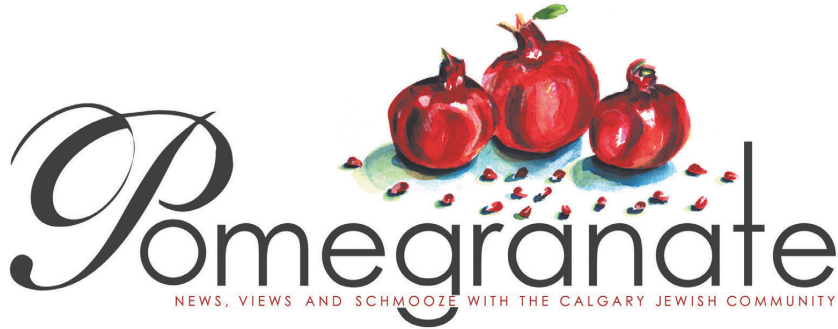


community calendar

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 ROB NAGUS

Dear Jewish Calgary Community Members, My wife, Katie, and I arrived in Calgary last week, and we are thrilled to begin settling into our lives in this vibrant city and community.

It's been 20 years since I last lived in Calgary, and upon returning, I've been amazed by the city's growth and the remarkable evolution of the Jewish community. The potential to build on the significant momentum in Calgary is both palpable and exciting. Over the past few days, I've begun meeting with our incredible staff members to learn more about the day-to-day operations at Calgary Jewish Federation. I've been impressed and inspired by the meaningful work being done by our organization.

In the coming weeks, I will continue my listening tour and look forward to hearing from you — our stakeholders who support our community. Each lay leader, Jewish communal leader, political representative, law enforcement professional, and

beyond will help me better understand the needs of our community. My goal in the first few months of this role is to learn as much as possible about what makes Jewish Calgary unique and where the possibilities lie. It is my intention to launch a formal strategic planning process later this year so that we can collectively create a clear vision for our future based on our shared values.

The world has changed significantly in recent years, and these changes have had a tangible impact on Jewish communities globally and here in Canada. While the challenges are many, I am eager to work alongside the CJF board, staff, and community leaders to ensure that we, the Jewish people of Calgary, are not only safe but remain proud and visible contributors to this great city and country.

I want to take a moment to thank Diana Kalef, our Director of Development, for serving admirably as our Interim Executive Director. I am truly grateful

to Diana for her exemplary leadership and care. *Kol Hakavod* to Diana on a job well done. Also, a big thank you and *Kol Hakavod* to Rhona Shore, Paperny Family JCC Executive Director for her leadership on our security portfolio.

Moving forward, I hope to meet and connect with many of you as I immerse myself in our community. Together, I am confident we will accomplish great things as we continue to strengthen and grow our local Jewish community and simultaneously collaborate with our partners nationally and in Israel for the betterment of *k'lal Yisrael* — the people of Israel.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2025.
B'Shalom,

Rob Nagus
CEO, Calgary Jewish Federation

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INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

OVERCOMING HATE: AN INTIMATE LOOK AT INDOCTRINATION AND THE HOLOCAUST

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025
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Jewish Calgary Career and Networking Fair



Wednesday, January 29
4PM • Paperny Family JCC

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- Are you new to Calgary and looking for work?
- Are you an existing Jewish professional willing to volunteer and support newcomers to our community?

Both job seekers and working professionals are encouraged to register at **QR code** or go to jewishcalgary.org



Join us for opportunities to meet and connect for career conversations

Complimentary childcare will be provided for attendees with children from ages 3 to 10.

L'Chaim
TEA, SONGS, AND STORIES

with **HAZAN DANIEL BENLOLO** AND GUESTS

SUNDAY
FEB.2

PAPERNY FAMILY JCC
2:30-3:30PM | L'Chaim Tea
3:30-5:00PM | Songs and Stories

Everyone is invited to join us for this special **Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance & Inclusion Month** event as we celebrate the community we have worked so hard to create!

Hazan Daniel Benlolo is a cantor, rabbi, and founder of the Montreal Shira Choir for adults with disabilities. He will sing songs and speak on *The Power of Music* – how singing together builds community and promotes inclusion for people living with a disability.



Register by **January 24**
at **QR code** or go to
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If finances are a barrier please contact
Karina Szulc at karinas@jewishcalgary.org



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Childcare provided.

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Your support helps strengthen our community, uplift lives, and safeguard our future. Together, we are building a resilient and vibrant Jewish community rooted in compassion, solidarity, and commitment.

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