

ALBERTA JEWISH PIPELINE

December 2, 2025
Kislev 13, 5786



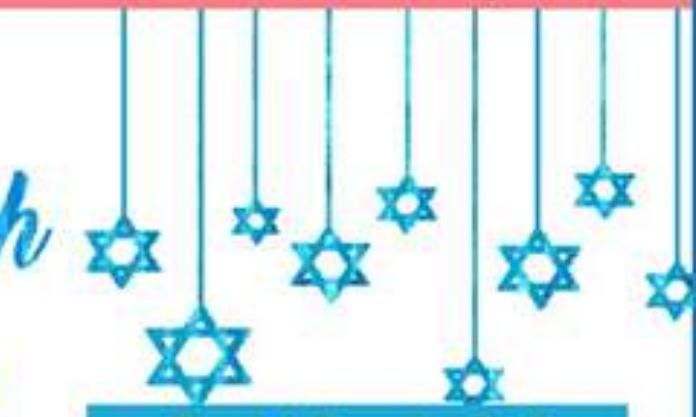
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Shabbat ends Sat. 5:17PM

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The Alberta Jewish Pipeline is in Israel !

Tens of thousands of people from around the world are now visiting Israel and volunteering ... to show love and support for the Israeli people who have endured so much ...

During the last two weeks your publishers Gail and Bernie Estrin have been busy doing tours, volunteering with Sar-El Canada's army program, visiting friend and relatives, visiting Naamat Canada and JNF Canada's projects across Israel, touring devastated areas and preparing and delivering meals for IDF soldiers at the Yellow Line.

**People in Israel are very happy to see visitors and volunteers ...
We hope you will plan your next journey to Israel soon !**



Preparing Meals at Shlomi's Food Truck at Gaza



Scenes from Ashkelon Israel



Volunteer Army Service through Sar-El Canada



Volunteer Army Service with Sar-El Canada



Scenes from Mahane Yehuda Jerusalem



Scenes from the Shuk and Old Jerusalem

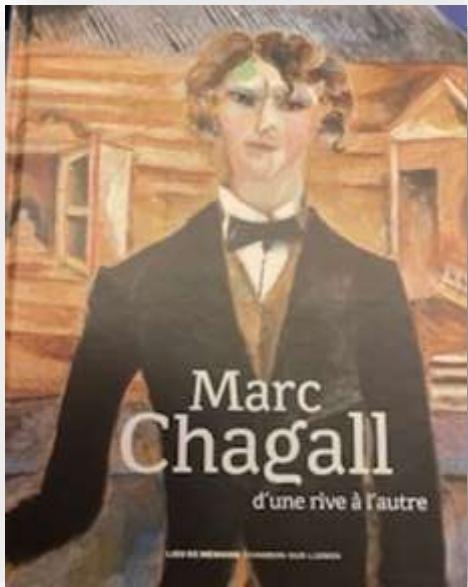
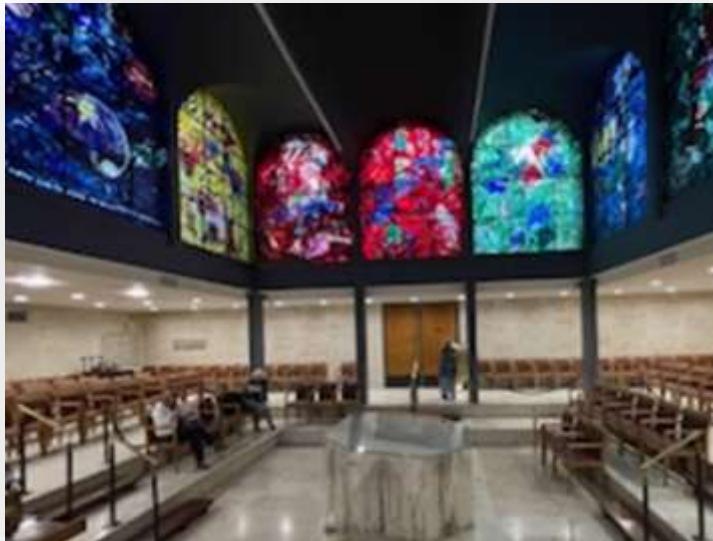


Scenes from the Tower of David Light Show

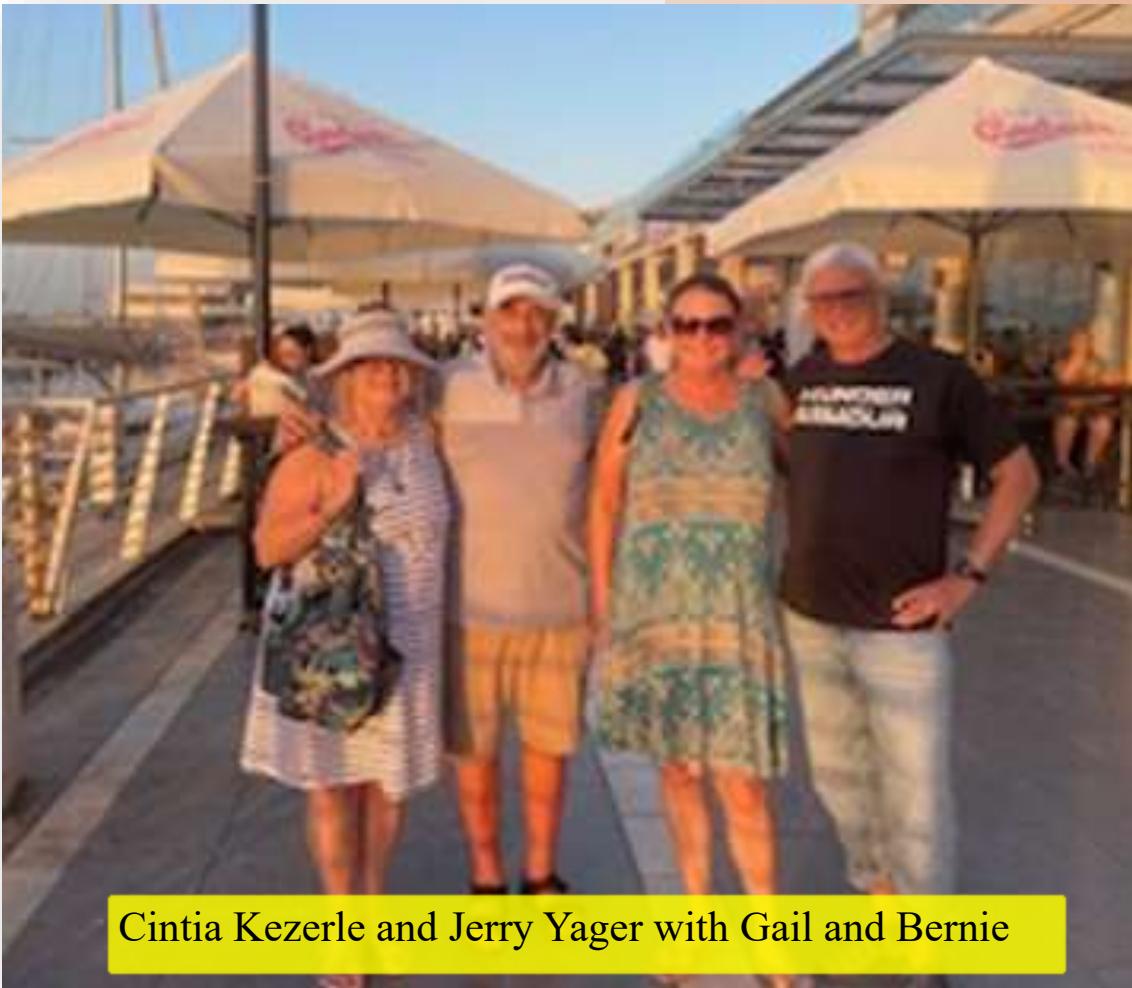


Our cousins Tamara and Michael Maimoni

Chagall Windows at Hadassah Hospital



Scenes from Israel



Cintia Kezerle and Jerry Yager with Gail and Bernie



Ed and Sharon Fitch with Gail and Bernie

Art on display at Hadassah Hospital



Hadassah Hospital ... then and now



TORAH PORTION "VAYISHLACH" IN A NUTSHELL ...



The name of the Parshah, "Vayishlach," means "And he sent" and it is found in [Genesis 32:4](#).

Jacob returns to [the Holy Land](#) after a 20-year stay in Charan, and sends angel-emissaries to [Esau](#) in hope of a reconciliation, but his messengers report that [his brother is on the warpath with 400 armed men](#). Jacob [prepares for war, prays](#), and sends Esau a large gift (consisting of hundreds of heads of livestock) to appease him.

That night, Jacob ferries his family and possessions across the Jabbok River; he, however, remains behind and encounters the angel that embodies the spirit of Esau, [with whom he wrestles until daybreak](#). Jacob [suffers a dislocated hip](#) but vanquishes the supernal creature, [who bestows on him the name Israel](#), which means "he who prevails over the divine."

Jacob and Esau meet, [embrace and kiss](#), but part ways. Jacob purchases a plot of land near Shechem, whose crown

prince—also called Shechem—[abducts and rapes Jacob's daughter Dinah](#). Dinah's brothers [Simeon](#) and [Levi](#) avenge the deed by [killing all male inhabitants of the city](#), after rendering them vulnerable by convincing them to [circumcise](#) themselves.

Jacob journeys on. [Rachel](#) dies while giving birth to her second son, [Benjamin](#), and is buried in [a roadside grave](#) near Bethlehem. Reuben interferes with his father's marital life. Jacob arrives in [Hebron](#), to his father, [Isaac](#), who later dies at age 180. (Rebecca has passed away before Jacob's arrival.)

Our Parshah concludes with a detailed account of Esau's wives, children and grandchildren; the family histories of the people of Seir, among whom Esau settled; and a list of the eight kings who ruled Edom, the land of Esau's and Seir's descendants.

Learn: [Vayishlach in Depth](#)
 Browse: [Vayishlach Parshah Columnists](#)
 Prep: [Devar Torah Q&A for Vayishlach](#)
 Read: [Haftarah in a Nutshell](#)
 Play: [Vayishlach Parshah Quiz](#)

TORAH GEMS

Give Your Heart to Me

"My child, give your heart to Me, and your eyes will desire My ways." (Proverbs 23:26) The heart is the seat of desires. Hashem exhorts us to channel our will and longing to Him and His service (R' Yonah). One way to do this is to limit our consumption of the resources of this world and concentrate on attaining wisdom and serving Hashem (R' Bachya, Introduction to Parashas Ki Seitzei). If a person uses his heart to understand Hashem's words, he will know that His ways are upright, and as a result he will direct his eyes to serve Him (Metzudos). The Sages (Berachos 12b) associate your hearts with heresy and your eyes with thoughts of immorality. Accordingly, someone will make his parents happy (v. 25) if he

commits his heart to absorbing Torah wisdom, so that he will not be attracted to heresy. Similarly, if his eyes are totally focused on Hashem's ways, they will not be drawn after lustful pursuits (Malbim). Homiletically, some people think that in order to come closer to Hashem, they must neglect their physical health, fast, and deny themselves any physical enjoyment. Our verse says no. Give your heart to Me, but do not neglect your body. Instead, take care of yourself, but do it to remain healthy and serve Hashem better (Ginzei Yosef).

Adapted from Artscroll's "The Writings; Proverbs" by Rabbi N. Scherman & Rabbi M. Zlotowitz, page 209. Torah Gem Archives: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/torahtidbits>

YIDDISH CORNER ...

Yeder ayzl hot lib tsu hern vi er aleyn shrayt.

Every ass likes to hear himself bray.



Az me zukht mit seykh! gefinen shoyndi hent.

If one seeks with brains, the hands will soon find.

Di noyt sharft dem seykh!

Necessity sharpens the mind.

[Adapted from Words Like Arrows, Shirley Kumove]

What's happening in Edmonton ...



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What's happening in Tel Aviv ...



Robin Marcus (right) and Gail Estrin (back) are attending a Na'amat leadership conference

Recipe of the week ...

the nosher



Carrot Tahini Soup with Za'atar Challah Croutons Recipe

A simple warming soup with a bit of challah crunch.

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/the-nosher/carrot-tahini-soup-with-zaatar-challah-croutons-recipe/>



Israelis, all Jews and the world know who Rani is'

“He deserves to be buried, to be remembered and to be home,” said Shira Gvili, whose brother Ran is the last Israeli hostage being held in Gaza.

<https://www.jns.org/its-important-that-all-israelis-all-jews-and->

Herzog weighs Netanyahu pardon, cites Israel's best interest

The president says he will consider only the good of the country in reviewing the prime minister's extraordinary request.



<https://www.jns.org/herzog-weighs-netanyahu-pardon-cites-israels-best-interest/>

Chanukah in Edmonton



Beth Shalom Congregation with the support of Jewish Federation of Edmonton, Jewish Family Services & Hadassah WIZO Canada invites the Entire Jewish Community to

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

**Saturday,
Dec. 20
at Beth Shalom
(11916 Jasper Ave)**

RSVP &
prepayment
are required
780.488.6333/301,
or by email at:
[info@e-
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5:00 pm - Open Doors
5:15 pm - Havdalah Service
followed by Kids' & Adult
Programs & Candle Lighting
Ceremony

6:00 pm - Dinner
\$45.00 Adult
\$15.00 Teenagers (12-18)
Free Kids (0-11)

Persons who need
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of dinner please contact the
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Chanukah in Edmonton



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DEC | 14 | 2025

4:30-5:30 PM

Childrens
program

21 foot
menorah

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PICKUP AT BETH SHALOM 4:00 PM
RETURN AT 6:45 PM

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DEC 17

6:00 -

8:30 PM

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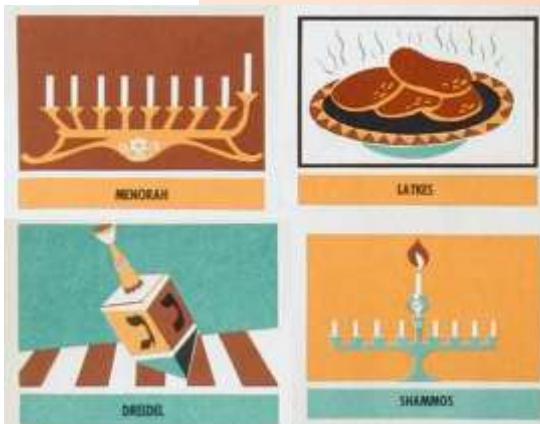
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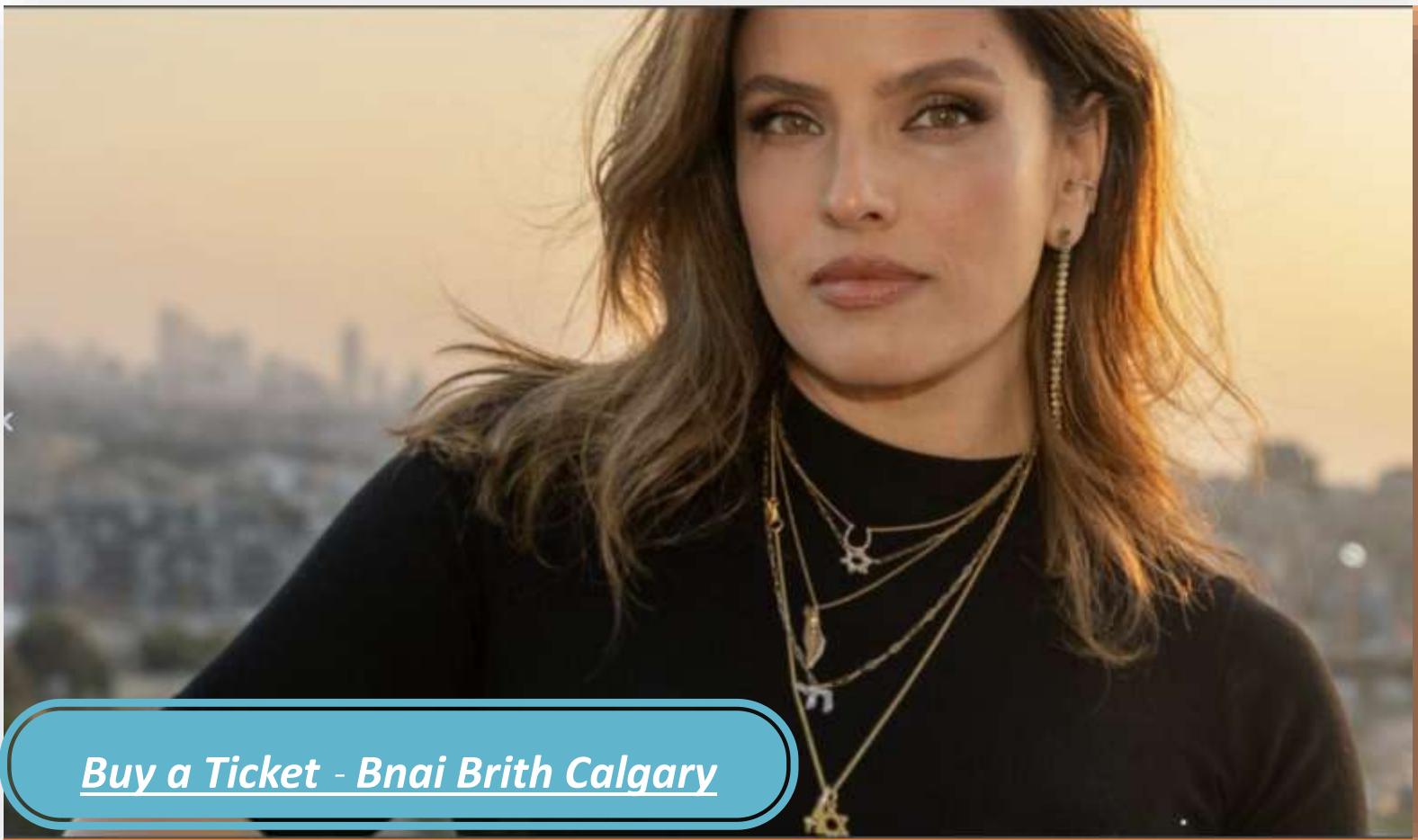
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Sun. Dec. 7, 1 PM at Beth Tzedec Calgary



Buy a Ticket - B'nai Brith Calgary

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.

IN CONVERSATION WITH
NOA TISHBY

The globally recognized New York Times bestselling author, activist, and social media influencer is coming to Calgary on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

Special Guest Moderator Amanda Eskenasi

 HonestReporting Canada



News from Calgary

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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 Zaires, CCC, MA DMT, EDT, exploring movement, imagination, and self-expression through creative dance improvisation.

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 or email malkadeena@chw.ca



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Bring your family, invite your friends, and get ready for a bright and beautiful celebration!

<https://bethzedec.ca/event/family-hanukkah-party/>

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https://youtu.be/fhSRjASvH_k

<https://youtube.com/shorts/QUNQ-P8OfKE?si=NAwEbO1mNLMYBNNq>

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