our UJA Campaign is in continuing the momentum of support for our community. The annual Campaign is the backbone of our efforts to ensure essential services and programs are available not just within our local community but also nationally and internationally. Moreover, as more Israeli families are choosing Calgary as their new home, it is our shared duty to not just welcome them but to ensure they are fully embraced and supported, empowering them to thrive as integral members of our community.

Whether it's a warm welcome at the Paperny Family JCC, resettlement services assistance from JFSC, or financial aid through the Integrated Bursary Program (IBP) to allow their children to attend Halpern Akiva Academy or The Calgary Jewish Academy, each agency plays a critical role. There is no single agency

that stands above the rest; all are crucial in weaving the fabric of our community. Your involvement and generosity in the UJA Campaign will enable us to continue addressing the pressing needs of these families and others in our community, ensuring that Calgary remains a vibrant and inclusive home for all.

I encourage everyone to participate in the UJA Campaign and make a difference. **With You We Can** ensure that our community remains strong, vibrant, and supportive of all its members.

Save the date for our Campaign launch: “Finding Your Voice,” on Sunday, September 8, featuring three prominent Jewish advocates and educators: Amy Albertson, Debbie Lechtman (Roots Metal), and Matthew Nouriel. Register online at jewishcalgary.org.

Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment. Let's continue to walk together, united in our purpose and driven by our shared mission.

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.

Pride SHABBAT

Friday, August 23
7PM • Temple B'nai Tikvah

Join us for an evening of solidarity and support for our Jewish 2SLGBTQ+ community.

We will begin with an affirming Friday night service from 7 to 8PM, followed by a wine and vegan dessert reception.

Register at QR code or jewishcalgary.org

For more information contact **Danielle Braitman** at dbraitman@jewishcalgary.org

*Under 18 is FREE

CALGARY PRIDE PARADE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 | 10AM-1PM

Prince's Island Park **FREE**

REGISTER TODAY TO MARCH IN SOLIDARITY AND LOVE

Bring your friends, family members, and friendly, leashed dogs to share your pride for our Jewish 2SLGBTQ+ community!

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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!

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Join us for the **2024 UJA CAMPAIGN** in leading the way to a thriving Jewish future!
Our community is a beacon of hope, empowering individuals and families through enriching programs that nurture Jewish identity, leadership, and cultural awareness.

UPCOMING EVENTS

finding your voice

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 • 7PM • BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION



We hope to see you at our **2024 UJA Campaign Launch** featuring Amy Albertson, Debbie Lechtman (Roots Metal), and Matthew Nouriel. Register for free at QR code or go to jewishcalgary.org.



Amy Albertson is a Jewish advocate and educator from California. Through online activism, public speaking, and workshops, Amy empowers young Jews both online and offline. While living in Israel for six years, she created The Asian Israeli, where she catalogued her experiences as a Chinese-American Jewish woman.



Debbie Lechtman is a Jewish, Israeli, and Latina writer, educator, and content creator. She is a board member at Indigenous Bridges, writes educational content on Jewish history and identity for the Anti-Defamation League, Creative Community for Peace, Honest Reporting, and more.



Matthew Nouriel is the Community Engagement Director at JIMENA – Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa. Matthew is also a digital activist and content creator, focusing on Iranian Jewish heritage, the fight against antisemitism, and LGBTQ+ rights within the Jewish communities.

chai fashion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 • 3PM



Join us for a **PJ Library® fashion show** featuring models young and young at heart – in collaboration with the 2024 UJA Campaign. Purchase tickets at QR code or go to jewishcalgary.org.

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



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