

# ALBERTA JEWISH PIPELINE



November 13, 2025  
Cheshvan 22, 5786



Light candles for Shabbat Fri. 4:20 PM  
Shabbat ends Sat. 5:34 PM

FREE WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

## *The Pipeline is Going to Israel !*



Israel Road Map



Our last visit to Israel was in 2017



We will be IDF volunteers  
With Sar-El Canada



Praying at the Western Wall

Many people from around the world are now visiting Israel. Gail and I are going to show our support for the Israeli people who have endured so much, during the last few years especially. We will be busy doing tours, visiting friends and relatives, volunteering for the Sar-El army program, visiting Naamat Canada and JNF Canada sites, touring the devastated areas near Gaza, and more ...

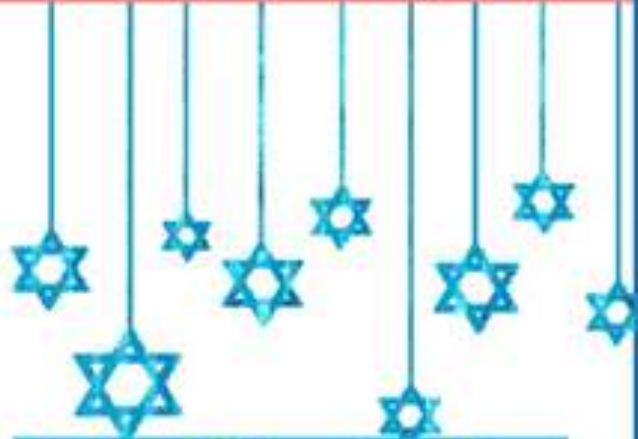
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# Place your Chanukah Greetings Order

Send Chanukah Greetings to your family  
and friends worldwide in the Alberta Jewish Pipeline

## Happy Chanukkah



Chanukah: December 14-22



Greetings cost: \$54, \$90, or \$144  
Your greetings will appear in BOTH of our Chanukah Pipeline editions.

**Deadline to order your greeting is December 1st**



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**Th**e name of the Parshah, "Chayei Sarah," means "The life of Sarah" and it is found in [Genesis 23:1](#).

[Sarah](#) dies at age 127 and is [buried](#) in the [Machpelah Cave](#) in [Hebron](#), which [Abraham](#) purchases from Ephron the Hittite for [four hundred shekels of silver](#).

[Abraham's servant Eliezer](#) is sent, laden with gifts, to Charan, to [find a wife](#) for [Isaac](#). At the village well, Eliezer asks G-d for a [sign](#): when the maidens come to the well, he will ask for some water to drink; the woman who will offer to give his camels to drink as well shall be the one destined for his master's son.

[Rebecca](#), the daughter of Abraham's nephew Bethuel, appears at the well and passes the

"test." Eliezer is invited to their home, where he repeats the story of the day's events. Rebecca returns with Eliezer to [the land of Canaan](#), where they encounter Isaac [praying](#) in the field. Isaac marries Rebecca, [loves](#) her, and is comforted over the loss of his mother.

Abraham takes a [new wife](#), Keturah ([Hagar](#)), and fathers [six additional sons](#), but Isaac is designated as his only heir. Abraham dies at age 175 and is buried beside Sarah by his two eldest sons, Isaac and [Ishmael](#).

Learn: [Chayei Sarah in Depth](#)

Browse: [Chayei Sarah Parshah Columnists](#)

Prep: [Devar Torah Q&A for Chayei Sarah](#)

Read: [Haftarah in a Nutshell](#)

Play: [Chayei Sarah Parshah Quiz](#)

## TORAH GEMS

### Sabbath Day Contemplation

"How great are Your deeds Hashem; exceedingly profound are Your thoughts." (Psalm 92:6) When I contemplate [on the Sabbath day] the magnitude of Creation, I realize How great are Your deeds. They are truly beyond my comprehension. Moreover, exceedingly profound are Your thoughts. I cannot fathom the reason for many phenomena. One perplexing question is why the Almighty created the world when He did, rather than earlier or later. The only answer for such a query is that God's will is utterly beyond our grasp (Radak). God is

constantly supervising and controlling every detail of creation, yet He has designed the universe so that all of His actions are hidden deep beneath a cloak of nature. Since God's hand is invisible, events appear to happen by themselves. This is all part of God's deep design for this world: it is a test to determine whether man will strive to detect God beneath His concealment and to live his life in accordance with the Divine plan (Malbim).

*Adapted from Artscroll's "The Writings; Psalms" by Rabbi Nossom Scherman / Rabbi Gedaliah Zlotowitz, 2018, page 408-409. Torah Gem Archives: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/torahtidbits>*

## YIDDISH CORNER ...

A fraynt bleybt a fraynt biz di kesheneh.

A friend remains a friend up to his pocket.

Got helft dem oreman: er farhit im fun tayere aveyres.

God helps the poor man: He protects him from costly sins.

Der shlof iz der bester dokter.

Sleep is the best doctor.

Der emes ken arumgeyn a naketer; dem lign darf men baklaydn.

The truth can walk around naked; the lie has to be clothed.



# Reichert Lecture for U of A's Jewish Studies Week

## JEW, ROMA AND THE HOLOCAUST



ARI JOSKOWICZ

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

### 2025 Annual Toby & Saul Reichert Holocaust Lecture

**Jews, Roma, and the Holocaust**  
Ari Joskowicz is Eugene Greener, Jr. Chair in Jewish Studies and Professor of Jewish Studies and History at Vanderbilt University. His work focuses on the relations between marginalized groups and on the material and financial changes that shape minority self-perceptions.

From concentration camps to the killing sites of mobile shooting squads, Jews and Roma experienced Nazi persecution in close proximity to each other. Yet, after the war, the world recognized the injustices both groups faced differently. While Jewish persecution histories became memorialized in museums, monuments, and college course the international community largely ignored the Roma genocide. How should we tell the story of the Holocaust in light of this unequal treatment? How have relations between Jews and Roma—from the 1930s to the present—influenced the way we think about Nazi racial persecution? How can we write histories of entangled persecution?

DOMINIQUE KIRCHNER REILL -  
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## Edmonton Remembers ...



Melanie Fainsinger & Robin Marcus (representing Na'amat Edmonton) lay a wreath to remember our Jewish war dead.

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### A FRUITFUL SHABBAT MENU



## A Bride, A Blessing, and Brilliant Rings

This week's portion tells the beautiful story of **Eliezer**, Abraham's servant, traveling to find a wife for Isaac. Upon meeting **Rebecca** at the well, Eliezer consecrates the auspicious moment by giving her **rings** and bracelets and offering **delicious fruits** to her family.

To celebrate this foundational tale of faith and new beginnings, our Shabbat menu is centered on the festive themes of **rings** (circular shapes) and **bountiful, sweet fruits**.

<https://jamiegeller.com/menus/a-fruitful-shabbat-menu/>



# Trump writes to Herzog asking him to pardon Netanyahu amid 'unjustified' trial

By LAZAR BERMAN and SAM SOKOL

President's office says only that requests for pardon must come through necessary channels; under the law, Lapid notes, one can only be eligible for a pardon after admitting guilt



<https://www.timesofisrael.com/trump-writes-to-herzog-asking-him-to-pardon-netanyahu-amid-unjustified-trial/>

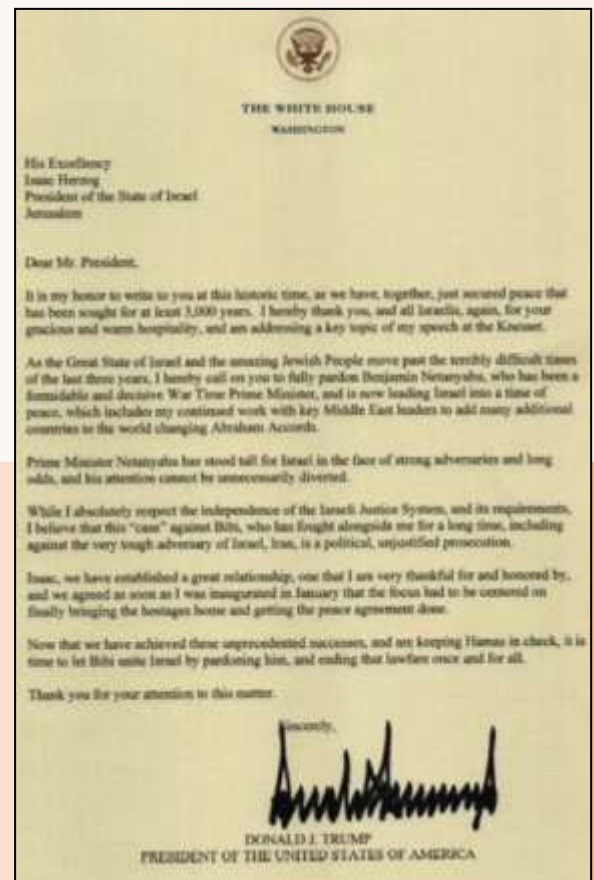
President Isaac Herzog announced Wednesday that US President Donald Trump had written him to ask him to pardon Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is currently standing trial on charges of bribery, fraud and breach of trust.

Trump, who was himself convicted on 34 felony counts in a hush-money case in 2024, has called several times in recent months for Herzog to pardon Netanyahu, including during a speech at the Knesset in October.

Herzog has thus far demurred, pointing to the process of requesting a pardon, which requires the accused or members of their family to make the case for a pardon.

It is my honor to write to you at this historic time, as we have, together, just secured peace that has been sought for at least 3,000 years," wrote Trump in his letter, received by Herzog on Wednesday morning.


"I hereby call on you to fully pardon Benjamin Netanyahu, who has been a formidable and decisive War Time Prime Minister," wrote Trump, "and is now leading Israel into a time of peace, which includes my continued work with key Middle East leaders to add many additional countries to the world changing Abraham Accords."



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

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# *Our Jewish History ...*



## ***The Muslim Kingdom and The Israeli Flag***



The hexagram, while now primarily associated with Judaism and Israel, started off as a decorative sign beloved by other traditions. As far as anyone knows, it originated with King Solomon's signet ring. According to legends developed by medieval Arabic writers, the seal—granted directly by God—gave Solomon, who in Arabic is known as Sulayman, special powers, like commanding demons and speaking with animals.

<https://www.jta.org/>



*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.

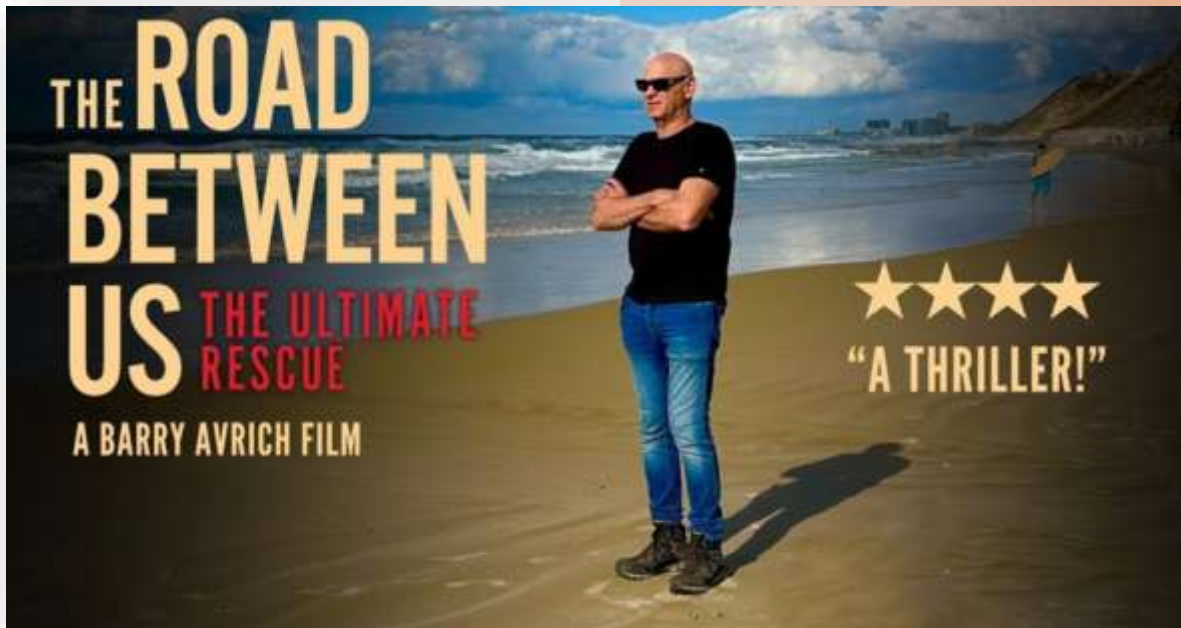
NOA TISHBY has become one of the most prominent and compelling voices advocating for Israel

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 ...



**Calgary Jewish Federation is pleased to partner with the Beth Tzedec Calgary Jewish Film Festival for the screening of *The Road Between Us: The Ultimate Rescue* on Saturday, November 15 at 7:00pm.**

Perhaps the most talked about film of this year's Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), *The Road Between Us* was originally pulled from the TIFF lineup to great controversy, only to be ultimately reinstated, and going on to win TIFF's People's Choice Award for Best Documentary.

The film follows retired Israeli general Noam Tibon, who on October 7, 2023, received a desperate text from his son Amir: Hamas terrorists had stormed Amir's home on a kibbutz near the Gaza border, and he, his wife, and their two young daughters feared for their lives. With no time to spare and relying only on his instincts and military training, Noam sets out from Tel Aviv – 85 kilometres away – together with his wife Gali – navigating ambushes, roadblocks, and a collapsing security system – in a relentless race against time to reach and save their family.

Set against the backdrop of one of Israel's darkest days, and blending intimate firsthand testimony with the raw urgency of a survival thriller, this film is both a gripping cinematic retelling of an extraordinary rescue, and a profoundly human story about courage, family, resilience, and the human capacity for bravery and love in the darkest of moments.

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[The Road Between Us: The Ultimate Rescue - Beth](#)



# 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.



Sunday, November 16 | 7:30 pm  
Temple Sanctuary

# Temple Talks

*Part of  
ARZA Canada Week*

Temple will host Lesley Sachs, Board Chair of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism, for a talk entitled "Liberal values in a war-torn land: Progressive Judaism in Israel today."

**Lesley Sachs**  
Guest Speaker

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של התנועה  
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הקנאית



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a cultural Jewish community

<https://templebnaitikvah.org/events/>



## 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  
B'NAI MITZVAH AT BETH TZEDEC CAN HELP  
FUND A TRIP TO ISRAEL FOR YOUR CHILD**

For more information and to register  
call **(403) 255-8688**

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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**  
Senior Development Coordinator, Calgary and  
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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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