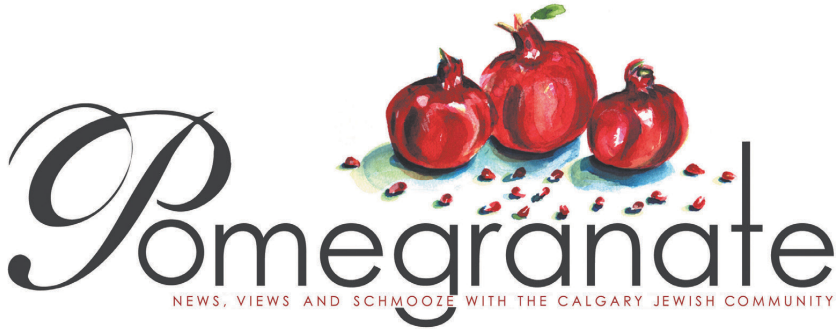


community calendar

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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TOGETHER WE CAN: LAUNCHING THE 2025 UJA CAMPAIGN WITH PURPOSE AND COMMUNITY

Each year, Calgary's Jewish community comes together in a powerful show of generosity, solidarity, and commitment through our United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Campaign. Under this year's inspiring slogan, "Give Today, Strengthen Tomorrow, Together We Can," we are reminded that our collective strength is what allows us to care for one another, protect one another, and ensure the vitality of Jewish life—for today and for generations to come.

But this year, the stakes are higher than ever.

The cost of living continues to rise, and for many families, the cost of Jewish life has become increasingly difficult to manage. Our **Integrated Bursary Program** (IBP) is seeing unprecedented demand, as more people have turned to Federation for financial support to access Jewish day schools and summer camp. At the same time, we face growing threats of **antisemitism** that demand bold investment in **security infrastructure and professional staffing** as part of a national movement to better safeguard our community.

Despite these challenges, we are fiercely committed to what makes Jewish Calgary strong and connected: from **PJ Library®** and early childhood engagement, to **Hillel, JAC (Jewish Adult Calgary)**, and our vital **Inclusion initiatives**. These programs bring meaning and belonging to our community—and your support makes it all possible.

As we launch this year's UJA 2025 campaign, we invite you to take part in two exciting marquee events that reflect the heart and energy of our community. On Sunday, September 7, we'll kick off the campaign with **Walk with Israel**, a joyful and unifying celebration at the Paperny Family JCC. Join us for a 4km walk followed by a vibrant festival with kids' activities, live music, delicious food, and information tables from local community organizations. It's a day to walk proudly, show our unity, and launch this important campaign. Then, on Monday, October 20 at Beth Tzedec Congregation, we are honoured to host **Jonny Daniels**, founder of **From the Depths**, for an inspiring and thought-provoking evening. A former IDF paratrooper and senior adviser in the Israeli

government, Jonny will share his global perspective and deep passion for Holocaust memory, diplomacy, and Jewish resilience.

This campaign is about more than fundraising. It's about building a strong, inclusive, and secure Jewish future right here in Calgary. It's about making sure everyone—regardless of age, ability, background, or means—can live a full and meaningful Jewish life.

**Together we can** meet this moment. **Together we can** provide care, connection, and community for all.

We hope you'll join us—at these incredible events, in this vital campaign, and in shaping the future of Jewish Calgary.

B'Shalom,

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.



**PRIDE SHABBAT**  
From Margins to Mitzvahs

**Friday, August 22**  
7:30PM • Temple B'nai Tikvah



Celebrate Pride with a keynote address by **Hannah B (@HealthybyHannahB)** followed by a Shabbat service led by **Rabbi Cantor Russell Jayne** with members of Calgary's 2SLGBTQ+ Jewish community, and a dessert reception to close the night.



**INFO & REGISTER** at QR code or go to [jewishcalgary.org](http://jewishcalgary.org)  
**QUESTIONS?** Contact **Jamie** at [jkeltz@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:jkeltz@jewishcalgary.org)



**Our Family's Story**  
A Conversation with Jacqui Vital

**Wednesday, September 3**  
7:00PM • Paperny Family JCC

Register for this FREE event at QR code or go to [jewishcalgary.org](http://jewishcalgary.org)



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**Adi Vital-Kaploun<sup>z"l</sup>**

was a dual citizen of Israel and Canada. She grew up spending her summers in Ottawa with her extended family. Adi was a dancer, a saxophonist, a basketball player. She was a soldier, an engineer in cybersecurity, an environmental scientist in desert studies and solar energy. Adi was a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother.

She was 33 years old when terrorists invaded her home on Kibbutz Holit. She somehow managed to save the lives of her husband, father, and two young children, aged four and six months. Before she was murdered, Adi killed one of the terrorists herself.

Adi's mom, Jacqui, is coming to share Adi's harrowing and inspiring story. Come and bear witness to the spirit of a young woman, who could do anything – and chose to be a desert farmer – raising her young children on the Gaza border.

**Jewish Calgary Together**  
The strength of a people. The power of community.

Subscribe to our e-newsletter and stay current with all of the latest community updates, resources, events, and programs.



**MARCH OF THE LIVING 2026**

We're beginning to plan for March of the Living 2026 and are gauging early interest from students in grades 10, 11, and 12, as well as their families.

If you or someone you know may be interested in this powerful and meaningful journey to Poland and Israel, please scan the **QR code** to complete the interest form.

For any questions, contact Diana Kalef at [dkalef@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:dkalef@jewishcalgary.org).





# GIVE TODAY. STRENGTHEN TOMORROW. TOGETHER WE CAN



MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
UJA 2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

## WALK *with* ISRAEL

| Sunday, September 7 • 11AM - 2PM



Join us for Walk with Israel, the official  
kick-off of the 2025 UJA Campaign!

Featuring guest **Jacquie Vital**



Register\* for this FREE event  
at QR code or go to [jewishcalgary.org](http://jewishcalgary.org)



**TITLE SPONSOR THE BALABAN FAMILY**

\*Registration is required to receive a lunch ticket (one per person).

## A DEEP DIVE WITH JONNY DANIELS

**Jonny Daniels** is the founder of *From the Depths*, a nonprofit committed to preserving Holocaust memory and restoring forgotten Jewish heritage across Europe.

A former IDF paratrooper and senior adviser in the Israeli government, he brings bold leadership to the intersection of remembrance, diplomacy, and justice.



We are proud to honour **W. Brett Wilson** for his philanthropy, advocacy, and allyship with the Jewish community. Join us in celebrating a friend and champion.

Ticket: \$54  
Student: \$18



Buy tickets at QR code  
or go to [jewishcalgary.org](http://jewishcalgary.org)

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## SAVE THE DATES

### PJ LIBRARY® APPLE FUNDRAISER

Orders due: **September 7**  
Pick-up at the JCC: **September 15**

### LION OF JUDAH EVENT

**Wednesday, September 10**  
By invitation only.

### SUPER SUNDAY

**Sunday, September 14**

We are looking for volunteers to call donors and help Jewish Calgary raise the essential funds needed to continue supporting our community.

For more information contact  
Lori Wolf at [lwolf@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:lwolf@jewishcalgary.org)

### JAC DANCE PARTY

**Saturday, November 8**

Stay tuned for details.

