



Pomegranate

NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



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A MESSAGE FROM ROB NAGUS

Dear Community Members,
As we prepare to welcome *Rosh HaShanah* and the start of 5786, I want to extend heartfelt wishes to you and your loved ones for a year filled with health, meaning, and blessing. The High Holidays offer us a moment of reflection and renewal—an opportunity to celebrate the richness of our tradition, strengthen our bonds with one another, and reaffirm our shared commitment to building a vibrant Jewish future here in Calgary.

This year, our 2025 UJA Campaign holds special significance. As the needs of our community continue to grow, so too does our responsibility to ensure that no one is left behind. From supporting families and seniors, to strengthening Jewish education, to ensuring Holocaust remembrance and fighting antisemitism, your generosity enables us to meet these challenges with resilience and hope.

Calgary Jewish Federation is committed to ensuring the safety, well-being, and resilience of our Jewish community. As part of our mission to advocate for our community and combat antisemitism, we are pleased to share two important updates:

1. New Antisemitism Reporting Mechanism
To better track, monitor, and respond to incidents of

antisemitism, we have launched a new confidential local reporting mechanism, designed to complement our national advocacy partner the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs' (CIJA) reporting tool.

If you experience or witness antisemitism in any form—whether in person, online, or through another channel—we encourage you to report it using this simple online form on our website at jewishcalgary.org/report-an-antisemitic-incident

Even if you are unsure whether an incident qualifies as a hate crime or hate-motivated activity, we urge you to submit a report to be safe. Your information helps us build a clearer understanding of what our local community is facing and enables us to respond appropriately—through advocacy, education, and support.

Whether something happens in the classroom, in the workplace, or anywhere in our city, please know that you are not alone. Every report strengthens our ability to protect, support, and stand with one another.

2. CIJA Opens an Alberta Office – Recruiting a Vice-President

We are also pleased to share that we are actively moving forward alongside the CIJA on establishing a new office in Alberta. This important step will

enhance advocacy and support for the Jewish community in our province.

CIJA is currently recruiting for the position of **Vice-President, Alberta**, based in either Edmonton or Calgary. This senior leadership role will focus on advancing the interests of Alberta's Jewish community through government relations, strategic communications, and collaboration with community partners. Interested candidates can submit a cover letter and resume to recruitment@cija.ca.

Together, we are not only preserving the strength of our community today, but also laying the foundation for the generations to come.

On behalf of Calgary Jewish Federation, thank you for being a vital partner in this work. May the year ahead bring sweetness, peace, and fulfillment to you and your family.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah,

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.

JEWISH ARAB RECONCILIATION

THE FUTURE OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE FIGHT AGAINST EXTREMISM

CASEY BABB

LOAH ALSHAREEF

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
12PM • LOCATION TBD

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Calgary Hillel, in partnership with Edmonton and Winnipeg, hosted its first-ever North Western Canada *Shabbaton*, welcoming over 40 students from across three provinces. The September weekend created space for students to immerse themselves in *Shabbat* traditions and rituals while building meaningful connections with peers and strengthening their sense of Jewish identity and resilience.

Centered on the theme *ROOTS & RISING*, the *Shabbaton* invited students to ground themselves in Jewish foundations — heritage, traditions, and rituals — while exploring how they want to “rise” in their Jewish practice, whether spiritual, cultural, or religious. Through shared meals, inspiring services, dynamic programs, and plenty of time to connect, students left the weekend feeling deeply connected to one another, their Jewish community, and the richness of Jewish life.

As the school year begins, participants are carrying forward the spirit of the *Shabbaton* — ready to embrace new opportunities with Hillel, rooted in tradition and rising with resilience.



PJ Library

Free

Smoothies

IN THE SUKKAH

Sunday, October 5

10AM-12PM | Beth Tzedec Congregation

Join PJ Library® and Beth Tzedec Congregation for a fun morning celebrating *Sukkot* with stories, crafts and of course, delicious smoothies!

Register at QR code or go to jewishcalgary.org

Questions? Contact Sydney Truax at struax@jewishcalgary.org

BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION

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Marking

October 7th

Sunday, October 5
7:00PM

Beth Tzedec Congregation

GIVE **TODAY.** STRENGTHEN **TOMORROW.**
TOGETHER WE CAN



LEAD

Together we lead with strength, vision, and compassion—guiding our community through times of uncertainty, empowering leaders of all ages, and standing up proudly for Jewish values.

We are united by a shared purpose and work to protect what matters most: the safety, dignity, and future of our community. We support those in need, foster meaningful Jewish connections across generations, confront rising antisemitism, and strengthen Jewish life in Calgary and around the world.



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



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