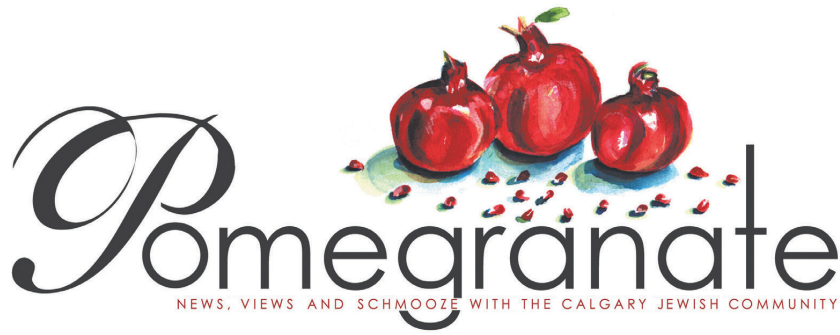


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A MESSAGE FROM ROB NAGUS

Right now, I'm feeling incredibly fortunate. I have recently returned from a powerful and transformative week in Israel.

It was a meaningful experience shared with our Coast to Coast partners across Canada, as well as with our extended family in the North of Israel and several dedicated Jewish Calgarians. Among the group were our Director of Development, Diana Kalef, who led our highly successful Israel Emergency campaign, the long-time local leader and builder of our formal infrastructure in Israel, Cathy Cole, and the wonderful volunteer and Community Relations Committee member, Samantha Kassel.

This trip offered us an eye-opening perspective on the remarkable relationships and partnerships that Calgary Jewish Federation has built in the northern region of Israel, often referred to as Etbah Hagalil, or the Galilee Panhandle. These communities include Metulla, Kiryat Shmona, Yesod HaMa'ala, the Upper Galilee Regional Council, and the Mevo'ot Hermon Regional Council.

Though the media surrounding the current Israel-Hamas conflict has understandably been focused on the South—particularly the area known as the "Gaza Envelope"—there's been far less attention

on Israel's northern communities. Yet, Hezbollah launched an ongoing assault on Israel's most vulnerable northern communities, which hold deep significance to Calgary's Jewish community due to our historic partnership.

Northern Israel is truly a stunning and unique place. If you were placed there without context, you might think you were in Northern Italy—its rugged mountains are dotted with lush greenery and endless vineyards. Despite its natural beauty, life in the north has always been challenging. The region is one of Israel's most fertile and ecologically diverse and is home to many Kibbutzim and Moshavim.

While the devastation in Metullah is stark—with barren streets, bullet-riddled buildings, and ghost-town feel—it's the more subtle devastation in border communities who haven't evacuated that also weigh heavily as I reflect on this emotional week.

One of the most significant moments of our trip, particularly for our Calgary community, was the announcement of the \$20 million investment from our Canadian Jewish communities aptly named, Project Regeneration. This funding will be used to "Build Back Better" in northern Israel. We'll be working closely with Tel-Hai College (soon to be a

university), local community organizations, councils, and our partners at the Jewish Federations of Canada-United Israel Appeal (JFC-UIA) to provide critical services and infrastructure that will ensure the long-term vitality of Israel's north.

By the end of the trip, we were inspired by the strength of the partnerships and the sense of fellowship between our communities. Whether we're in Woodlands or a small *kibbutz* in the Galilee Panhandle, we are supporting one another in times of need. *K'lal Yisrael*.

There's still much work to be done, and I am deeply honoured to continue stewarding and growing this vital, long-lasting partnership. We are also exploring the option of a pan-Canadian mission to the region in the fall so stay tuned! In the meantime, we look forward to keeping you all updated on our collective efforts.

Am Yisrael Chai,

Rob Nagus
Chief Executive Officer
Calgary Jewish Federation

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

HAVE YOU MET JAC?

JAC (Jewish Adult Calgary) is the hub for building community, making meaningful connections, and having fun with other Jewish young professionals in Calgary. Whether you're new to the city or have deep roots here, JAC offers opportunities to meet new people, expand your network, and engage in Jewish life.

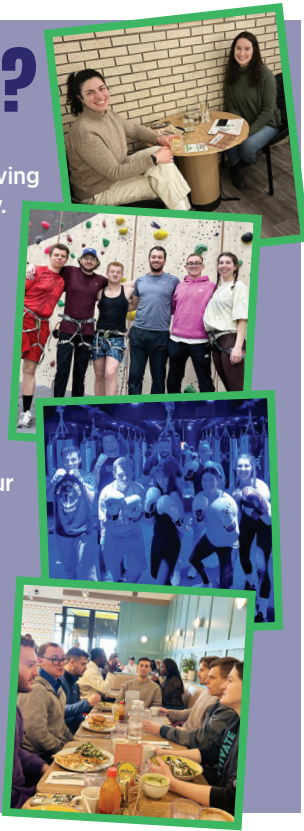
Recent highlights include **JAC Fit**, a monthly series where we get active together with events like rock climbing, boxing, and hiking. We've also launched **The After Work Collective**, a monthly professional development series hosted in trendy restaurants across Calgary, featuring incredible speakers from our community on topics such as networking and AI.

COMING UP

May 15 • AWC: Kindling Connections
A Lag BaOmer networking event around the bonfire.

May 21 • JAC Fit: Wednesday Night Tumble
An adult gymnastics session for all levels.

For more information or to get involved contact **Jamie Keltz** at jkeltz@jewishcalgary.org.



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In May, they will travel to Israel for an immersive, inspiring trip designed to deepen their connection to their heritage, faith, and one another. But the journey doesn't stop there – over the next year, they'll continue learning, growing, and bringing the beauty of Jewish values into their families and community.



Connect with us on social as we follow their adventure!
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SUNDAY, APRIL 27 • 1-3PM

Together, we can make a difference!

Join us for **Good Deeds Day**, a global movement of people dedicated to spreading kindness! This year, our community is coming together to support **Basically Babies**.

Drop-off your donations from April 16 to 27 or volunteer to sort items and make cards at the JCC on April 27. Scan QR code for needed items, more information, and to volunteer.

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