

# ALBERTA JEWISH



# PIPELINE

April 27, 2026  
Nissan 30, 5786

Friday: Light Shabbat  
candles at 8:41 PM

FREE WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

*Last week many of us celebrated "Shabbat for Israel"*



# TORAH PORTION “EMOR” IN A NUTSHELL ...



the Omer offering from the first barley harvest on the second day of Passover, and the commencement, on that day, of the 49-day Counting of the Omer, culminating in the festival of Shavuot on the fiftieth day; a “remembrance of shofar blowing” on 1 Tishrei; a solemn fast day on 10 Tishrei; the Sukkot festival—during which we are to  dwell in huts  for seven days and take the “Four Kinds”—beginning on 15 Tishrei; and the immediately following holiday of the “eighth day” of Sukkot (Shemini Atzeret).

Next the Torah discusses the lighting of the menorah in the Temple, and the showbread; (lechem hapanim) placed weekly on the table there.

Emor concludes with the incident of a man executed for blasphemy, and the penalties for murder (death) and for injuring one’s fellow or destroying his property (monetary compensation).

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

**T**he name of the Parshah, “Emor,” means “speak” and it is found in Leviticus 21:1.

The Torah section of Emor (“Speak”) begins with the special laws pertaining to the kohanim (“priests”), the kohen gado! (“high priest”), and the Temple service:

A kohen may not become ritually impure through contact with a dead body, save on the occasion of the death of a close relative.

A kohen may not marry a divorcee, or a woman with a promiscuous past; a kohen gado! can marry only a virgin.

A kohen with a physical deformity cannot serve in the Holy Temple, nor can a deformed animal be brought as an offering.

A newborn calf, lamb or kid must be left with its mother for seven days before being eligible for an offering; one may not slaughter an animal and its offspring on the same day.

The second part of Emor lists the annual Callings of Holiness—the festivals of the Jewish calendar: the weekly Shabbat; the bringing of the Passover offering on 14 Nissan; the seven-day Passover festival beginning on 15 Nissan; the bringing of

## TORAH GEM: Proverbs and Parables

The commentators (Radak, Ralbag, Rabbeinu Bachya, et al.) elaborate that the prophets used parables as a literary device to make difficult subject matter comprehensible to the student.

King Solomon uses parables to convey the lessons of chochmah and mussar, and the ethical and intellectual values. R' Bachya (Kad HaKemach) quotes the Sages to illustrate the function of parables. Someone lost a precious stone in the dark. He knew it was there, but could not to see it. By lighting a small wick for just a second, he was able to find his jewel.

Thus, a virtually worthless

strand of cotton assumed great value because it enabled someone to find a valuable gem. Similarly, a parable is but a simple story; properly used, however, proverbs and parables act as flashes of light to penetrate the darkness.

Similarly, the Aggadic sections of the Talmud and Midrash often speak in allegorical terms to cloak deeper meanings.

*Adapted from Artscroll's "The Writings; Proverbs" by Rabbi N. Scherman & Rabbi M. Zlotowitz, page 2. Torah Gem Archives: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/torahtidbits>*

## YIDDISH CORNER ...

A gute tokhter iz a gute shnur.

A good daughter makes a good daughter-in-law.

Gezunt kumt far parnose.

Health comes before making a livelihood.

Ven dos harts iz biter, helft nit keyn tsuker.

When the heart is bitter, sugar won't help.

A shlekhter sholem iz beser vi a guter krig.

A bad peace is better than a good war.

# Bill Lister Honoured in Calgary



Stephen Harper with dinner guests



Bill Lister:  
Ben Docktor  
Award Recipient



Conrad Black and Barbara Amiel

# B'nai Brith Calgary's 73rd Annual Dinner



Calgary Mayor Jeremy Farkas



Bill Lister with Pipeline Publisher Bernie Estrin



Cristine & Barry Slawsky



700 Guests in Attendance



# 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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## NEGEV GALA 2026

TRUTH & SECURITY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

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VIP RECEPTION  
5:30pm

PROGRAM  
7:00pm

TUESDAY  
**09**  
JUNE

BETH TZEDEC  
CONGREGATION  
1325 Glenmore Trail SW

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FEATURING  
**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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or call 1-800-806-8237 ext.722

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## TEMPLE TRUNK SALE

Victoria Day, Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm



**Seek out the treasures of our Temple Community!**



Browse the tables of homemade crafts, baked goods, books, and whatever else!

**Bring the kids | 50/50 Draw | Cash Only**

If you are interested in participating (Temple members only), please follow the QR Code. 18% of sales go to Temple.



*Come celebrate Shavuot  
with an evening of study,  
friendship, and sweets!*

**TOPIC:** Beyond the Booming Voice:  
Hearing God in Our World Today  
**WHEN:** Saturday, May 23 | 7-10 PM  
**WHERE:** Temple Library

*Please bring a dessert to share!*



temple b'nai tikvah  
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**MENTAL HEALTH (MENSCH) SURVEY**

*How is Our Community Really Doing?*

Jewish Family Services Edmonton (JFSE) and the Jewish Federation of Edmonton invite community members to participate in the Mental & Emotional Needs Survey of Community Health (MENSCH), which is now live.

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS.**

<https://surveygo.ystation.ca/JFSEMENSCH> 🔍

**IN YIDDISH, A MENSCH IS SOMEONE WHO SUPPORTS OTHERS.**

**PARTICIPATING IN THIS SURVEY IS A SMALL BUT MEANINGFUL WAY TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY.**



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# Tickets and Sponsorships now Available

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## NEGEV GALA 2026

LEADERSHIP & LEGACY

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

FEATURING THE 22ND PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

The Right Honourable

**Stephen J. Harper**

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CANADA



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

*Tickets:*

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

# What's Happening in Edmonton ...



## LAGBOMER Community Event

RAIN or SHINE



**ALL AGES ABOARD**  
the **Yes Kosher Train**  
and **COLLECT YOUR**  
**HERITAGE SUITCASE KIT**



**TUES MAY 5TH**

**TIME: 5-8PM**

LOCATION:

**WESTRIDGE PARK**

FOR MORE INFO

**Rabbi Ari 780 993 1818**



Happy Lag BaOmer



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# Friedman Fund Israel Trip Scholarships

Are you 15-25?

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# The Edmonton Jewish Film Festival ...

**EJFF** Edmonton Jewish  
Film Festival

May 3 – 13, 2026 | [JewishEdmonton.org](http://JewishEdmonton.org)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3u3dawEDwa0&t=1s>

For 30 years, the Edmonton Jewish Film Festival (EJFF) has brought powerful, thought-provoking, and entertaining Jewish stories to our community. We're proud to invite you to explore the 2026 EJFF lineup—a carefully curated selection of films that reflect the diversity, complexity, and humanity of Jewish life.

This milestone year features six in-person screenings from May 3 to 13 at the historic Capitol Theatre at Fort Edmonton Park and three films available online.

#### How to experience EJFF 2026

- In-person at the Capitol Theatre, Fort Edmonton Park
- Online screenings available to Edmonton-area viewers
- Single tickets, youth pricing, and all-access passes available

#### Featured films from the 2026 lineup

##### Opening Night: *Bella*

We open our 30th anniversary with a joyful, fast-paced road movie about friendship and perseverance, as two childhood friends race across Israel and Palestine to reunite a rare and valuable dove with its rightful place.

##### *Soul of a Nation*

Screening in person, this film explores questions of identity, belonging, and shared destiny, offering a timely and reflective look at life, community, and connection.

##### *Labors of Love*

Part of our Mother's Day programming, this feature shines a spotlight on Jewish women's strength and resilience and includes a post-film Q&A with the director, inviting deeper conversation.

##### *Matchmaking 2*

Closing the festival in person, this lively sequel brings humour and heart to the screen, reminding us why love, tradition, and family remain timeless sources of laughter and meaning.

[Explore the full lineup to find the films that speak to you](#)

As we celebrate 30 years of EJFF, we thank you for being part of a community that continues to gather, reflect, and connect through film. We look forward to welcoming you—online or in person—this festival season.

<https://ejff2026.eventive.org/welcome>

# What's Happening in Edmonton ...



SHADOW  
THEATRE

The  
HISTORY  
OF US

## Autumn

By Peter Quilter

May 6 to May 24, 2026

Two sisters. A rift. And a shotgun wedding. Between the cake, the wine and the distractingly handsome gardener, chaos ensues – and unexpected truths emerge. A sharp, funny play about sisterhood.



2025/26  
SEASON

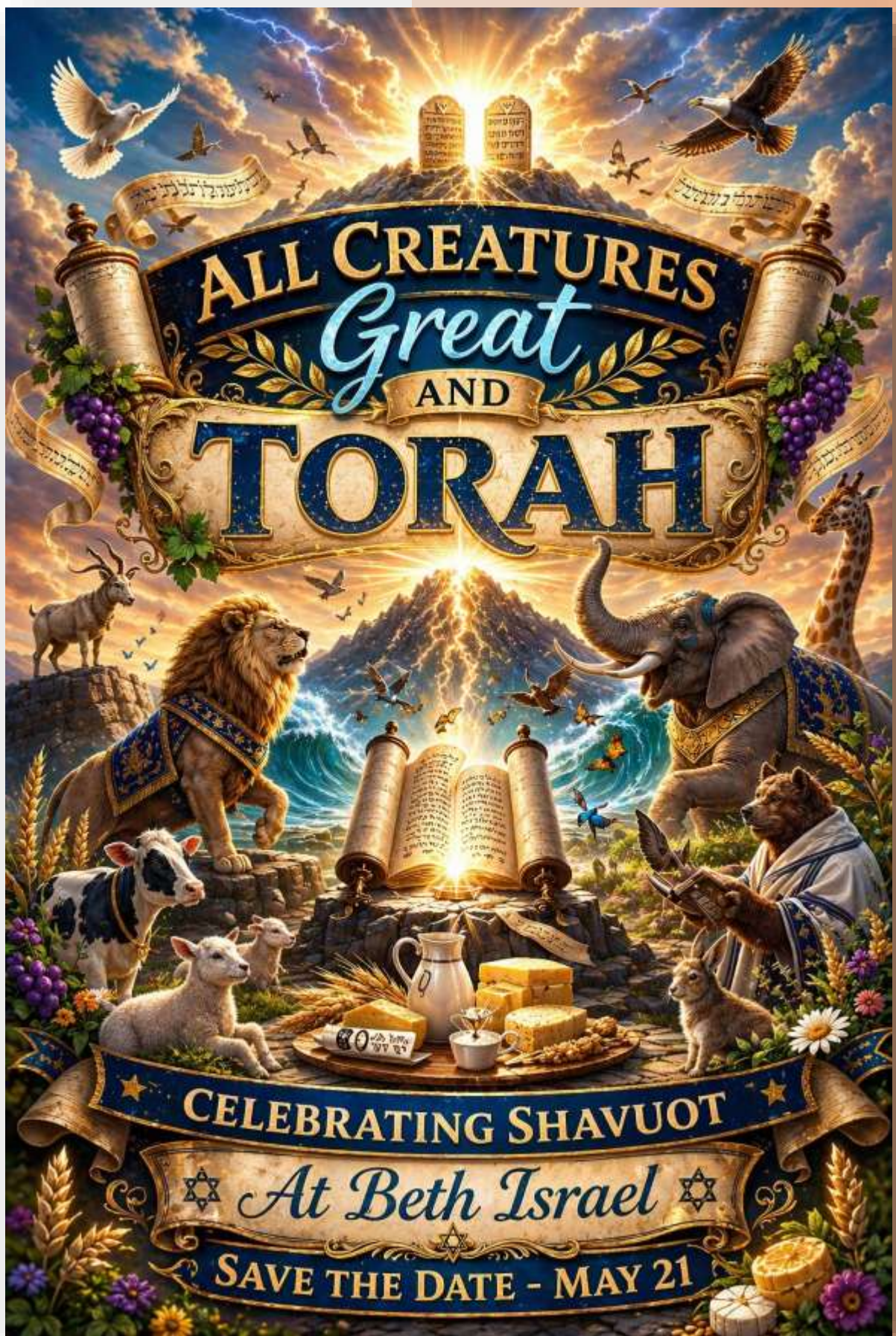
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SUBSCRIPTIONS AT SHADOWTHEATRE.ORG

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## Celebrate Shavuot May 21-23



[https://www.chabad.org/library/article\\_cdo/](https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/)



# A Mahjong Movie ...

## A Hallmark Movie about Mah Jongg Is Coming

*People have a lot of feelings about "All's Fair in Love and Mahjong."*



A new Hallmark movie about mah jongg is coming, and well, people have feelings.

Last week, Hallmark announced that a new movie, titled "All's Fair in Love and Mahjong" with the tagline "Every tile leads to a new connection," will be premiering on the Hallmark channel May 9, 2026. As their website describes, the rom-com will tell the story of Ronni, "a school nurse [who] finds unexpected hope through teaching Mahjong, the centuries-old Chinese game that helps her build community and open her heart again."

<https://www.kveller.com/a-hallmark-movie->

## THE 5-INGREDIENT ISRAELI RECIPES YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR



JAMIE GELLER • AUG 8, 2017 (UPDATED: APR 23, 2026)



We've already mastered those [5-ingredient salads](#) together, but now we're taking it a step further. I am so excited to share my absolute favorite Israeli foods that come together with five ingredients or less (and you know the rule: oil, salt, and pepper are "freebies"—they don't count!).

<https://jamiiegeller.com/articles/5-ingredient->

## Kveller

### The Jewish Roots of Rummikub

*Growing up, I was always proud of the fact that the inventor of my favorite game, Ephraim Hertzano, was Israeli like me.*

By [Lior Zaltzman](#) Apr 22, 2026



Some of my favorite childhood memories are of sitting on the floor surrounded by white rectangular tiles adorned by colorful numbers and creepy smiling jokers. My father was often away for work, and between my two younger siblings and me, my mom wasn't often available for quality one-on-one time, but games of Rummikub were the rare exception.

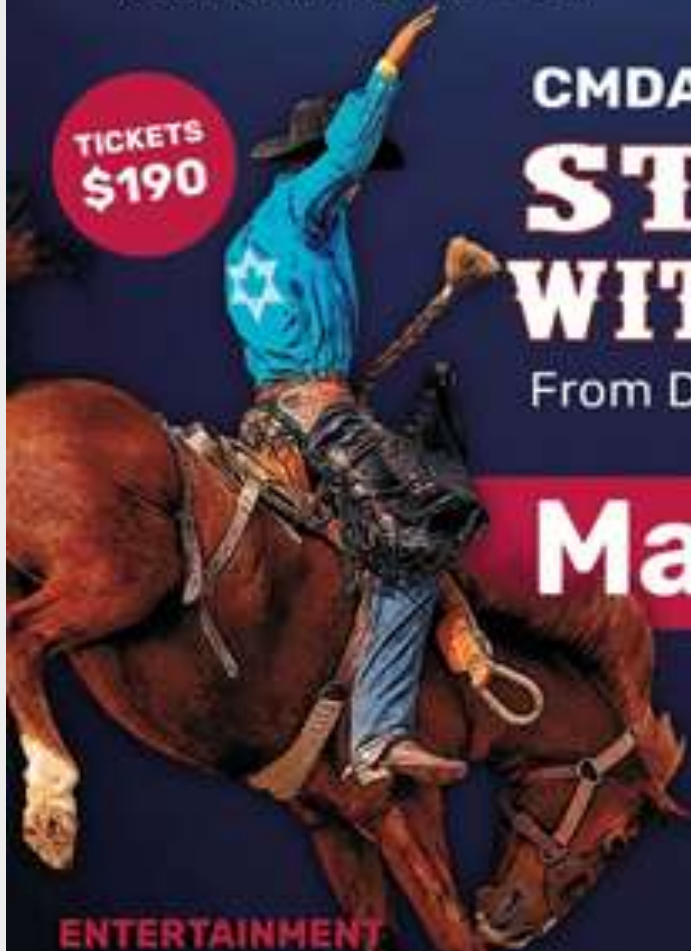
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TICKETS  
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# SAVE THE DATE

CMDA Calgary Annual Event  
**STAMPEDE WITH PURPOSE**  
From Desert Roots to Prairie Boots

# May 31, 2026

The Carriage House Hotel &  
Conference Center

### ENTERTAINMENT



**Tyler Two Guns**

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



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Loay Alshareef**

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



**Sharon Fraiman**

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### GUEST SPEAKER

**Uri Shacham**

Deputy Director and Chief of Staff MDA

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