

ALBERTA JEWISH PIPELINE



July 20, 2026
Av 6, 5786

Edmonton Candle Lighting:
9:26 PM Friday
Calgary: 9:16 PM Friday

FREE WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Our Saddest Day of the Year

What Is Tisha B'Av?

JULY 22-23



Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of the month of Av (July 22-23, 2026), is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar, on which we fast, deprive ourselves and pray. It is the culmination of the Three Weeks, a period of time during which we mark the destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

[What Is Tisha B'Av? - Chabad.org](https://www.chabad.org/what-is-tisha-bav/)

TORAH PORTION VA'ETCHANAN"



The name of the Parshah, "Va'etchanan," means "I entreated," and it is found in [Deuteronomy 3:23](#).

[Moses](#) tells the people of Israel how he implored [G'd](#) to allow him to enter [the Land of Israel](#), but [G'd](#) refused, instructing him instead to ascend a mountain and see [the Promised Land](#).

Continuing his "review of the Torah," Moses describes [Exodus from Egypt](#) and [the Giving of the Torah](#), declaring them unprecedented events in human history. "Has there ever occurred this great thing, or has the likes of it ever been heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of [G'd](#) speaking out of the midst of the fire . . . and live? . . . You were shown, to know, that the L'd is

[G'd](#) . . . [there is none else beside Him.](#)"

Moses predicts that in future generations the people will turn away from [G'd](#), [worship idols](#), and be [exiled](#) from their land and scattered amongst the nations; but from there they will seek [G'd](#), and [return](#) to obey His [commandments](#).

[Our Parshah](#) also includes a repetition of the [Ten Commandments](#), and the verses of the [Shema](#), which declare the fundamentals of the [Jewish faith](#): the [unity](#) of [G'd](#) ("Hear O Israel: the L'd our G'd, the L'd is one"); the mitzvot to [love](#) [G'd](#), to [study His Torah](#), and to bind "these words" as [tefillin](#) on our arms and heads, and inscribe them in the [mezuzot](#) affixed on the [doorposts](#) of our homes.

TORAH GEMS

Psalm 119: Mem

"All day long I love Your Torah! All day long it is my conversation." (Psalm 119:97)

Mem (Psalm 119:97-104):

The Talmud (Shabbos 104a) states that the letter Mem represents the word 'Mamar', pronouncement, referring to the ten pronouncements with which God created the world (Maharsha ibid.). It is interesting to note that the numerical value of mem is forty, and according to our Rabbis (Sotah 2a; Niddah 30a), the embryo is formed in forty days. Thus we find in many instances that forty symbolizes creation. An example is Israel's forty-year sojourn in the barren desert,

during which the Jewish nation was shaped from a multitude of fugitive slaves. Here the Psalmist sings of his love for Torah, which is the very essence and purpose of God's creation.

Adapted from Artscroll's "The Writings; Psalms" by Rabbi Nossom Scherman / Rabbi Gedaliah Zlotowitz, 2018, page 560.

Torah Gem Archives:
<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/torahtidbits>

YIDDISH CORNER ...

Khutspedik
Brazen

Kokhem
Bright

Shmegege
buffoon

Trombenik
Bum, tramp



From "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning Yiddish" by Rabbi Benjamin Blech]

All about Tish B'Av ...

Tisha B'Av 101

Tisha B'Av, the ninth day of the month of Av, is the major day of communal mourning in the Jewish calendar.



my JEWISH LEARNING

Tisha B'Av , the ninth day of the month of Av (which month coincides with July and/or August), is the major day of communal mourning in the Jewish calendar.

Although a large number of disasters are said to have befallen the Jews on this day, the major commemoration is of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem in 586 B.C.E. and 70 C.E., respectively. Central to the observance of this day is fasting.

Tisha B'Av 101 / My Jewish Learning

Tisha B'Av in Edmonton ...



REGISTER HERE

9TH OF AV, 5786

SCREENING & DISCUSSION

JULY 23 @ 6:00 PM / TEMPLE BETH ORA

In honour of the Fast Day, there will be no refreshments provided

Thu, Jul 23 | Temple Beth Ora Congregation

9th of Av-Movie & Discussion- Legends of Destruction-July 23-6:00-8:00 pm

Please join us at this in-person event on July 23rd @ 6:00 at Temple Beth Ora for screening and discussion of the film Legends of Destruction for the 9th of Ave, 5786. Please register by Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

Since this is a Fast Day, there will no refreshments provided.

RSVP

[9th of Av-Movie & Discussion-Legends of Destruction-July 23-6:00-8:00 pm / Temple Beth Ora](#)

Beth Shalom Tisha B'Av

Tisha B'Av at Beth Shalom



Erev Tisha B'Av

Wednesday, July 22 • 7:00 pm

"How Lonely Sits the City": A Study of Megillat Eicha

On Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81301146218>

Tisha B'Av

Thursday, July 23

8:00–10:00 am — 9th of Av Morning Minyan

In person in the chapel

2:00 pm — Film Screening: *Children of the Inquisition* (1 h)

How did one of the richest chapters of Jewish life end in exile? From the golden age of Sepharad to the Expulsion of 1492 — the world Jews built in Spain, and how they lost it

In person in the lower auditorium

Followed by discussion with Rabbi Zilbershtein.



"Why was the Second Temple destroyed, seeing that in its time they were occupying themselves with Torah, mitzvot, and acts of loving-kindness? Because in it prevailed hatred without cause. This teaches you that hatred without cause is deemed as of equal gravity with idolatry, immorality, and bloodshed together."

- TALMUD, YOMA 9B

Israel enters the Three Weeks of mourning today, three days into Av, as its politics fracture in full public view: the Knesset dissolved this week after a bruising legislative blitz, a media overhaul law passed 53-48 on near party lines, and a Shas leader has publicly declared he "no longer recognizes" the High Court's authority. Meanwhile the war footing with Iran continues to test national unity from without.

The sages did not blame Rome for the Temple's fall - they blamed Jews for how they treated one another. As Israel heads toward an October election amid deep internal division, the warning feels less like ancient history than a headline.

Update on US attacks on Iran

US launches 8th night of strikes on Iran to 'punish' IRGC for deadly Jordan attack

By AGENCIES and TOI STAFF

Iran reports strikes in south and in Strait of Hormuz; US bases in Kuwait come under fire, UAE threatened; Washington warns Iran-backed groups might target Americans abroad



A woman walks past a mural depicting a portrait of the late Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was killed in the US and Israel strike on February 28, in downtown Tehran, Iran, July 18, 2026 (AP Photo/Vahid Salemi)

The United States on Sunday said it had completed an eighth straight night of strikes against Iran, saying they were intended to “punish” Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps for a deadly strike that killed two US military personnel [in Jordan](#) and left another missing.

Amid the spiraling conflict in the region, the US issued an alert to its citizens across the globe, warning they could be targeted by Iran and its allies.

US Central Command said in a statement that the airstrikes began at 6 p.m. ET (2200 GMT) on Saturday, at the direction of US President Donald Trump.

“The strikes are designed to further degrade Iran’s ability to threaten commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz and swiftly punish Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps forces who launched attacks against American service members in Jordan last night,” the command said.

CENTCOM did not provide any details on the retaliatory strike against IRGC forces or its results.

THE TIMES OF ISRAEL

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/us-launches-8th-night-of-strikes-on-iran-to-punish-irgc-for-deadly-jordan-attack/>

"Cocktails at Pam's" Reserve your tickets!





Cocktails at Pam's

Written & Directed by **Stewart Lemoine**

"Very funny"
"Wonderful"
"Hypnotizing"
- Edmonton Journal



A PERFECT PARTY. UNTIL THE GUESTS ARRIVE.

July 10 - 26, 2026
PREVIEW: July 9th

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Shannon Blanchet, Rachel Bowron,
Kendra Connor, Belinda Cornish,
Cathy Derkach, Oscar Derkx,
Mathew Hulshof, Bella King,
Andrew MacDonald-Smith,
Kristen Padayas, and Troy O'Donnell

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- Edmonton Journal



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Upcoming 2026 Edmonton Unveilings ...

Harold Samuels
June 28 - Sunday - 11:00 AM

Jerry Glasser
June 28 - Sunday - 12:00 PM

Mark Goldfeder
July 12 - Sunday - 12:00 PM

Margaret Frohlich
August 9 - Sunday - 1:00 PM

Mona Gross
August 16 - Sunday - 11:00 AM

Sam Weisz
August 16 - Sunday - 2:00 PM

Harry Kipnes
August 23 - Sunday - 1:00 PM

Gary Koliger
August 30 - Sunday - 11:00 AM



Dear Community Members

This is the updated schedule for the New Cemetery Hours

July 12 11:30 - 3:30

July 19 10:00 - 4:00

August 2 10:00 - 4:00

August 16 10:00 - 4:00

August 30 10:00 - 4:00

If you require access to the cemetery on another day during the week, please email office@edmontonchevrakadisha.ca or call 780-482-3065 and leave a message. We will be happy to make arrangements to have the gates opened for you.

Rachel Israel Made an Incredible Movie About Jewish Summer Camp Even Though She Was Never a Camper

"The Floaters," her third feature film, captures the very specific magic of youth and summer.



Rachel Israel Made an Incredible Movie About Jewish

RICE CRISPY FISH BITES WITH ACORN SQUASH AND GREEN BEANS

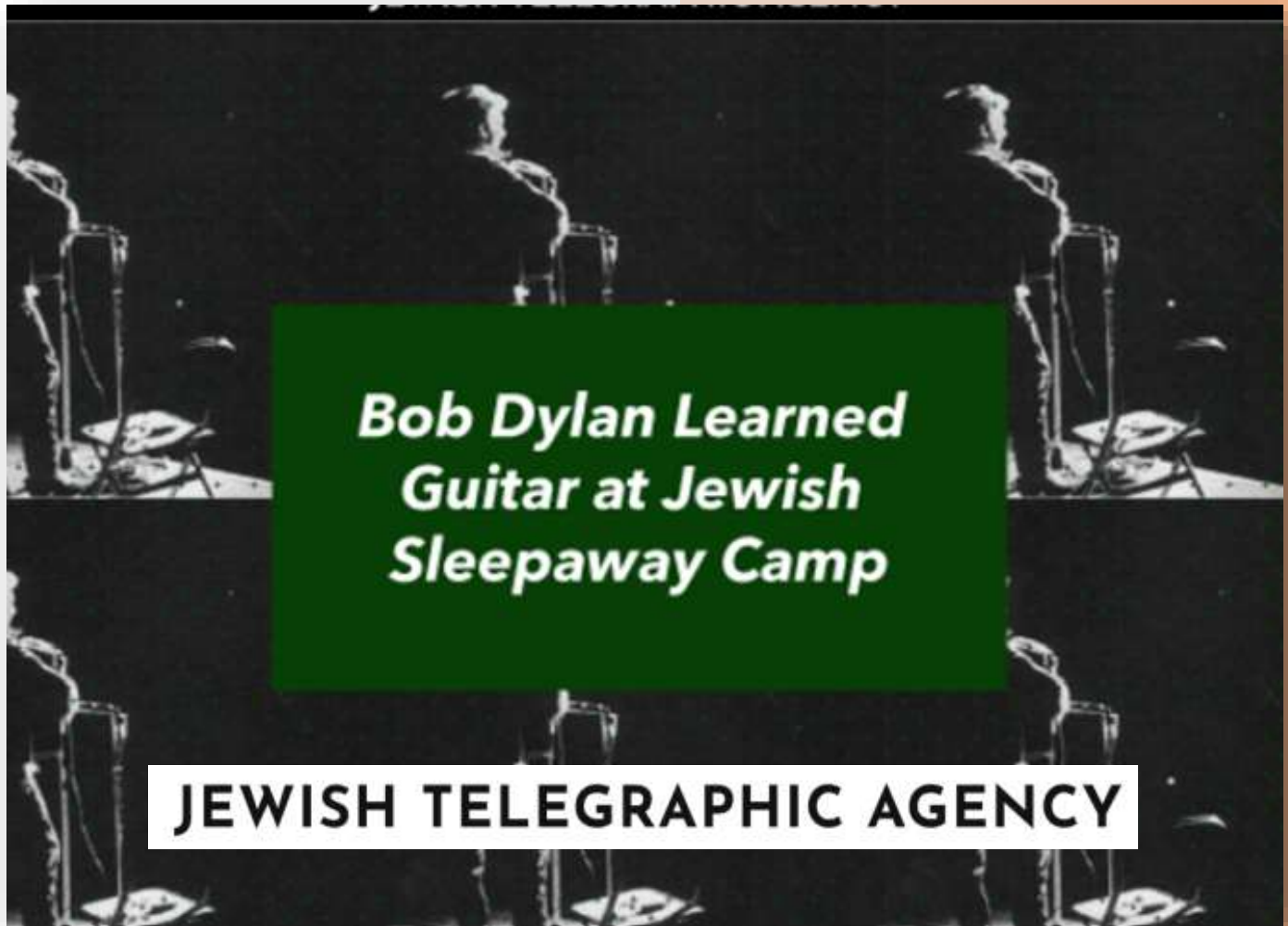
jamie geller

The kids will love it when cereal turns up on their fish sticks. Quick, easy and extra crispy, you will love how these fish sticks taste and then quickly disappear.



Rice Crispy Fish Bites with Acorn Squash and Green

Jewish Music ...



Like many other Jewish kids, Bob Dylan went to Jewish summer camp. Growing up in Hibbing, Minnesota, the grandson of Jewish immigrants from Odessa, Robert Zimmerman (as he was then known) spent his summers at Herzl Camp, a Zionist camp in Webster, Wisconsin. According to some stories, that's where he first learned to play guitar, piano, and harmonica.

<https://www.jta.org/jewniverse/2012/bob-dylan-plays->

Jewish Seniors Executive Director Required

Executive Director Career Opportunity

Organization: Jewish Senior Citizen's Centre

[www.jdicseniors.ca]

Location: Edmonton, AB

Reports To: Board of Directors

Hours of Work: Full-time



About the Organization

The Jewish Senior Citizen's Centre, also known as the Jewish Drop-in Centre (JDIC), has been a cornerstone of Edmonton's community for over 75 years. The JDIC provides health, wellness, recreational, nutritional, social and educational programs and services to seniors. The JDIC is a vibrant, inclusive hub dedicated to enhancing the lives of seniors aged 55 and over, from all walks of life and faiths. The Centre includes a large social hall, programming area and a non-certified kosher dairy kitchen. It provides a warm, welcoming environment where members can connect through diverse cultural, educational, and recreational programming. The Centre is known for fostering intergenerational connections and celebrating the rich cultural heritage of its members.

Position Overview

The Executive Director (ED) provides strategic leadership and operational management to fulfill JDIC's mission. The ED is responsible for the delivery of all programs and services, ensuring the safety and functionality of the physical facility, and securing financial resources necessary for sustainability and growth.

The ED provides strategic leadership to the organization in alignment with the strategic plan set by the Board of Directors and is the Centre's primary spokesperson to the community, government agencies, funders, and stakeholders.

Responsibilities include:

- Directing a team of staff and volunteers to deliver programming such as educational lectures, cultural events, fitness classes, and intergenerational projects that meet the evolving needs and interests of a diverse senior population.
- Leading all aspects of fundraising and development, including writing compelling grant proposals and reports that demonstrate the Centre's impact.
- Overseeing the maintenance, safety, and security of the Centre's building and grounds and leading/

managing capital projects and repairs.

Developing and managing the JDIC's annual budget and overseeing day-to-day operations, including human resources, payroll, and financial reporting.

Maintaining and deepening the centres relationships within the community, with related agencies, partner organizations and government agencies.

Qualifications

Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience.

Minimum of 5 years of progressive leadership experience in a non-profit organization, preferably in a seniors' services or community centre setting.

A proven track record of successful grant writing and fund development.

Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Competencies, Skills & Attributes

The ideal candidate will have:

A strong understanding of Judaism, Jewish values and Edmonton's Jewish community.

Proven financial acumen, with experience in budget development and management.

Experience working with a board of directors.

Understanding of Alberta's seniors' sector and key funding sources.

Compensation & Benefits

The JDIC offers a competitive salary, flexible work arrangements and health benefits.

Physical Demands & Working Conditions

Primarily office-based, with regular community and off-site work, including events periodically held on evenings and Sundays.

JDIC supports a healthy work-life balance through flexible employee schedules.

Requires regular use of computers, phones, and other technology.

How to Apply

Please submit your resume and a cover letter to "Hiring Committee" at hire@jdicseniors.ca by end of day August 7.

We encourage early applications, as materials may be reviewed on a rolling basis.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Calgary's Holocaust Memorial



Calgary Holocaust Memorial Park

a place of remembrance, education and reflection

**Over 100 additional names
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Make a donation by contacting:
Brenda Sapoznikow
403-640-2273 or mail@jcfc.ca



What's Happening in Calgary ...

JFSC 11TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

2026



Secure Your Spot
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THURSDAY
August 13th, 2026

*Together, we celebrate. Together, we care.
Together, we drive for 65.*



UJA
2026

SAVE the DATE

Walk with Israel

**Monday
September 7**

11:00AM

Paperny Family JCC

Join us at Walk With Israel as we kick off the 2026 UJA Campaign and ignite a season of community impact!

- 5km Community walk
- Meet the organizations that make up Jewish Calgary
- Children's carnival
- Israeli snacks & treats
- Rosh HaShanah market

Together, we'll celebrate the strength, pride,
and connection of Jewish Calgary.

...THAT'S FEDERATION

For more information and to volunteer, contact **Diana Kalef** at dkalef@jewishcalgary.org



What's Happening in Calgary ...



Shabbat Summer Lunch at HOJMI

August 1, 2026
1 pm (after Kiddush)

\$20 per adult, \$15 per child
(under 15), \$75 max per family



1613 - 92 Ave SW Calgary, AB
403.259.3230 / <https://hojmi.org>
officemanager@hojmi.org

Join us for a Shabbat Summer Luncheon at HOJMI. RSVP

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