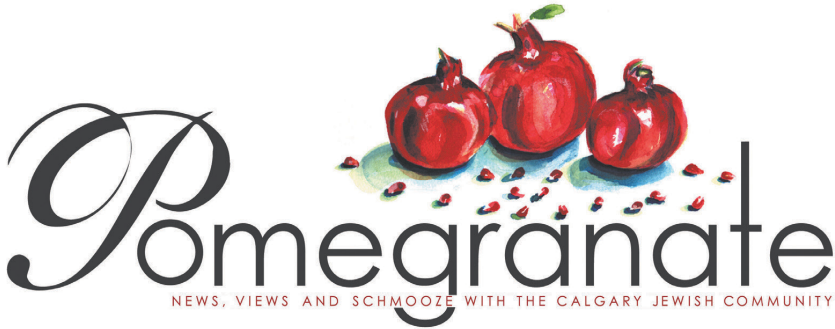


Want to know what's going on in Jewish Calgary?
Check out the Community Calendar at jewishcalgary.org

Have an event?
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A MESSAGE FROM DIANA KALEF

As the High Holidays come to a close, our hearts are filled with a renewed sense of purpose and reflection. We gathered to celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, embraced the beauty of the sukkah, and shared the joy of Torah on Simchat Torah. This year, however, Simchat Torah carried a profound poignancy. We celebrated with the somber memory of the attacks on our Israeli family a year ago—lives lost and many still heartbreakingly held captive, far from home. This reality tempered our joy and underscored the preciousness of community and the ongoing need for unity and resilience.

Just recently, we also commemorated Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, a painful reminder of how swiftly Jewish lives can be disrupted. Moments like these emphasize the importance of standing together and safeguarding our future.

Now that the chagim are behind us, Calgary Jewish Federation has returned to its regularly scheduled programming, bringing energy and connection to every corner of Jewish Calgary. Our PJ Library programs are thriving, with families eagerly gathering to foster Jewish learning and values in a

warm, inclusive environment. Meanwhile, JAC is reinvigorating its offerings, with young adults joining together for events that celebrate Jewish culture, build friendships, and strengthen ties to Jewish Calgary. Across the board, our calendar is filled with diverse events and initiatives, each one bringing people of all ages together to engage and learn. Jewish Calgary is truly bustling, with vibrant opportunities for everyone to connect and grow.

The UJA campaign is integral in supporting our community. The annual campaign brings us together—educational and cultural initiatives, essential services, and welcoming new families to Calgary, including those arriving from Israel. Through Jewish Calgary, we strive to ensure they have the support they need to thrive while we embrace them with warmth and stability—especially vital in challenging times.

In the face of rising global antisemitism, we must remain steadfast, united against hate. By pooling our resources and resolve, we strengthen our identity and ensure that future generations inherit a safe, supportive, and vibrant Jewish community. Supporting the campaign gives us the resources to

push back against those forces that seek to divide us and to protect the values we hold dear.

As we move forward, let us channel the spirit of renewal and resilience into the work ahead. Every contribution to the UJA campaign, no matter the size, strengthens our foundation and builds a lasting legacy. **With You We Can** ensure a thriving, secure future for our children and grandchildren. I invite you to join me in transforming our values into lasting impact.

Thank you for your continued generosity, dedication, and the strength you bring to our shared vision. As we continue building our community, let us carry forward the unity and inspiration we have found together. **With You We Can** make a lasting difference.

B'Shalom,

Diana Kalef
Interim Executive Director

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

ALOHA CHANUKAH

Saturday, Dec. 14 5:30 - 8:00PM
The Beach YYC

Go to jewishcalgary.org for more information and to register.

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PJ Library **PJ OUR WAY** **JCC CALGARY** **POWERED BY CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION**

MEET OUR NEW PJ Library® Parent Connectors!

Ashlea Sargent, our PJ Library Pop-up Parent Connector, comes to Calgary via Toronto. After five years, she still finds herself exploring Calgary in awe of the mountains, green space and great food. As a first-time mom to her one-year-old daughter, Ashlea looks forward to connecting with other parents and helping to foster a supportive and fun community in her new role. Be on the lookout for Ashlea's pop-up events all over the city!

Liza Mintz, our Shalom Baby Parent Connector is originally from Vancouver but has called Calgary home for the past 11 years. As a PJ Library Parent Connector and a new mom to 7-month-old Ariela, she hopes to continue building the next generation of Calgary's Jewish community by creating a warm and safe space for moms and babies to connect, empower, and learn from each other. Join Liza for Shalom Baby every Wednesday at 12:30PM at the Paperny Family JCC!

PJ Library **POWERED BY CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION**

Celebrating SUKKOT

As Sukkot comes to a close, we reflect on the wonderful sense of community here in Jewish Calgary! From gathering at the Sukkah at Paperny Family JCC to Chabad's mobile Sukkah visits to local universities, families and students gathered to shake the lulav, etrog, myrtle, and willow, creating an atmosphere of connection and tradition while enjoying traditions of the holiday. This festival reminds us of the importance of creating spaces of peace and hospitality for one another.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made these moments unforgettable. The love and togetherness of Jewish Calgary shines brightly. *Chag Sameach*—may the joy of Sukkot continue throughout the year!

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