

# ALBERTA JEWISH PIPELINE



November 19, 2025  
Cheshvan 28, 5786



# PIPELINE

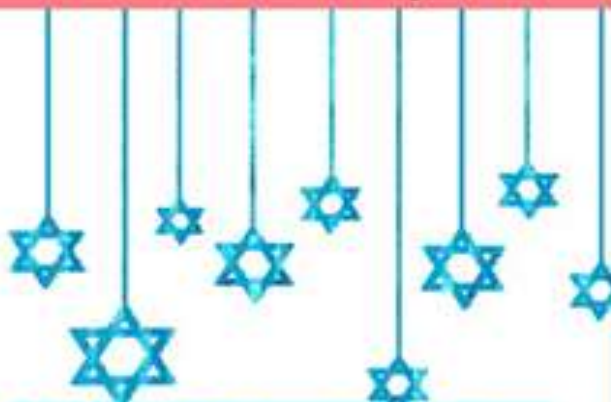
Light candles for Shabbat Fri. 4:11 PM  
Shabbat ends Sat. 5:15 PM

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# *The Pipeline is Going to Israel this week!*

Tens of thousands of people from around the world are now visiting Israel. Gail and I are leaving this week to show our support for the Israeli people who have endured so much ... We will be busy doing tours, visiting friends and relatives, volunteering with several organizations, visiting Naamat Canada and JNF Canada sites, touring the devastated areas near Gaza, and more ...

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**Bernie and Gail Estrin will  
again be volunteers  
with Sar-El Canada in Israel**

**<https://sarelcanada.org/>**



# Visit Israel Soon!

Our last visit to Israel was in 2017



Israel Road Trip





# TORAH PORTION "TOLDOT" IN A NUTSHELL ...



Isaac and Rebecca endure twenty childless years, until their prayers are answered and Rebecca conceives. She experiences a difficult pregnancy as the "children struggle inside her"; G-d tells her that "there are two nations in your womb," and that the younger will prevail over the elder.

Esau emerges first; Jacob is born clutching Esau's heel. Esau grows up to be "a cunning hunter, a man of the field"; Jacob is "a wholesome man," a dweller in the tents of learning. Isaac favors Esau; Rebecca loves Jacob. Returning exhausted and hungry from the hunt one day, Esau sells his birthright (his rights as the firstborn) to Jacob for a pot of red lentil stew.

In Gerar, in the land of the Philistines, Isaac presents Rebecca as his sister, out of fear that he will be killed by someone coveting her beauty.

He farms the land, reopens the wells dug by his father Abraham, and digs a series of his own wells: over the first two there is strife with the Philistines, but the waters of the third well are enjoyed in tranquility.

Esau marries two Hittite women. Isaac grows old and blind, and expresses his desire to

bless Esau before he dies. While Esau goes off to hunt for his father's favorite food, Rebecca dresses Jacob in Esau's clothes, covers his arms and neck with goatskins to simulate the feel of his hairier brother, prepares a similar dish, and sends Jacob to his father.

Jacob receives his father's blessings for "the dew of the heaven and the fat of the land" and mastery over his brother. When Esau returns and the deception is revealed, all Isaac can do for his weeping son is to predict that he will live by his sword, and that when Jacob falters, the younger brother will forfeit his supremacy over the elder.

Jacob leaves home for Charan to flee Esau's wrath and to find a wife in the family of his mother's brother, Laban. Esau marries a third wife—Machalath, the daughter of Ishmael.

Learn: Toldot in Depth  
Browse: Toldot Parshah Columnists  
Prep: Devar Torah Q&A for Toldot  
Read: Haftarah in a Nutshell  
Play: Toldot Parshah Quiz

## TORAH GEMS

### "Devekut"

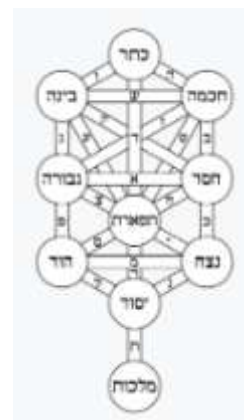
is one of the key words in hasidic literature, and means the clinging or cleaving of man to God.

It is the object of all the commandments and the goal of all spiritual living. "There is one mitzvah in the Torah which includes everything, and that is "Thou shalt cleave unto Him" (Deut. 10:20).

It is "the heart of all the mitzvot," for it is their source, giving them life.

If it be fulfilled, it is as if all the Torah were fulfilled. "Even if one acquires the world-to-come through Torah and mitzvot, this is not the main goal.

The main goal is to acquire the rung of drawing close to Me," which is devekut. It can be achieved through the inner yearning of man for the nearness of God, through prayer and study.



Adapted from The Zaddik, by Samuel H. Dresner, 1960, page 128.  
Archives: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/torahtidbits>

## YIDDISH CORNER ...

### A shlekhter mentsh

A bad person

### A shtarker

a strong person

### A kasnik

An angry person

### Tsetrogen


Absent-minded



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## CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING

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4:30-5:30 PM

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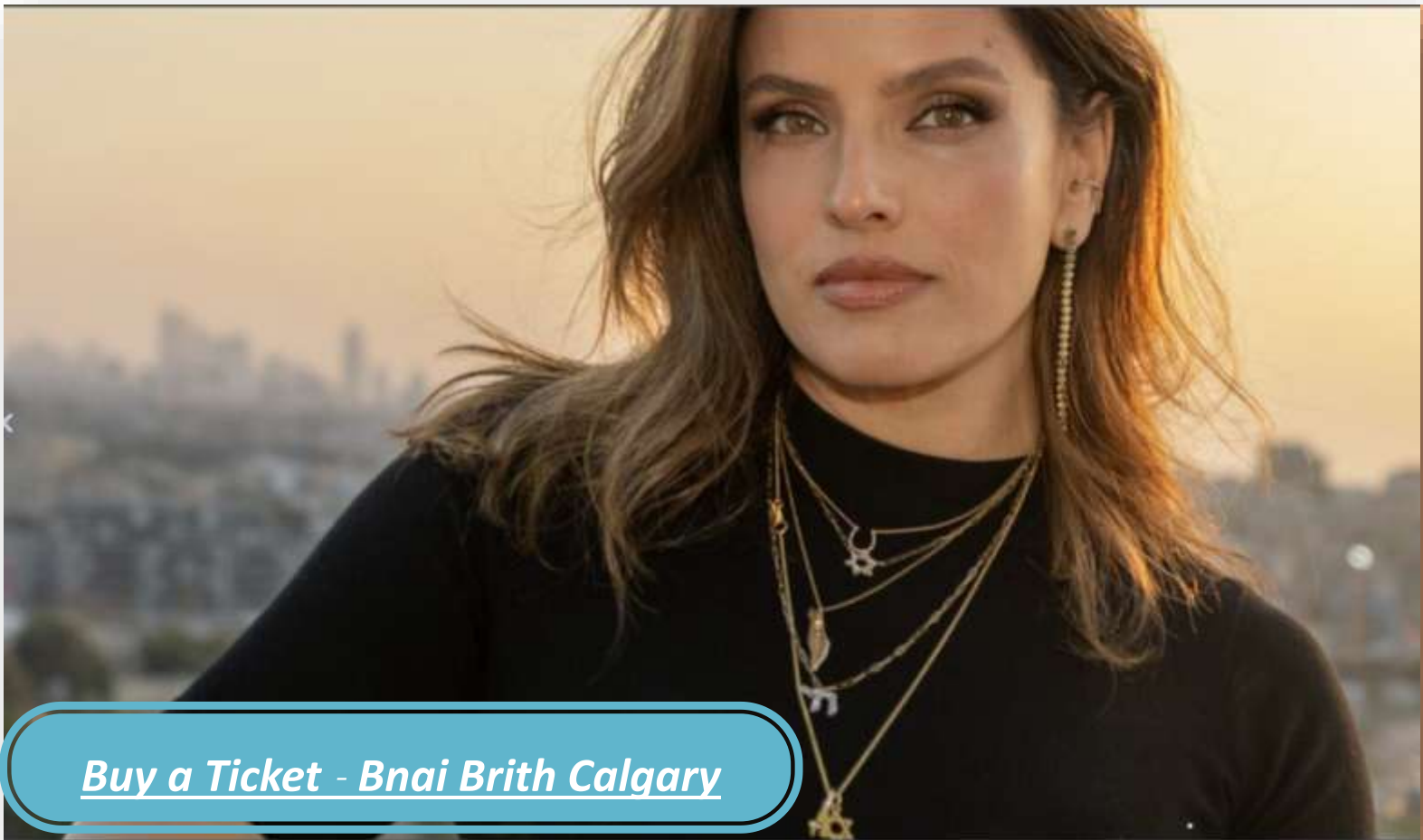
ALBERTA LEGISLATURE  
DIGNITARIES IN ATTENDANCE  
LATKES | DONUTS | TALMUD TORAH CHOIR

FREE PARK & RIDE  
PICK UP AT BETH ISRAEL 3:30 PM  
PICKUP AT BETH SHALOM 4:00 PM  
RETURN AT 6:45 PM

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*Sun. Dec. 7, 1 PM at Beth Tzedec Calgary*



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**B'nai Brith Calgary** is pleased to welcome [NOA TISHBY](#) – a globally recognized author, activist, and social media influencer – in conversation with [Amanda Eskenasi](#), former National Director for the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights and current Director of Education for HonestReporting Canada.

NOA TISHBY has become one of the most prominent and compelling voices advocating for Israel

and fighting antisemitism worldwide. Her ability to speak truth with clarity and passion is both rare and urgently needed. Noa speaks directly to the challenges we face today, offering not only the facts but also empathy, historical context, and a message of resilience.

This is more than just a speaking event – it's a moment to educate, inspire, and strengthen our voice against hate.





# What's Happening in Calgary ...



**Join** us at the Jewish Book Festival from November 23 to 30 for a dynamic celebration of culture, community, and conversation! Through books, we explore the richness of Jewish life — past, present, and future. With engaging programs for adults, children, and families, the Festival invites readers of all backgrounds to connect, learn, and be inspired by the power of storytelling. Don't miss the chance to browse, discover, and take home a wide selection of Jewish literature for all ages.

Please note our Festival dates and hours:

November 23, 24 & 30 | 10:00am - 5:00pm

November 25, 26 & 27 | 10:00am - 8:30pm

November 28 | 10:00am - 2:00pm

November 29 | Closed

Featuring exceptional authors:

[Micah Siva](#) | November 23

[Douglas Century](#) | November 25

[Hilda Chasia Szternfeld Smith](#) | November 26

[Izak Paul](#), [Sydney Sharpe](#), and [Betty Sherwood](#) | November 27

[David Eisenstadt](#) | November 30

To volunteer or become a sponsor at the Jewish Book Festival, please [email Yanina Rabinovich](#) or call 403-537-8596

Find the perfect gift or holiday must-have at our festive Chanukah Market! Join us on Sunday, November 23 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the JCC, and shop handmade goods from independent artists — from holiday cards and jewelry to unique decor and *Chanukah* staples.

Get ready to glow and Light Up the Night at Neonukah — our annual *Chanukah* party! Join us at the JCC on Saturday, December 13 starting at 6:00pm for a night filled with neon lights, music, dancing, and festive fun for all ages. Enjoy a live DJ, crafts, treats, and more! Come dressed in your brightest neon and let's light up the night together. [Please register](#) for this free event in partnership with [PJ Library](#)®.

Everyone is invited to participate in our Shine Your Light Chanukiah Contest! Design and build a one-of-a-kind *Chanukiah* at home using any materials you choose — from LEGO bricks to recyclables, clay, pasta, wood, wire, or anything in between! Get creative and celebrate the Festival of Lights in your own unique way. All ages are welcome; enter solo or as a family/group. Submissions will be displayed at the JCC and eligible for fun prizes. Drop off your creation between December 7 and 21 at the JCC Customer Service Desk.

## News from Calgary

### LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

**GROUP SESSIONS**

**SUNDAYS, MONTHLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR  
10:00AM TO 12:00PM**

Students will learn with both Beth Tzedec rabbis while preparing for their B'nai Mitzvah with a unique and comprehensive curriculum. Beyond learning to successfully lead a B'nai Mitzvah service, they'll develop a deep understanding of the beauty of our tradition.

**INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS**

**WEEKLY OR BI-WEEKLY BEGINNING  
NINE MONTHS OUT FROM YOUR SIMCHA**

Students will benefit from more personal attention throughout the year, punctuated by group time with their peers, community building and exploring their mitzvah projects, and sharpening their Torah/service-leading skills.

**PLUS ASK ABOUT HOW CELEBRATING A  
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For more information and to register  
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## News from Calgary

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO (CHW) Calgary Centre is hosting a *Dance for Connection* workshop on December 8, led by Julia Zaides, CCC, MA DMT, EDT, exploring movement, imagination, and self-expression through creative dance improvisation.



**Malka-Deena Lewis**  
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No experience needed—just curiosity. CHW Calgary Centre is also collecting donations for its annual Toy Drive supporting local underprivileged families. Learn more at [chw.ca/region/western-region](http://chw.ca/region/western-region) or email [malka-deena@chw.ca](mailto:malka-deena@chw.ca)





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## Applications open for March of the Living

The March of the Living is a two-week educational experience that takes place in Poland and Israel.

Hundreds of Canadian students each year mark two of the most important dates in Jewish history. On Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) students participate in a three-kilometer march from Auschwitz to Birkenau as a silent tribute to victims of the Shoah. In Israel, students observe Yom Ha'zikaron (Israel's Memorial Day) and celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day). Students who will be in Grades 10, 11, and 12 during the school year are welcome to apply for this incredible experience.



The next trip takes place April 11- 26, 2026. Applications are open until November 20.

[Watch the information night session](#)  
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