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Cheshvan 19, 5787

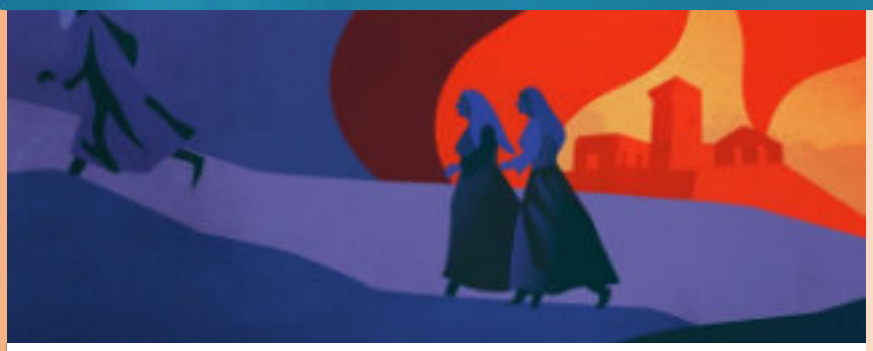
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Edmonton: 5:46 PM Friday
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Fall in Calgary ...



"VAYERA" in a Nutshell ...



The name of the Parshah, "Vayera," means "And He appeared" and it is found in Genesis 18:1.

G-d reveals Himself to Abraham three days after the first Jew's circumcision at age ninety-nine; but Abraham rushes off to prepare a meal for three guests who appear in the desert heat. One of the three—who are angels disguised as men—announces that, in exactly one year, the barren Sarah will give birth to a son. Sarah laughs.

Abraham pleads with G-d to spare the wicked city of Sodom. Two of the three disguised angels arrive in the doomed city, where Abraham's nephew Lot extends his hospitality to them and protects them from the evil intentions of a Sodomite mob. The two guests reveal that they have come to overturn the place, and to save Lot and his family. Lot's wife turns into a pillar of salt when she disobeys the command not to look back at the burning city as they flee.

While taking shelter in a cave, Lot's two daughters (believing that they and their father are the only ones left alive in the world) get their father drunk, lie with him and become pregnant. The two sons born from this incident father the nations of Moab and Ammon.

Abraham moves to Gerar, where the Philistine king Abimelech takes Sarah—who is presented as Abraham's sister—to his palace. In a dream, G-d warns Abimelech that he will die unless he returns the woman to her husband. Abraham explains that he feared he would be killed over the beautiful Sarah.

G-d remembers His promise to Sarah, and gives her and Abraham a son, who is named Isaac (Yitzchak, meaning "will laugh"). Isaac is circumcised at the age of eight days; Abraham is one hundred years old, and Sarah ninety, at their child's birth.

Hagar and Ishmael are banished from Abraham's home and wander in the desert; G-d hears the cry of the dying lad, and saves his life by showing his mother a well. Abimelech makes a treaty with Abraham at Beersheba, where Abraham gives him seven sheep as a sign of their truce.

G-d tests Abraham's devotion by commanding him to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Moriah (the Temple Mount) in Jerus

TORAH GEMS

Psalm 119: Nun

"Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105) The Talmud (Shabbos 104a) says that the letter Nun, stands for the Ne'eman, loyal person, who is completely devoted to God. The Nun's bent shape indicates subservience to God's will. Osios D'Rabbi Akiva states that the human soul (Neshamah) was created with the Nun, its initial letter. The numerical value of Nun is fifty, symbolizing the fifty gateways to profound insight into Divine wisdom. The man who is loyal (Ne'eman) to God will illuminate his soul and attempt to attain these fifty levels of insight. He will use the lamp (Ner) of God's Torah to guide his ascent toward the zenith of Divine knowledge. Shnei Luchos HaBris, Maseches Yoma, Amud HaTeshuvah, demonstrates David's special relationship with the letter nun, and how it guided the events of his life. Adapted from Artscroll's "The Writings; Psalms" by Rabbi Nossom Scherman / Rabbi Gedaliah Zlotowitz, 2018, page 563. Torah Gem Archives: https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/torahtidbits

YIDDISH CORNER ...

Ganef = Burgler, Thief

Yatatata = Chattering

Bilig = Cheap (price)

Grob, Prost = Course, ordinary

Kvetsher = Complainer

Freser = Compulsive eater

Ongeblozen, belgayve = Conceited

Tsetumelt = Confused



Shapell Family Collections Center

The Shapell Collections Center was established in order to uphold Yad Vashem's moral, national and historic responsibility to safeguard and preserve the documentation entrusted to it for future generations, ensuring the remembrance of the Holocaust, its victims and its survivors.

Yad Vashem – The World Holocaust Remembrance Center

Established in 1953 by an act of the Knesset (Israeli Parliament), Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, is entrusted with Holocaust commemoration, documentation, research and education: remembering the six million Jews murdered by the German Nazis and their collaborators; commemorating the destroyed Jewish communities, the ghetto and resistance fighters; and honoring the Righteous Among the Nations who risked their lives to rescue Jews during the Holocaust.



Documentation

The state-of-the-art Archival Collection houses hundreds of millions of pages of documentation, photographs, and survivor testimonies in video, audio and written format.



Research

The International Institute for Holocaust Research encourages, supports and advances scholarly studies on the Holocaust.



Education

The International Institute for Holocaust Education offers extensive activities for students and educators.



Commemoration

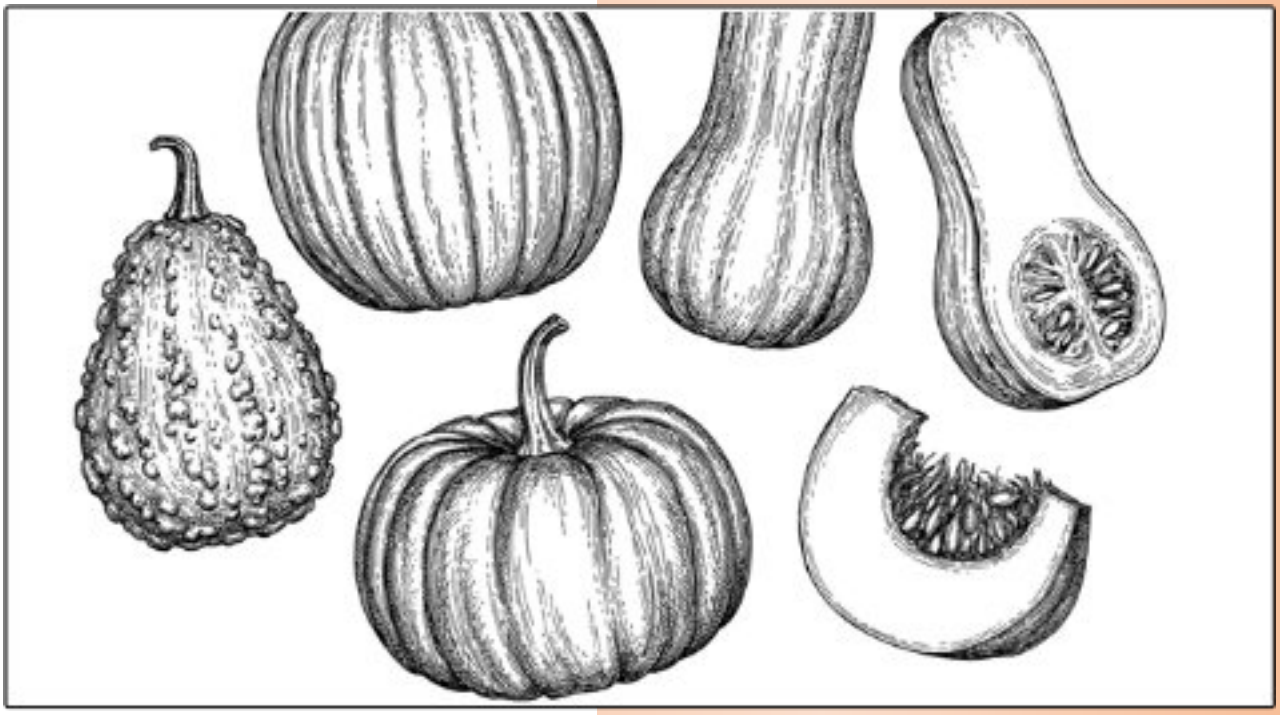
Yad Vashem holds dozens of commemorative events throughout the year in memory of the victims of the Shoah and the destroyed Jewish communities.

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Interesting Jewish history ...

the nosher

Halloween is decidedly not a Jewish holiday, but did you know there's a fascinating Jewish history of its star, the pumpkin? Enjoy the journey — and some other yummy treats, too.



The Secret Sephardic History of the Pumpkin

Beyond pumpkin spice lattes, Jews have always embraced the pumpkin.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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Films and Schedules - Beth Tzedec Congregation





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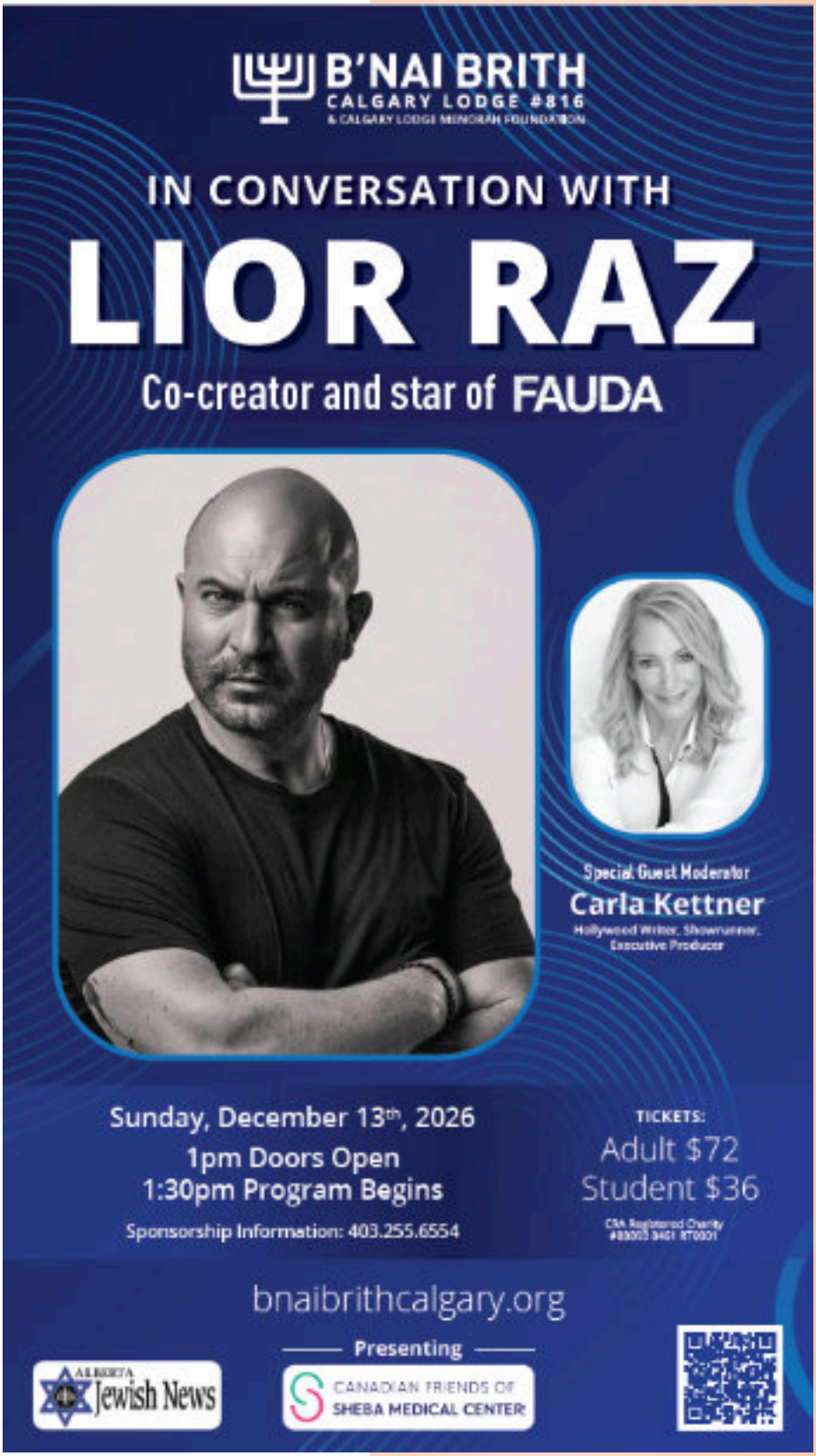
Recipe of the Week ...

jamie geller



It is little wonder that there are so many Jewish lawyers! Avraham's bold negotiations with Hashem over the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah—demanding righteousness and justice—have echoed for centuries. Ultimately, the corrupt cities could not be saved, but Lot's family was given a chance to flee. When Lot's wife disobeyed orders and looked back at the falling brimstone, she was famously transformed into a pillar of salt.

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Interesting Jewish History ...

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If you look very carefully at a penny, you'll notice something you've probably never seen before: initials pressed into the dark underline of Lincoln's bicep. Those initials stand for Victor David Brenner—the Jewish-American engraver, medalist, and designer of the Lincoln cent.

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Jewish Paralympian Ezra Frech Honors Mom Bahar Soomekh on 'Dancing With the Stars'

The routine brought his dance partner Daniella Karagach to tears and earned them the first perfect 10 of the season.





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What's Happening in Edmonton ...

Jewish Studies Week Fall 2026

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA — Faculty of Arts — Wirth Institute for Austrian and Central European Studies

Monday, November 2-6

Regular Building Hours
Rutherford Library Atrium

Exhibit: *Unfinished Lives*

An exclusive North American showing of Bente Kahan's *Unfinished Lives*, an exhibition reflecting on European Jewish artists who, amid the horror of the Holocaust, continued to express themselves through literature, music, visual art, and performance.

This exhibit is generously sponsored by the ***Bente Kahan Foundation*** *in Wrocław, Poland. The Bente Kahan Foundation's mission is to further mutual respect and human rights in the aftermath of the devastating European Jewish experience during WWII. You can learn more about the foundation and its work here.*



Monday, November 2

3:00 pm
12-15, Henry Marshall Tory Building (NEW TIME & LOCATION)

The Suffering of Jews in Croatia:
The Holocaust on the Border of the German and Italian Empires during the Second World War

Tvrtko Jakovina, professor, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, MIREES, Università di Bologna

The Jewish Community of Zagreb began its organized institutional activity in 1806 and in 2026 marks its 220th anniversary. Its survival distinguishes it from many other Jewish communities in Croatia, whose continuity was almost completely destroyed during the Holocaust. In the territory of the Independent State of Croatia (NDH), the Axis-aligned state established under German influence, the first concentration camp, „Danica", was established on 15 April 1941, only five days after the proclamation of the NDH. The first systematic racial and anti-Jewish laws were enacted on 30 April 1941, only twenty days after the establishment of the state.



Thursday, November 5

4-5:00 p.m. MT
TLB-1, Tory Lecture Building (Tory Turtle)

2026 Annual Toby & Saul Reichert Holocaust Lecture

Beyond Violence? Survivors' Returns to Poland after the Holocaust

Anna Cichopek-Gajraj, Arizona State University

About the Lecture

What did it mean for Jewish survivors to return "home" to Poland after the Holocaust? This is a familiar story: survivors returned to find their families murdered and their homes occupied, while facing their Polish neighbors' hostility, violence, or indifference. Yet these common postwar experiences do not tell the whole story. Although loneliness, pain, fear, and sorrow were palpable, survivors also exhibited resilience and creativity in their search for a new sense of belonging in their old country. They sought justice, entered schools and workplaces, and tried to recover some measure of normality in the shadow of the genocide. They often attempted to start new families and rebuild communities, succeeding in creating a vibrant, if brief and fragile, Jewish community in Lower Silesia. In all this, many hoped to find their permanent place in postwar Polish society while others decided to leave; their decisions rarely immediate or obvious. Grounded in a rich historiography and illustrated with images from the period, this lecture reconstructs survivors' returns as an uncertain process of searching for home amid loss, fear, and hope.



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What's Happening in Edmonton ....



Join Edmonton Chevra Kadisha and the 69th Girl Guides for a special No Stone Left Alone Remembrance Ceremony as we come together to honour the veterans laid to rest in Edmonton's Jewish Cemetery.

The ceremony will feature a Land Acknowledgement, O Canada, a recitation of In Flanders Fields, a wreath-laying ceremony, and reflections from young participants. Following the program, community members will place a poppy on each veteran's grave in remembrance of those who served and sacrificed for our freedom.

Together, we will reflect, remember and pay tribute to the veterans in our community.

Sunday, November 8
10 a.m.
Jewish Cemetery (Old Cemetery), 7622–101 Avenue

All are welcome.

Presented by Edmonton Chevra Kadisha in partnership with the 69th Girl Guides.



Join Edmonton Chevra Kadisha for a Remembrance Day Service as we honour and remember the Jewish men and women who served and sacrificed for our freedom.

Gather with members of the community at the Old Cemetery Cenotaph as we pause to reflect on the courage, service and legacy of Jewish veterans. Together, we will ensure their contributions are remembered and their memory is honoured.

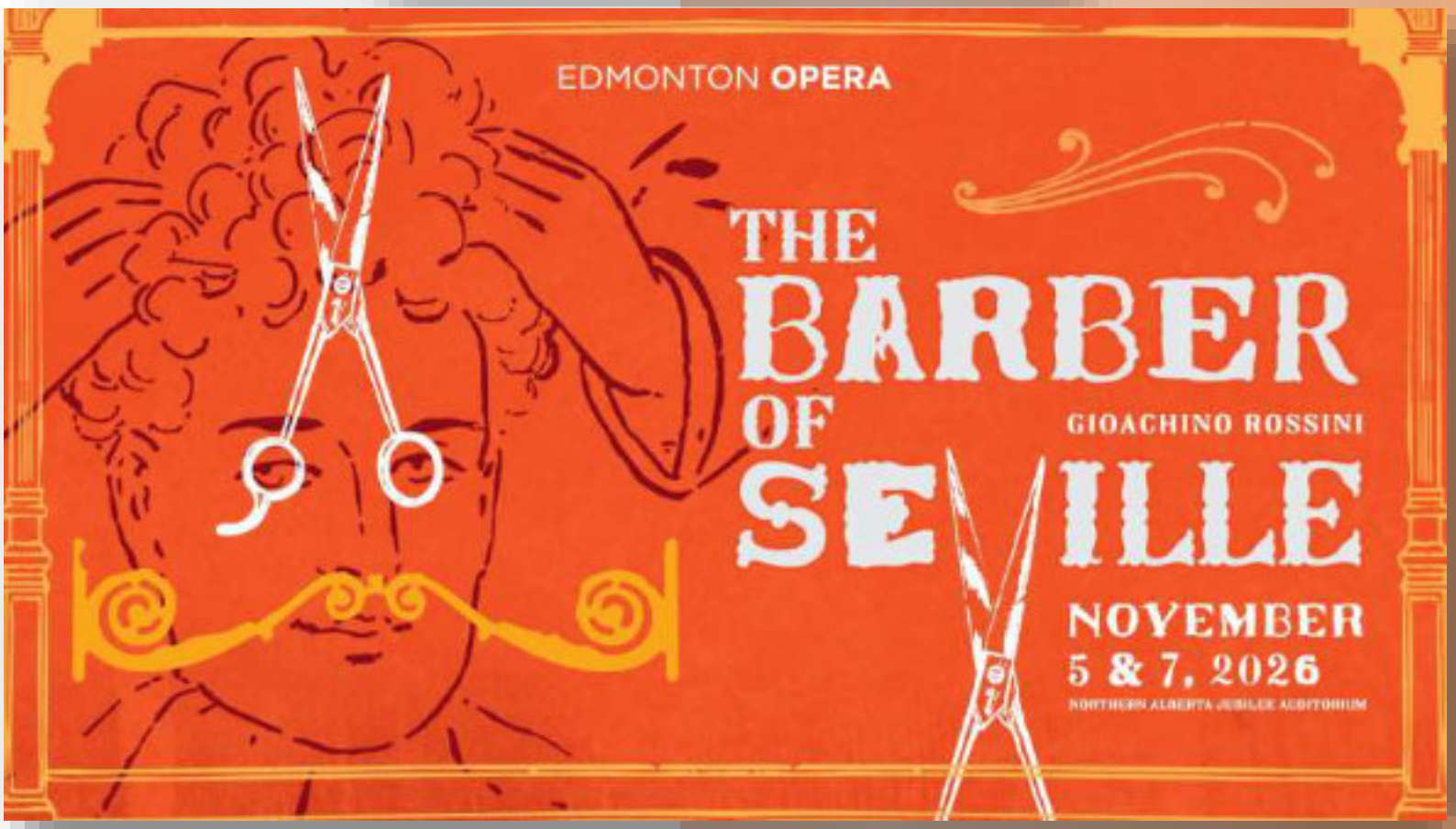
Wednesday, November 11
10:30 a.m.
Old Cemetery, in front of the Cenotaph

All are welcome.

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Edmonton Opera presents ...

EDMONTON OPERA



Mainstage

The Barber of Seville

Composer: Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868)

Librettist: Cesare Sterbini (1784-1831)

The Barber of Seville is opera at its most joyful; a fast-moving comedy where wit, music, and cleverness always stay one step ahead.

Nov 5, 2026 - 7:30 PM

Nov 7, 2026 - 7:30 PM

Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

Barber of Seville — Edmonton Opera



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