



March 10, 2026

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FREE WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Send Personal Greetings to family and friends worldwide

Deadline to order greetings: March 20



Happy
Passover

Passover: April 1 –9

CHOOSE YOUR MESSAGE:

1. Chag Pesach Sameach !
2. Happy Passover to our family and friends !
3. Wishing the Jewish community a happy and kosher Passover !

Greetings cost: \$54, \$90 or \$144.

Your greetings will appear in both of our Passover editions

Deadline to order greetings: March 20, 2026

Phone 780 481-8535 OR albertajewishpipeline@shaw.ca

"VAYAKHEIL - PEKUDEI" IN A NUTSHELL ...

TORAH GEM

A Link with Hashem

"If one turns his ear from hearing the Torah, his prayer too, will be [considered] an abomination." (Proverbs 18:9)

Prayer is not merely a petition for one's needs. Rather, it is a means of spiritual growth and bonding with the Creator, but this is stifled when one distances himself from the Torah (Michtav MeEliyahu). If a scholar is not interested in hearing someone else's words of Torah, Hashem will have no interest in hearing his words of prayer (Metzudos). Alshich adds that if the scholar has no interest because he has already learned the topic, Hashem may tell him, as it were, "And I have heard the same prayer from you numerous times before."

R' Aharon also explains that both Torah and prayer form a link between a person and Hashem. Through Torah, a person connects to God's word, and through prayer he communes with Hashem. This concept is found in Maharal (Nesiv HaAvodah Ch. 2). He explains that prayer attaches a person to Hashem, even when he petitions for his physical needs. However, if he ignores Torah study, then his prayer is merely a series of requests for bodily well-being, and this God abhors.

Adapted from Artscroll's "The Writings; Proverbs" by Rabbi N. Scherman & Rabbi M. Zlotowitz, page 245.
Torah Gem Archives: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/torahdibits>

YIDDISH CORNER ...

A patsh in ponim

A slap in the face



Geyen mit der pushke

Pass a charity-box around

Opvishn dos moyl

[or: Opvisn di lipn]
Maintain silence; seal one's mouth / lips

Makhn emetsn

oystsudreyn

[lit. making someone turn out]
Make a monkey of someone



The name of the first Parshah, "Vayakhel," means "And he gathered" and it is found in [Exodus 35:1](#). The name of the Parshah, "Pekudei," means "Amounts of" and is found in [Exodus 38:21](#).

Moses assembles the people of Israel and reiterates to them the commandment to observe the [Shabbat](#). He then conveys G-d's instructions regarding the making of the [Mishkan](#) (Tabernacle). The people donate the required materials in abundance, bringing gold, silver and copper; blue-, purple- and red-dyed wool; goat hair, spun linen, animal skins, wood, olive oil, herbs and precious stones. Moses has to tell them to stop giving.

A team of wise-hearted [artisans](#) make the Mishkan and its furnishings (as detailed in the previous Torah readings of [Terumah](#), [Tetzaveh](#) and [Ki Tisa](#)): three layers of roof coverings; 48 gold-plated wall panels, and 100 silver foundation sockets; the *parochet* (veil) that separates between the Sanctuary's two chambers, and the *masach* (screen) that fronts it; the [ark](#), and its cover with the cherubim; the table and its [showbread](#); the [seven-branched menorah](#) with its spe-

cially prepared oil; the golden altar and the [incense](#) burned on it; the anointing oil; the outdoor altar for burnt offerings and all its implements; the hangings, posts and foundation sockets for the courtyard; and the basin and its pedestal, made out of copper [mirrors](#).

An accounting is made of the gold, silver and copper donated by the people for the making of the [Mishkan](#). [Betzalel](#), [Aholiav](#) and their [assistants](#) make the eight [priestly garments](#)—the apron, [breastplate](#), cloak, crown, hat, tunic, sash and breeches—according to the specifications communicated to [Moses](#) in the Parshah of [Tetzaveh](#).

The [Mishkan](#) is completed and all its components are brought to Moses, who erects it and anoints it with the holy anointing oil, and initiates [Aaron](#) and his four sons into the [priesthood](#).

A [cloud](#) appears over the Mishkan, signifying the [Divine Presence](#) that has come to dwell within it.

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

Don't Miss ... March 18 in Calgary



THE PAPERNY FAMILY JCC PRESENTS:

Project HEROES CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

7PM | BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION

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JCC MEMBER

\$45
PUBLIC

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JCC
CALGARY

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project-heroes.co.il/en

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The poster features a dark blue background with white and light blue geometric patterns, including musical notes and abstract shapes. The text is in a mix of white and light blue. Below the poster is a photograph of a live performance on a stage. A man in a dark coat is playing a double bass, another man is playing a keyboard, and a third man is playing a drum set. A large screen in the background displays the word 'HEROES' and a Star of David. The audience is visible in the foreground.

<https://www.calgaryjcc.com/events/>

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An evening with

Conrad Black Barbara Amiel
Stephen Harper

Thursday, April 23rd, 2026

5:30PM COCKTAILS | 6:30PM DINNER

Tickets: \$375.⁰⁰

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Sponsorship opportunities: 403.255.6554

What's Happening in Calgary?

BETH TZEDEC'S

Second Night SEDER

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 AT 5:30PM



Regional Community Security Director

The Jewish Federations of Calgary and Edmonton are seeking a proactive and dedicated Regional Security Director to lead, develop, and manage the community's comprehensive security program. This role involves safeguarding the well-being of the community, its staff, volunteers, and facilities, ensuring a secure environment for all who participate in our events and programs. The Regional Director will be responsible for assessing risks, implementing security protocols, and leading emergency response efforts, while fostering strong relationships with local law enforcement and security agencies across Alberta. Read the [full announcement](#) and [find out more about this opportunity](#).



Friends of JNF Canada 2026 Negev Gala

Tuesday, June 9

7:00pm | Beth Tzedec Congregation

Save the date for our biggest fundraiser of the year! Featuring guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Jonathan Conricus, former IDF spokesperson. For more information contact us at 403-255-0295 x2 or [email](#).

What's Happening in Calgary?



Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Dr. Andrew Rehfeld

Friday, March 13 at 7:30pm and

Saturday, March 14 at 10:30am

Temple B'nai Tikvah Sanctuary

Dr. Andrew Rehfeld is the President of the Hebrew Union College and will be speaking during our *Shabbat* service on the topic of *Zionism, Anti-Zionism, and Avoiding a 'Friend or Foe' Mentality*. Visit our [website](#) for more information about the event and a complete weekend schedule.

TBT Gallery

Until April 4 | Temple B'nai Tikvah Foyer

[Jewish on Paper](#), a collection of print works, reminds us that the everyday images we hang in our homes carry the deepest stories of who we are.

A Breath of Broadway

Sunday, April 12

7:00pm | Temple B'nai Tikvah Sanctuary

Join us for an unforgettable evening of beloved Broadway favorites, performed by acclaimed vocalist Omer Shaish. Enjoy the performance, then linger with friends at a dessert reception following the show. Seating is limited, so we encourage you to [purchase your tickets](#) early.



Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day

Monday, April 13

6:30pm - Holocaust Memorial Park, Paperny Family JCC

7:30pm - Beth Tzedec Congregation

Come together for our community's annual *Yom HaShoah* commemoration. The commemorative service will commence at the Holocaust Memorial Park at the JCC at 6:30pm. At 7:30pm, join us at Beth Tzedec Congregation for our commemorative program, featuring a talk from the Canadian Society For Yad Vashem on this year's theme: *The Jewish Family During the Holocaust*. This program is free of charge and open to all. No registration required. For more information, [contact Amy Glassman-Boiko](#).

Seeking Submissions for Phase II of the Rededication of the Holocaust Memorial Park

Submit by April 30, 2026

We are collecting names of those with a connection to Calgary, who perished in the Holocaust. Please send names to [Amy Glassman-Boiko](#) by April 30, 2026. Special thanks to all our donors. The Holocaust Memorial Park and sculpture, *Ashes to Life*, was donated to the Jewish community of Calgary in 1986 by William (Bill) Schwartz and Alyse Schwartz, each of blessed memory, in memory of their parents Louis & Regina Schwartz and Isaac & Celia Schwartzpel.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CALGARY ...



JFSC Annual Fundraiser: A Night of Notes & Jokes

Thursday, April 30th



Doors open at 6:30pm

The Carriage House Hotel & Conference Centre, 9030 Macleod Trail

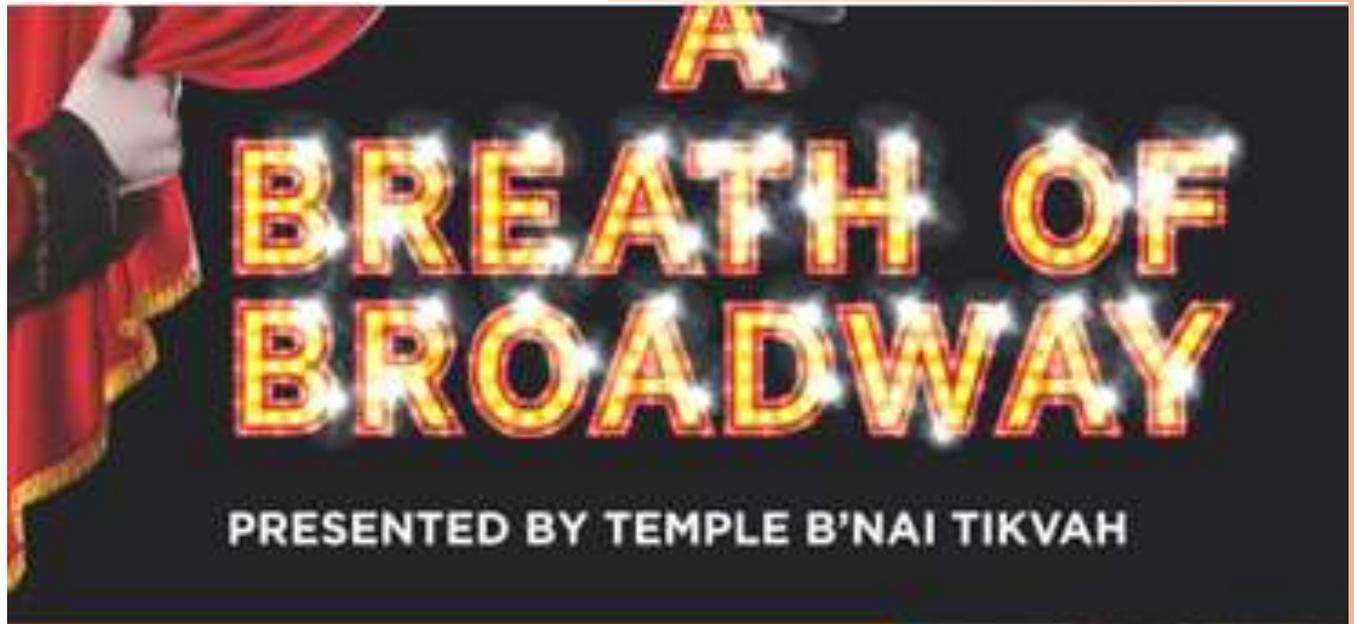
JFSC is celebrating 65 years! Join us for Notes and Jokes with the Heebee Jeebees at the 2026 JFSC Annual Fundraiser.

Enjoy a night of music, laughter, and community while supporting JFSC's Mental Health Program.

For details, contact Lynn Tipper at 403-692-6395 or LynnT@jfsc.org, or visit JFSC.org.

<https://www.jfsc.org/support-jfsc/2026->

Coming to Calgary April 12



Sunday, April 12
7:00pm

Broadway hits performed
by acclaimed vocalist

Omer Shaish

Dessert reception to follow
Temple B'nai Tikvah | 900 47 Avenue SW

Tickets \$50 | Limited seating

templebnaitikvah.org/abreathofbroadway
or call 403.252.1654



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BUY TICKETS**





AN IMPORTANT UPDATE ABOUT OUR CAFÉ

Dear Paperny Family JCC Community,

We wanted to share some important news regarding our on-site café services. After many years of serving our community with delicious meals and a welcoming atmosphere, Karen's Café will be concluding its operations at the Paperny Family JCC, effective 18 months from now on August 27, 2027.

We are grateful for the wonderful contributions Karen's Café has made to our JCC experience and extend our heartfelt thanks to Karen, Larry, Jenn, and team for their dedication.

We appreciate your understanding during this transition and look forward to sharing more details as they become available. Thank you for being part of our JCC family!

Warm regards,
Paperny Family JCC

<https://www.calgaryjcc.com/>

It's that time again! (to use up the chametz)

THE JEWISH ★ STAR



By Joni Schockett

This is one of my favorite times of year, the time I get to clean out the pantry and start all over again after Passover. It is the time to use up all the half bags of rice and pasta and cans of beans and bags of flour and so much more.

I start to make bread like a possessed baker and try all kinds of new recipes, but mostly I just make the ones I can do in my sleep with some extra rye flour or whole wheat flour or whatever else I have in the house. I seem to be making up a lot of “Everything” toppings (seems I overbought that little gem!). This week it's bagels and bialys (time to invite some friends for brunch).

<https://www.thejewishstar.com/stories/its-that->

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Tuesday, March 10 • 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
201 Portage Avenue at Portage & Main



ROASTED VEGGIE BARLEY BOWL WITH SALMON

jamie geller



We love salmon dinners, because it cooks fast and provides a generous dose of omega-3's, good for our heart, brain and skin. The barley takes a bit longer to cook, but can be made ahead and add to salads for lunches all week. Barley, as a whole grain is naturally high in fiber, but it is also a great source of B vitamins and antioxidants.

If you want to keep this vegetarian or don't like fish, top with a mix of crumbled goat cheese, toasted nuts and dried fruit.

<https://jamiiegeller.com/recipes/roasted-veggie->

View past publications of the Alberta Jewish Pipeline:

[PAST ISSUES | Mysite](#)

Gunfire aimed at three Toronto synagogues: has the threshold been crossed?



Hear what police, politicians and Jewish leaders say after the shootings, including the two at Beth Avraham Yoseph synagogue, and Shaarei Shomayim.

The Canadian Jewish News

March 9, 2026

Police in Toronto and York Region say they will be “relentless” after gunfire targeted three Toronto-area synagogues in recent days. Police say they’ve already called the RCMP and other intelligence forces for help.

<https://thecjn.ca/news/gunfire-aimed-at-three->

Plan to Attend Festival Hatzafon - Sun. March 15

This is one event you don't want to miss...

You can buy tickets at the door of the Westbury Theatre located at 10330 - 84 Ave.

A wonderful Israeli music/dance event for the whole family.

Come and enjoy!



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ISRAEL ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST
(9AM-12PM)**

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LIMITED QUANTITIES!**

Passover take-out from BETH ISRAEL EDMONTON ...

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<u>MEAL PACKAGES</u>	<u>SERVES 8-10 PEOPLE</u>	<u>SERVES 4-5 PEOPLE</u> <small>(COMES W/ HALF PORTIONS OF ALL SIDES)</small>
◆ ROASTED CHICKEN	<input type="checkbox"/> \$485 - 16 PIECES	<input type="checkbox"/> \$295
◆ SWEET & SOUR MEAT BALLS	<input type="checkbox"/> \$595 - 40 PIECES	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350
◆ BEEF STEW	<input type="checkbox"/> \$595 - 2 KG	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350
◆ BRISKET	<input type="checkbox"/> \$700 - 1.5 KG COOKED	<input type="checkbox"/> \$395
◆ SHORT RIBS	<input type="checkbox"/> \$700 - 1.5 KG COOKED	<input type="checkbox"/> \$395
<u>SERVES 15-18 PEOPLE</u>		
◆ WHOLE ROASTED TURKEY <small>WITH GRAVY AND CRANBERRY SAUCE</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$800 <small>(COMES WITH LARGER PORTIONS OF ALL SIDES)</small>	

INCLUDED IN ALL MEAL PACKAGES

◆ AN ORDER OF GEFILTE FISH WITH HORSERADISH & CUCUMBER SALAD (2 LBS.)

[SELECT ONE OPTION FROM EACH BELOW]

◆ KUGEL (SELECT ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> POTATO	<input type="checkbox"/> MATZAH
◆ STARCH (SELECT ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> YAMS	<input type="checkbox"/> POTATOES
◆ VEGETABLE (SELECT ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> BABY CARROTS	<input type="checkbox"/> VEGETABLE MEDLEY

APPETIZERS & ADD-ONS [AT ADDITIONAL COST]

◆ EGGPLANT LASAGNA ★ VEGAN	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165 - 8-10 SERVINGS
◆ SOUP (2L) <input type="checkbox"/> CHICKEN NOODLE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSHROOM	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 - 8-10 SERVINGS
◆ SALAD <input type="checkbox"/> SWEET CARROT <input type="checkbox"/> BEET	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 / LB.
◆ CHOPPED LIVER	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55 / LB.
◆ ROASTED VEGETABLES	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35 / LB.
◆ HOUSE-MADE CHAROSET [APPLES, WALNUTS, WINE]	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 / 250 G
◆ SEDER PLATES - INDIVIDUAL PORTION SIZE; PREMADE WITH ROMANE, PARSLEY, HORSERADISH (MAROR), CHAROSET, EGG	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 / PER PLATE

To place an order, please contact
Eddie Yedgarova @ 780 993-1349 *or*
email your filled-out order form to
cateringbyed@shaw.ca

Orders must be prepaid and will be
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Wednesday, April 1st (9am-12pm).

**Orders must be in by
Thursday, March 26th**
Limited Quantities!

DESSERT

◆ COFFEE CAKE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
◆ PINEAPPLE UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
◆ MERINGUE COOKIES	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25

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Jewish Family Services Edmonton Survey

Jewish Family Services Edmonton (JFSE), in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, is inviting members of the community to share their perspectives through a new survey. Administered by Y Station Communications & Research, this initiative seeks to better understand the mental and emotional wellbeing of Edmonton's Jewish community.

Over the past several years, JFSE has seen growing demand for counselling, social supports, and community connection. At the same time, the world around us has changed in ways that affect how people experience stress, belonging, and resilience.

By listening directly to community members, JFSE hopes to better understand current needs, identify gaps, and ensure that services and supports continue to evolve in meaningful and responsive ways.

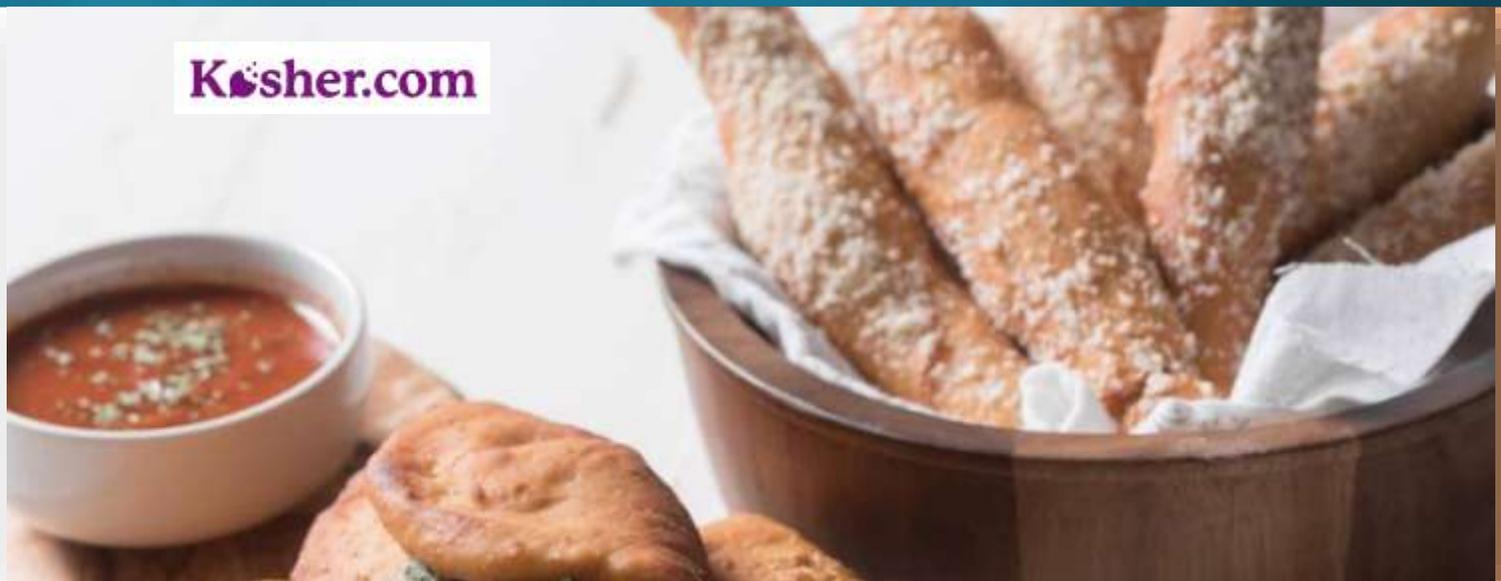
The survey is called the Mental & Emotional Needs Survey of Community Health (MENSCH). In Yiddish, a *mensch* is someone of integrity and heart... the kind of person who shows up for others.

By taking a few minutes to share your perspective, you're doing something very *menschy*: helping strengthen the wellbeing of our whole community.

The MENSCH survey launches soon. Watch this space for a link to take the survey. Paper versions and translated copies of the survey in Russian and Hebrew will be available to anyone requesting them. For more info please contact JFSE directly at tikunolam@jfse.org



10 ways to use up your Chametz before Passover ...



One of my favorite things to do in the kitchen is turn leftovers into do-overs, pantry excess included. So here are ten things you can make to get rid of your chometz!

<https://www.kosher.com/article/10-ways-to-use->

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