ALBERTA JEWISH PIPELINE

May 5, 2026
Iyar 18, 5786

FREE WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Friday: Light Shabbat candles no earlier than 7:39 PM, or at 8:59 PM.

Do you have your tickets yet?

Register Today! Space is filling up quickly for the VIP dinner reception and opportunity to meet **The Right Honourable Stephen J. Harper**, the 22nd Prime Minister of Canada, on May 24 at our Negev Gala 2026.

Friends of JNF Canada is thrilled to welcome the 22nd Prime Minister of Canada, The Right Honourable Stephen J. Harper to the 2026 Edmonton Negev Gala!
He will be in conversation with Shuvaloy Majumdar, MP, Calgary Heritage.

Register or donate today and be part of an unforgettable community celebration of friendship, leadership, and legacy on Sunday, May 24, 2026.

VIP Reception - 5:30pm
Program - 7:30pm sharp

For tickets: jcairns@friendsofjnfca.org

"BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI" IN A NUTSHELL ...

The name of the Parshah, "Behar," means "on Mount [Sinai]" and it is found in Leviticus 25:1. The name of the Parshah, "Bechukotai," means "in My statutes" and it is found in Leviticus 26:3.

On the mountain of Sinai, G‑d communicates to Moses the laws of the Sabbatical year: every seventh year, all work on the land should cease, and its produce becomes free for the taking for all, man and beast.

Seven Sabbatical cycles are followed by a fiftieth year—the Jubilee year, on which work on the land ceases, all indentured servants are set free, and all ancestral estates in the Holy Land that have been sold revert to their original owners. Additional laws governing the sale of lands, and the prohibitions against fraud and usury, are also given.

G‑d promises that if the people of Israel will keep His commandments, they will enjoy material prosperity and dwell securely in their homeland. But He also delivers a harsh "rebuke," warning of the exile, persecution and other evils that will befall them if they abandon their covenant with Him. Nevertheless, "Even when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away; nor will I ever abhor them, to destroy them and to break My covenant with them; for I am the L‑rd their G‑d."

The Parshah concludes with the rules on how to calculate the values of different types of pledges made to G‑d, and the mitzvah of tithing produce and livestock.

Learn: Behar-Bechukotai in Depth

Browse: Behar-Bechukotai Parshah Columnists

Prep: Devar Torah Q&A for Behar-Bechukotai

Read: Haftarah in a Nutshell

Play: Behar-Bechukotai Parshah Quiz

TORAH GEMS

The Three Foundations

"He established the earth upon its foundations, that it not falter forever and ever." (Psalm 104:5) The three foundations upon which the world stands are Torah study, Temple service, and acts of kindness (Avos 1:2). An allusion to this may be found in the numerical equivalent of our verse, 1309, which is the same as the combined numerical equivalent of 'Torah' (611), 'Avodah' (87), and 'Gemilut Chasadim' (611). (Rabbi Avie Gold)

Adapted from Artscroll's "The Writings; Psalms" by Rabbi Nossom Scherman / Rabbi Gedaliah Zlotowitz, 2018, page 451. Torah Gem Archives: https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/torahtidbits

YIDDISH CORNER ...

Shemevdik
Bashful

Groyser knaker
Big shot

A shtiler
A quiet person

A shvitser
A braggart

Farmisht
Befuddled

Heldish, mutik
Brave

Edmonton Scholarships for Youth Available

Jewish Heritage Month

In everything from the arts and science to business and academia, Jewish Canadians have made an impact that far exceeds our size. This May, during Jewish Heritage Month, we will not only celebrate the past but also look ahead.

Throughout the month, in partnership with Jewish&Canadian, we're recognizing Jewish activists who are fighting today for a brighter future for our community and all Canadians.

The first story profiles Pe'er Krut, President of the Canadian Union of Jewish Students, who shares how the CUJS works in coordination with groups like Hillel Ontario to stand up for Jewish students across the country.

jamie geller

DOUBLE STUFFED BAKED SWEET POTATOES WITH BRÛLÉED MARSHMALLOW

Our ultimate time saving tip: prepackaged marshmallows. Just top your sweet potatoes with a few, and brûlée. And while a kitchen torch makes the brûlée part easier, you can also use your oven's broiler. Adjust your oven rack in the middle, and put your broiler on high. The topping will burn quickly, so keep the oven door cracked so you can watch for browning.

Double Stuffed Baked Sweet Potatoes with

David Duchovny Learns His Family's Tragic Jewish History on 'Finding Your Roots'

Actor David Duchovny, known for "The X-Files," "The Chair" and, most recently, playing a Jewish father in the controversial Netflix movie "You People," has long known about his European Jewish roots. His paternal grandfather Moshe came from Berdychiv, which is in modern day Ukraine.

David Duchovny Learns His Family's Tragic Jewish History

A great summer camp … 45 minutes from Edmonton

Edmonton Jewish Film Festival is on NOW ...

Wednesday, May 5: EJFF screening of Soul of a Nation

Thursday, May 7 and Friday, May 8: Online screening of Love, Statistically Speaking

Friday, May 8: Online screening of The Sea

Sunday, May 10: Free screening of Shrek

Sunday, May 10: EJFF screening of Labors of Love

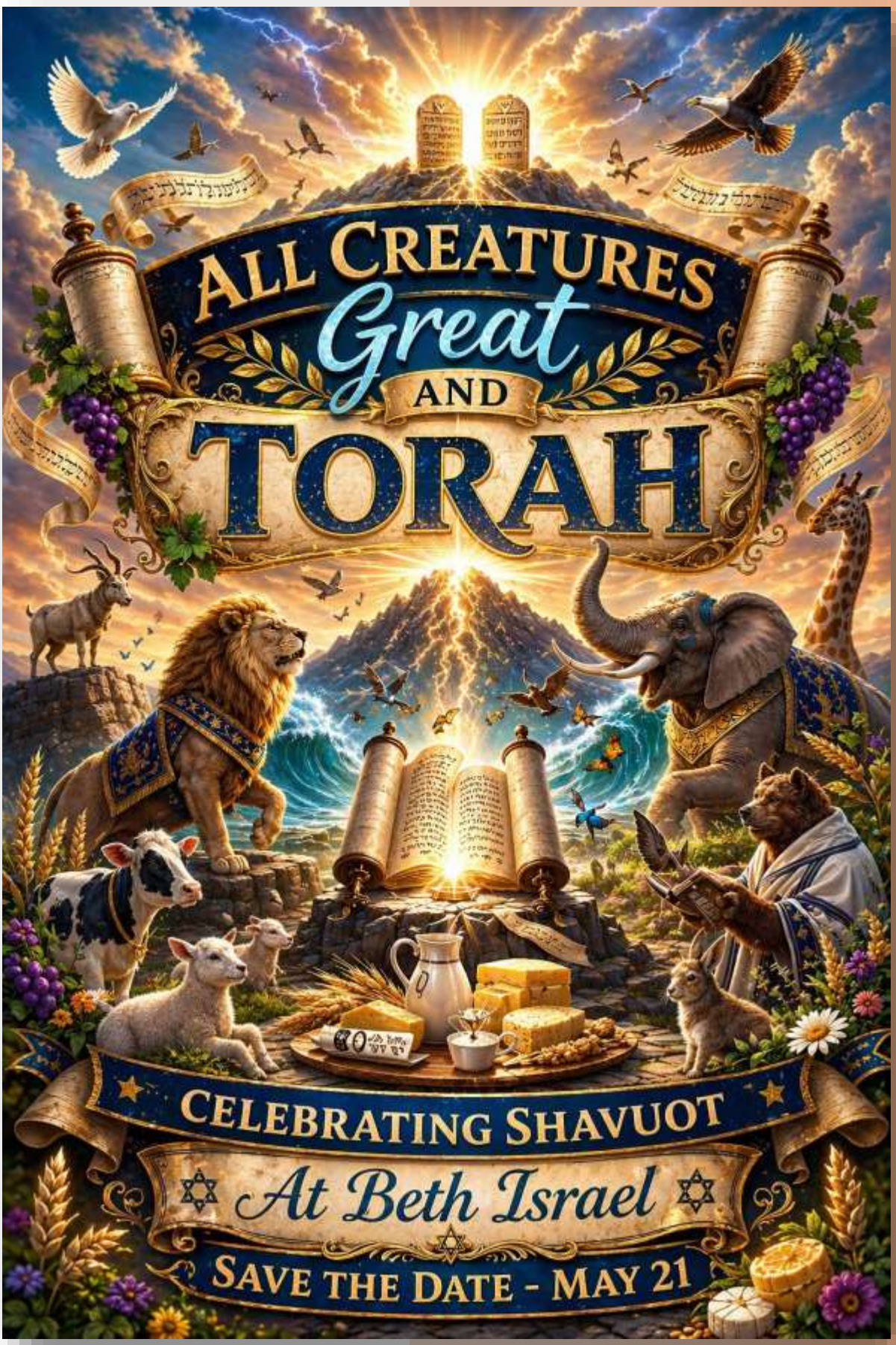
Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12: Online screening of Nandauri

Tuesday, May 12: EJFF screening of Among Neighbors

Wednesday, May 13: EJFF Closing Night - Matchmaking 2

https://ejff2026.eventive.org/schedule?filterVenues

Have some good laughs at Shadow Theatre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CELEBRATING SHAVUOT
At Beth Israel
SAVE THE DATE - MAY 21

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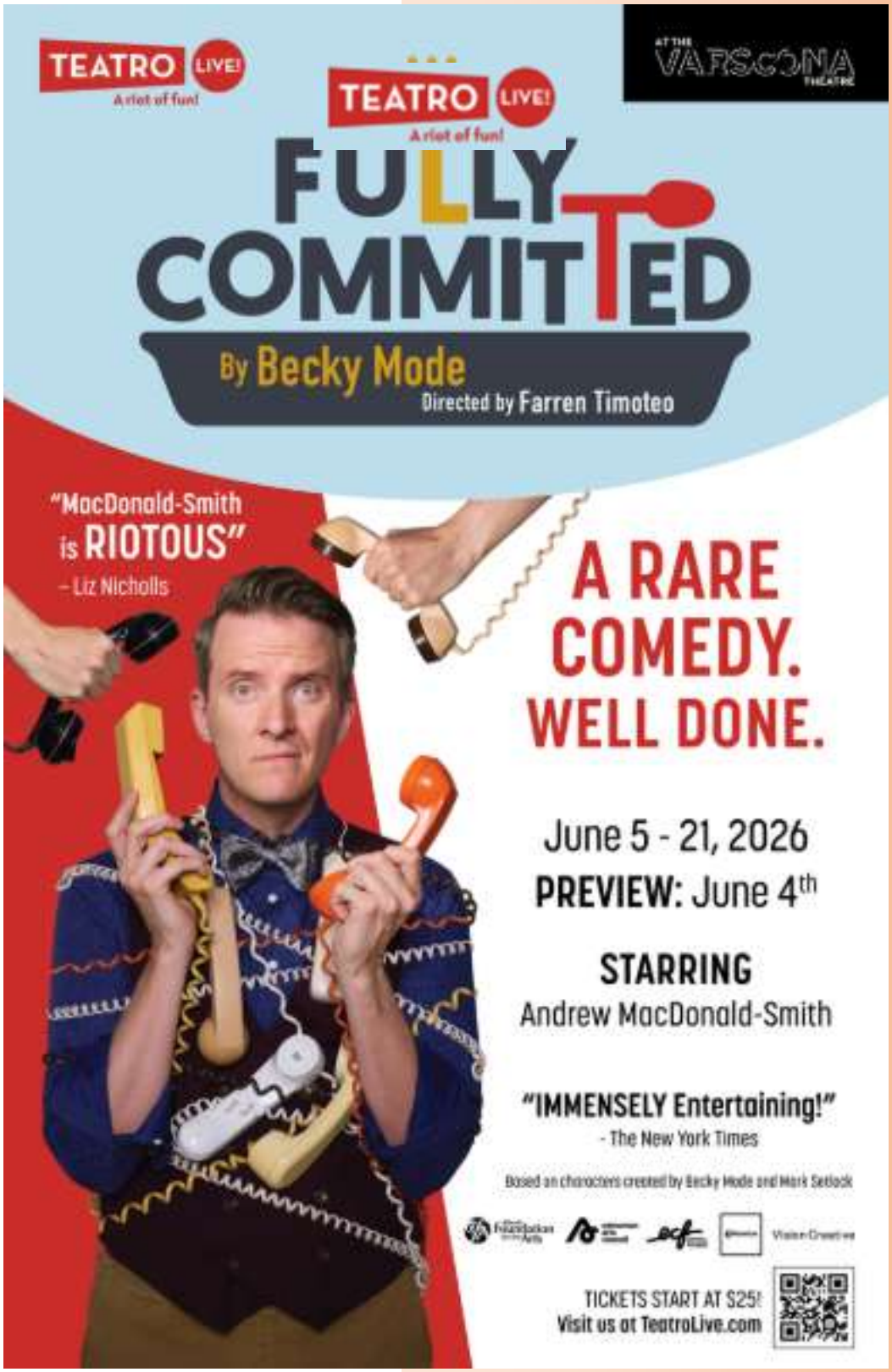

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What's Happening in Calgary ...

Join us on Thursday, May 7 at 7:00pm, at the Calgary Central Library for an unforgettable evening with award-winning journalist and chef Bonny Reichert. She'll discuss her powerful, memoir "**How to Share an Egg**: A True Story of Hunger, Love, and Plenty", exploring how food, family, and the legacy of survival intertwine. Through vivid storytelling, Reichert explores her family's history and the lasting imprint of her father's Holocaust survival— with food serving as a central motif. The conversation will be moderated by Danyael Halprin. Don't miss this moving and thought-provoking free event. Reserve your spot or contact Amy Glassman-Boiko for more information.

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/how-to-share-an-egg-in-

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MONDAY, JUNE 1 • 7PM
Temple B'nai Tikvah | 900 47 Avenue SW
A Multicultural Choral Concert Shining in Harmony.
Join us for an unforgettable evening of choral music featuring a variety of styles — from Latin American rhythms and rock & roll to Canadian favorites, and more.
Participants:
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• Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School Choir
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• Big Rock Singers
• Out of the Blue Chorus
• Yodel Club Heimattreu Choir
Choirs of the World: A Celebration of Voices
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Donations will support arts and community building programs.

BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION

Erev Shavuot Dinner and Tikkun Leil

Thursday, May 21 at 5:15pm

Join us for a festive Shavuot Dinner followed by our Tikkun Leil, as we tune in to voices of Torah, tradition, and creativity "broadcasting" across time from Sinai to today. Whether you stay for one session or immerse yourself late into the evening, there's something here to spark curiosity, reflection, and connection.

https://bethtzedec.ca/event/erev-shavuot-dinner

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CMDA Calgary Annual Event

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From Desert Roots to Prairie Boots

May 31, 2026

The Carriage House Hotel & Conference Center

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Loay Alshareef

Peace-with-Israel Arab advocate, historian and social media influencer

ENTERTAINMENT

Tyler Two Guns

Tyler Two Guns is a country rock and blues artist from The Tsuut'ina Nation.

Sharon Fraiman
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GUEST SPEAKER

Uri Shacham

Deputy Director and Chief of Staff MDA

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NEGEV GALA 2026
TRUTH & SECURITY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD
VIP RECEPTION
5:30pm
PROGRAM
7:00pm
TUESDAY
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JUNE
BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION
1325 Glenmore Trail SW
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LT. COL. (RET.) JONATHAN CONRICUS
Senior Fellow at the
Foundation for Defense of Democracies
in conversation with Kevin Libin
Executive Editor, Postmedia Network Inc.
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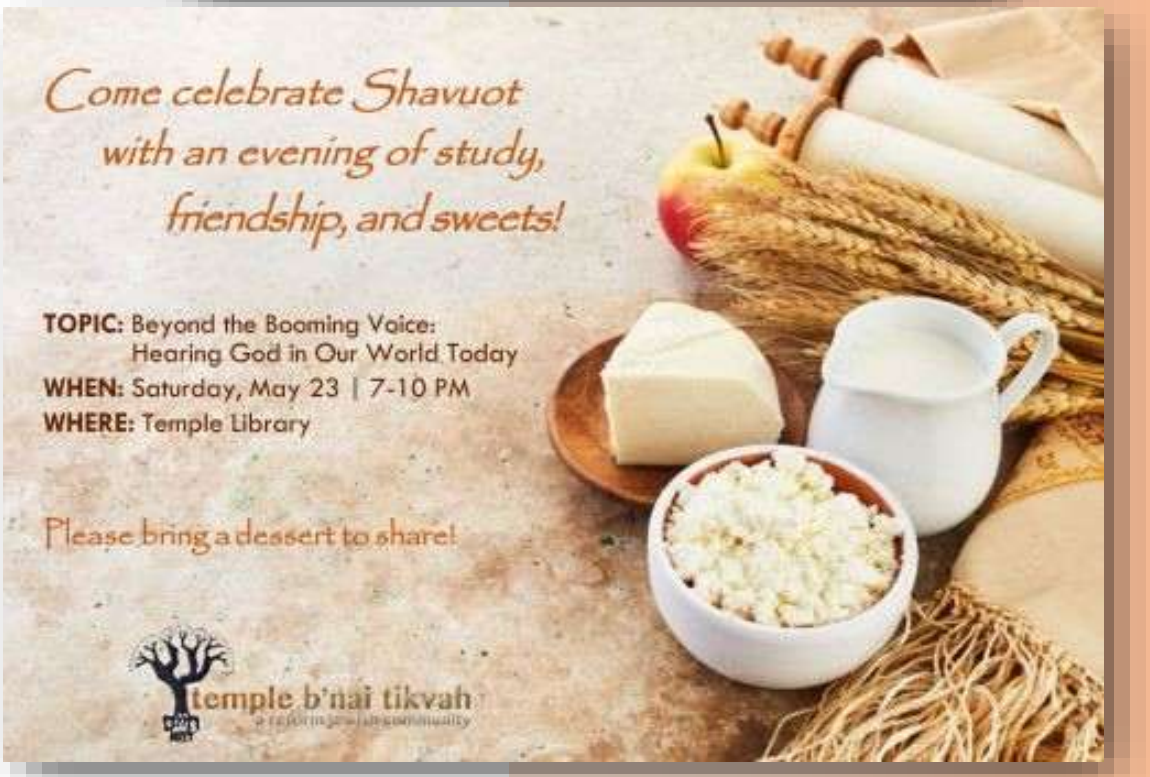
What's Happening at Temple B'nai Tikvah Calgary ...



Project Heroes Concert
Tuesday, May 12
7:00pm | Paperny Family JCC
Join us for a powerful evening with renowned Israeli singer and storyteller Gilad Segev as he presents Project Heroes. Through music and personal stories, this inspiring concert redefines the Jewish narrative from victimhood to heroism, celebrating courage, resilience, Jewish pride, and unity. JCC members: $36, Public: $45, Seniors 65+: $20. Register online or at Customer Service Desk at 253-8600, x0.

35th Annual Sports Dinner Presented by ATB Financial
Thursday, May 28
6:00 - 9:00pm | Beth Tzedec Congregation
Join us for an unforgettable evening featuring former Toronto outfielder Kevin Pillar, with Grant Buchanan returning as our master of ceremonies. This corporate event is our largest fundraiser of the year and one of the biggest fundraising dinners in Calgary. It will be a night that knocks community impact out of the park, so don't strike out – purchase your tickets now!

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Shavuot Floral Workshop
Wednesday, May 20
7:00pm | Location provided upon registration
Join CHW Calgary Centre for a hands-on *Shavuot* floral workshop. Parents and children will design their own beautiful arrangements under the guidance of an expert florist, creating lasting memories together. Proceeds support therapeutic programs at CHW Hadassim Children and Youth Village, helping at-risk youth thrive. Register online for this workshop.

Israel Real Estate Unlocked: From Vision to Keys
Thursday, May 21| Wednesday, June 17
10:00am | Virtual via Zoom
Thinking about owning property in Israel? Join CHW and national corporate partner Israel Canada for this complimentary four-part webinar series. Discover why you should invest, explore exclusive projects, and learn how to navigate the Israeli home-buying journey – from dream to doorstep. Register online for the series.

Join CHW as a Volunteer!
Ongoing Opportunity
Flexible Hours | Calgary & Virtual
Looking to make a difference? CHW is seeking volunteers to help with events, admin, outreach, and more. Whether you have an hour or a day, your time makes a big impact. Perfect for students or anyone wanting to give back. Contact Malka-Deena or join our WhatsApp group!

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