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PIPELINE

May 5, 2026
Iyar 18, 5786

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At 8:51 PM Friday.
Shabbat ends at 10:12 Sat.

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TRUTH & SECURITY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

VIP RECEPTION 5:30pm	TUESDAY	BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION
PROGRAM 7:00pm	09 JUNE	1325 Glenmore Trail SW

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Senior Fellow at the
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“BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI” IN A NUTSHELL ...



TORAH GEMS

The Three Foundations



"He established the earth upon its foundations, that it not falter forever and ever." (Psalm 104:5)

The three foundations upon which the world stands are Torah study, Temple service, and acts of kindness (Avos 1:2). An allusion to this may be found in the numerical equivalent of our verse, 1309, which is the same as the combined numerical equivalent of

'Torah' (611), 'Avodah' (87), and 'Gemilut Chasadim' (611). (Rabbi Avie Gold)

Adapted from Artscroll's "The Writings; Psalms" by Rabbi Nossom Scherman / Rabbi Gedaliah Zlotowitz, 2018, page 451. Torah Gem Archives: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/torah Tidbits>

YIDDISH CORNER ...

Shemevdik
Bashful

Groyser knaker
Big shot

A shtiler
A quiet person



A shvitsler
A braggart

Farmisht
Befuddled

Heldish, mutik
Brave

The name of the Parshah, "Behar," means "on Mount [Sinai]" and it is found in [Leviticus 25:1](#). The name of the [Parshah](#), "Bechukotai," means "in My statutes" and it is found in [Leviticus 26:3](#).

On the [mountain of Sinai](#), [G-d](#) communicates to [Moses](#) the laws of the [Sabbatical](#) year: every [seventh](#) year, all work on the land should cease, and its produce becomes free for the taking for all, man and beast.

Seven Sabbatical cycles are followed by a fiftieth year—the [Jubilee](#) year, on which work on the land ceases, all indentured [servants](#) are set free, and all ancestral estates in [the Holy Land](#) that have been sold revert to their original owners. Additional laws governing the sale of lands, and the prohibitions against [fraud](#) and [usury](#), are also given.

[G-d](#) promises that if the [people of Israel](#) will keep His [commandments](#),

they will enjoy material prosperity and dwell securely in their [homeland](#). But He also delivers a harsh "rebuke," warning of the [exile](#), persecution and other evils that will befall them if they abandon their covenant with Him. Nevertheless, "Even when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away; nor will I ever abhor them, to destroy them and to break My covenant with them; for I am the [L-rd](#) their [G-d](#)."

The Parshah concludes with the rules on how to calculate the values of different types of pledges made to [G-d](#), and the [mitzvah](#) of [tithing](#) produce and livestock.

Learn: [Behar-Bechukotai in Depth](#)

Browse: [Behar-Bechukotai Parshah Columnists](#)

Prep: [Devar Torah Q&A for Behar-Bechukotai](#)

Read: [Haftarah in a Nutshell](#)

Play: [Behar-Bechukotai Parshah Quiz](#)

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What's Happening in Calgary ...

Project Heroes Concert

Tuesday, May 12

7:00pm | Paperny Family JCC

Join us for a powerful evening with renowned Israeli singer and storyteller Gilad Segev as he presents Project Heroes. Through music and personal stories, this inspiring concert redefines the Jewish narrative from victimhood to heroism, celebrating courage, resilience, Jewish pride, and unity. JCC members: \$36, Public: \$45, Seniors 65+: \$20. [Register online](#) or at Customer Service Desk at 253-8600, x0.

35th Annual Sports Dinner Presented by ATB Financial

Thursday, May 28

6:00 - 9:00pm | Beth Tzedec Congregation

Join us for an unforgettable evening featuring former Toronto outfielder Kevin Pillar, with Grant Buchanan returning as our master of ceremonies. This corporate event is our largest fundraiser of the year and one of the biggest fundraising dinners in Calgary. It will be a night that knocks community impact out of the park, so don't strike out – [purchase your tickets](#) now!



Shavuot Floral Workshop

Wednesday, May 20

7:00pm | Location provided upon registration

Join CHW Calgary Centre for a hands-on *Shavuot* floral workshop. Parents and children will design their own beautiful arrangements under the guidance of an expert florist, creating lasting memories together. Proceeds support therapeutic programs at CHW Hadassim Children and Youth Village, helping at-risk youth thrive. [Register online](#) for this workshop.

Israel Real Estate Unlocked: From Vision to Keys

Thursday, May 21 | Wednesday, June 17

10:00am | Virtual via Zoom

Thinking about owning property in Israel? Join CHW and national corporate partner Israel Canada for this complimentary four-part webinar series. Discover why you should invest, explore exclusive projects, and learn how to navigate the Israeli home-buying journey – from dream to doorstep. [Register online](#) for the series.

Join CHW as a Volunteer!

Ongoing Opportunity

Flexible Hours | Calgary & Virtual

Looking to make a difference? CHW is seeking volunteers to help with events, admin, outreach, and more. Whether you have an hour or a day, your time makes a big impact. Perfect for students or anyone wanting to give back. [Contact Malka-Deena](#) or join our WhatsApp group!

TEMPLE TRUNK SALE

Victoria Day, Monday May 18th | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Seek out the treasures of our Temple Community!



Browse the tables of homemade crafts, baked goods, books, and whatever else!

Bring the kids | 50/50 Draw | Cash Only

If you are interested in participating (Temple members only), please follow the QR Code. 18% of sales go to Temple.



*Come celebrate Shavuot
with an evening of study,
friendship, and sweets!*

TOPIC: Beyond the Booming Voice:
Hearing God in Our World Today

WHEN: Saturday, May 23 | 7-10 PM

WHERE: Temple Library

Please bring a dessert to share!



temple b'nai tikvah
a Reform Jewish community



What's Happening in Calgary ...



Join us on Thursday, May 7 at 7:00pm, at the [Calgary Central Library](#) for an unforgettable evening with award-winning journalist and chef [Bonny Reichert](#). She'll discuss her powerful, memoir "**How to Share an Egg: A True Story of Hunger, Love, and Plenty**", exploring how food, family, and the legacy of survival intertwine. Through vivid storytelling, Reichert explores her family's history and the lasting imprint of her father's Holocaust survival— with food serving as a central motif. The conversation will be moderated by [Danyael Halprin](#). Don't miss this moving and thought-provoking free event. [Reserve your spot](#) or [contact Amy Glassman-Boiko](#) for more information.



<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/how-to-share-an-egg-in->

What's Happening in Calgary ...



CELEBRATE SHAVUOT WITH AN EVENING OF GREAT FOOD,
MEANINGFUL LEARNING, AND VIBRANT COMMUNITY

BROADCAST FROM SINAI



Erev Shavuot Dinner and Tikkun Leil

Thursday, May 21 at 5:15pm

Join us for a festive Shavuot Dinner followed by our Tikkun Leil, as we tune in to voices of Torah, tradition, and creativity “broadcasting” across time from Sinai to today. Whether you stay for one session or immerse yourself late into the evening, there’s something here to spark curiosity, reflection, and connection.

<https://bethzedec.ca/event/erev-shavuot-dinner>



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ENTERTAINMENT



Tyler Two Guns

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Loay Alshareef

Peace-with-Israel Arab advocate, historian and social media influencer



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GUEST SPEAKER

Uri Shacham

Deputy Director and Chief of Staff MDA

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[Choirs of the World: A Celebration of Voices](#)



Donations will support arts and community building programs.



JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH

CULTURE HISTORY ADVOCACY

Celebrating Jewish heritage in Canada -

In everything from the arts and science to business and academia, Jewish Canadians have made an impact that far exceeds our size. This May, during Jewish Heritage Month, we will not only celebrate the past but also look ahead.

Throughout the month, in partnership with [Jewish&Canadian](#), we're recognizing Jewish activists who are fighting today for a brighter future for our community and all Canadians.

The first story profiles Pe'er Krut, President of the Canadian Union of Jewish Students, who shares how the CUJS works in coordination with groups like Hillel Ontario to stand up for Jewish students across the country.

Recipe of the week ...

jamie geller

DOUBLE STUFFED BAKED SWEET POTATOES WITH BRÛLÉED MARSHMALLOW



Our ultimate time saving tip: prepackaged marshmallows. Just top your sweet potatoes with a few, and brulée. And while a kitchen torch makes the brulée part easier, you can also use your oven's broiler. Adjust your oven rack in the middle, and put your broiler on high. The topping will burn quickly, so keep the oven door cracked so you can watch for browning.

Double Stuffed Baked Sweet Potatoes with

David Duchovny Learns His Family's Tragic Jewish History on 'Finding Your Roots'



Actor David Duchovny, known for "The X-Files," "The Chair" and, most recently, playing a Jewish father in the controversial Netflix movie "You People," has long known about his European Jewish roots. His paternal grandfather Moshe came from Berdychiv, which is in modern day Ukraine.

[David Duchovny Learns His Family's Tragic Jewish History](#)

What's Happening in Edmonton...

Do you have your tickets yet?

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SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

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The Right Honourable
Stephen J. Harper

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Register Today! Space is filling up quickly for the VIP dinner reception and opportunity to meet **The Right Honourable Stephen J. Harper**, the 22nd Prime Minister of Canada, on May 24 at our Negev Gala 2026.

Friends of JNF Canada is thrilled to welcome the 22nd Prime Minister of Canada, **The Right Honourable Stephen J. Harper** to the 2026 Edmonton Negev Gala! He will be in conversation with Shuvaloy Majumdar, MP, Calgary Heritage.

Register or donate today and be part of an unforgettable community celebration of friendship, leadership, and legacy on Sunday, May 24, 2026.

VIP Reception - 5:30pm

For tickets: jcairns@friendsofjnfca.org

Edmonton Jewish Film Festival is on NOW ...

Wednesday, May 5: [EJFF screening of Soul of a Nation](#)

Thursday, May 7 and Friday, May 8: [Online screening of Love, Statistically Speaking](#)

Friday, May 8: [Online screening of The Sea](#)

Sunday, May 10: [Free screening of Shrek](#)

Sunday, May 10: [EJFF screening of Labors of Love](#)

Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12: [Online screening of Nandauri](#)

Tuesday, May 12: [EJFF screening of Among Neighbors](#)

Wednesday, May 13: [EJFF Closing Night - Matchmaking 2](#)



<https://ejff2026.eventive.org/schedule?filterVenues>

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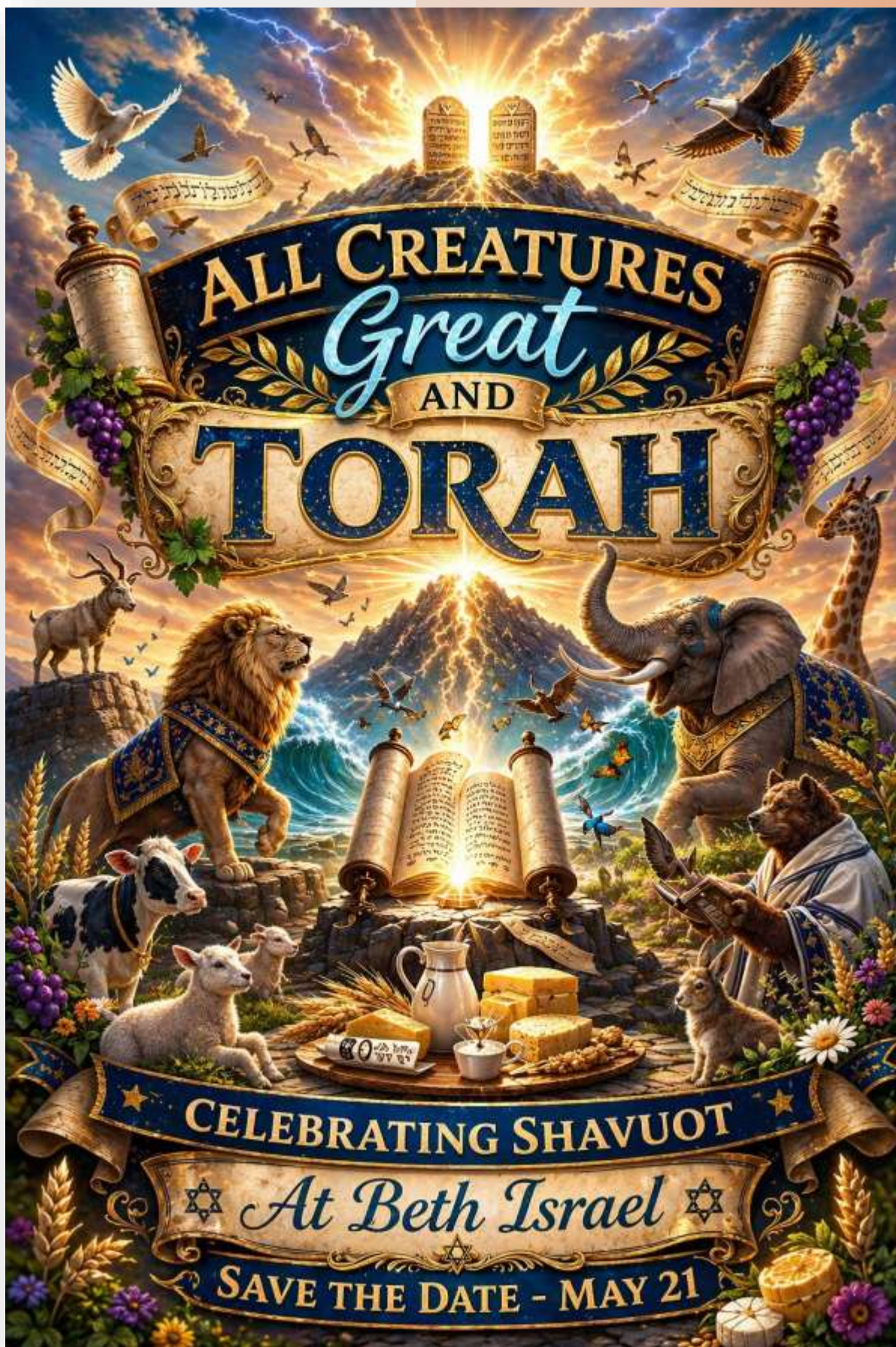
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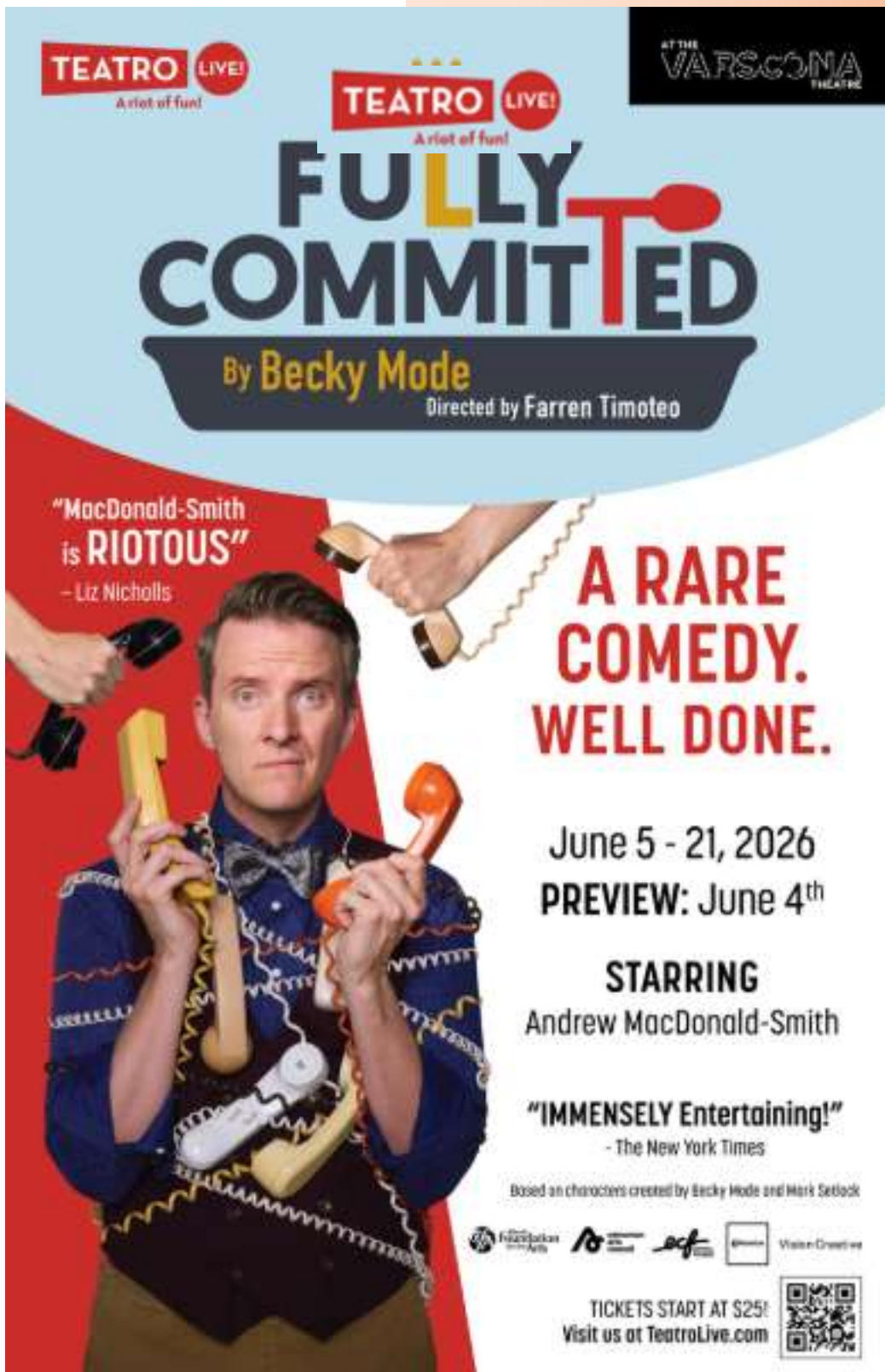
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