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The missing words in Carney's antisemitism speech

https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/editorials/article-the-missing-words-in-mark-carneys-antisemitism-speech/

Opinion

Prime Minister Mark Carney knows how to give a speech. He can diagnose a problem, as he showed at Davos in January. He can cut through great complexity to essential truths, even when doing so means accepting a degree of political risk.

He did none of that in his professorial address on antisemitism at a Toronto synagogue on Monday. He did not diagnose the problem. He offered sympathy, but no answers, apart from creating an advisory council that he first announced four months ago. Some urgency. The council's first assignment is to look for the "drivers" of antisemitism – as if they are not in plain sight. He was anything but courageous.

Carney calls on Canadians to reject antisemitism that is testing country's values

What should he have said? That the problem is antizionism, a complete, anything-goes rejection of, and demonizing of, Israel's existence. And that antizionism is manifesting itself on Canada's streets and university campuses, in a complete, anything-goes rejection, and demonizing, of Jews.

Read the article in full at the link above

TORAH PORTION "BEHAALOTECHA" IN A NUTSHELL ...

The name of the Parshah, "Behaalotecha," means "When you raise" and it is found in Numbers 8:2.

Aaron is commanded to raise light in the lamps of the menorah, and the tribe of Levi is initiated into the service in the Sanctuary.

A "Second Passover" is instituted in response to the petition "Why should we be deprived?" by a group of Jews who were unable to bring the Passover offering in its appointed time because they were ritually impure. G□d instructs Moses on the procedures for Israel's journeys and encampments in the desert, and the people journey in formation from Mount Sinai, where they had been camped for nearly a year.

The people are dissatisfied with their "bread from heaven" (the manna), and demand that Moses supply them with meat. Moses appoints 70 elders, to whom he imparts of his spirit, to assist him in the burden of governing the people. Miriam speaks negatively of Moses, and is punished with leprosy ; Moses prays for her healing, and the entire community waits seven days for her recovery.

Learn: Behaalotecha in Depth
Browse: Behaalotecha Parshah Columnists
Prep: Devar Torah Q&A for Behaalotecha
Read: Haftarah in a Nutshell
Play: Behaalotecha Parshah Quiz

TORAH GEMS

Treasure My Commandments

"My child: If you accept my words and treasure my commandments with yourself, to make your ears attentive to wisdom, incline your heart to understaning..." (Proverbs 2:1,2)

Solomon addresses each person as my son, and urges him to study Torah not forget it (Radak). According to the Vilna Gaon, אִמָּרַי'my words', refers to Torah study, which is obligatory at all times day and night.

Our verse states תִּקַּח 'accept' this duty constantly. Most other commandments are performed either at specific times such as matzah at the Seder or when the opportunity arises such as returning a lost item. Such mitzvos should be treasured, i.e., safeguarded until they can be fulfilled.

Sfas Emes comments that one should not merely perform commandments, one should treasure them. When a good deed is performed, it should leave a Jew with a treasure, a sense of enhanced attachment to Hashem.

Adapted from Artscroll's "The Writings; Proverbs" by Rabbi N. Scherman & Rabbi M. Zlotowitz, page 15. Torah Gem Archives: https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/torahtidbits

YIDDISH CORNER ...

BAY SHOLEM-BAYIS IZ MEN TSUFRIDN MIT A KEZAYIS.
(When the home is peaceful, one is satisfied with a small portion.)

LAKHN IZ GEZUNT. DOKTOYRIM HEYSN LAKHN.
(Laughing is healthy. Doctors prescribe laughter.)

A GELEKHTER HERT MEN VAYTER FUN A GEVEYN.
(Laughter can be heard from further away than a cry.)

A SHLIMAZL FALT OYFN RUKN UN TSEKLAPT ZIKH DI NOZ.
(A shlimazl falls on his back and bruises his nose.)

[*Adapted* from 15-Min Yiddish (Season 4 Episode 9)]

Edmonton Scholarships for Youth Available

Whats Happening @ Beth Israel in Edmonton ...

Talmud Torah students visit Beth Israel synagogue

Enough is Enough Already …

Hundreds of Haredi rioters try to break into Jerusalem police station, attack officers in Beit Shemesh | The Times

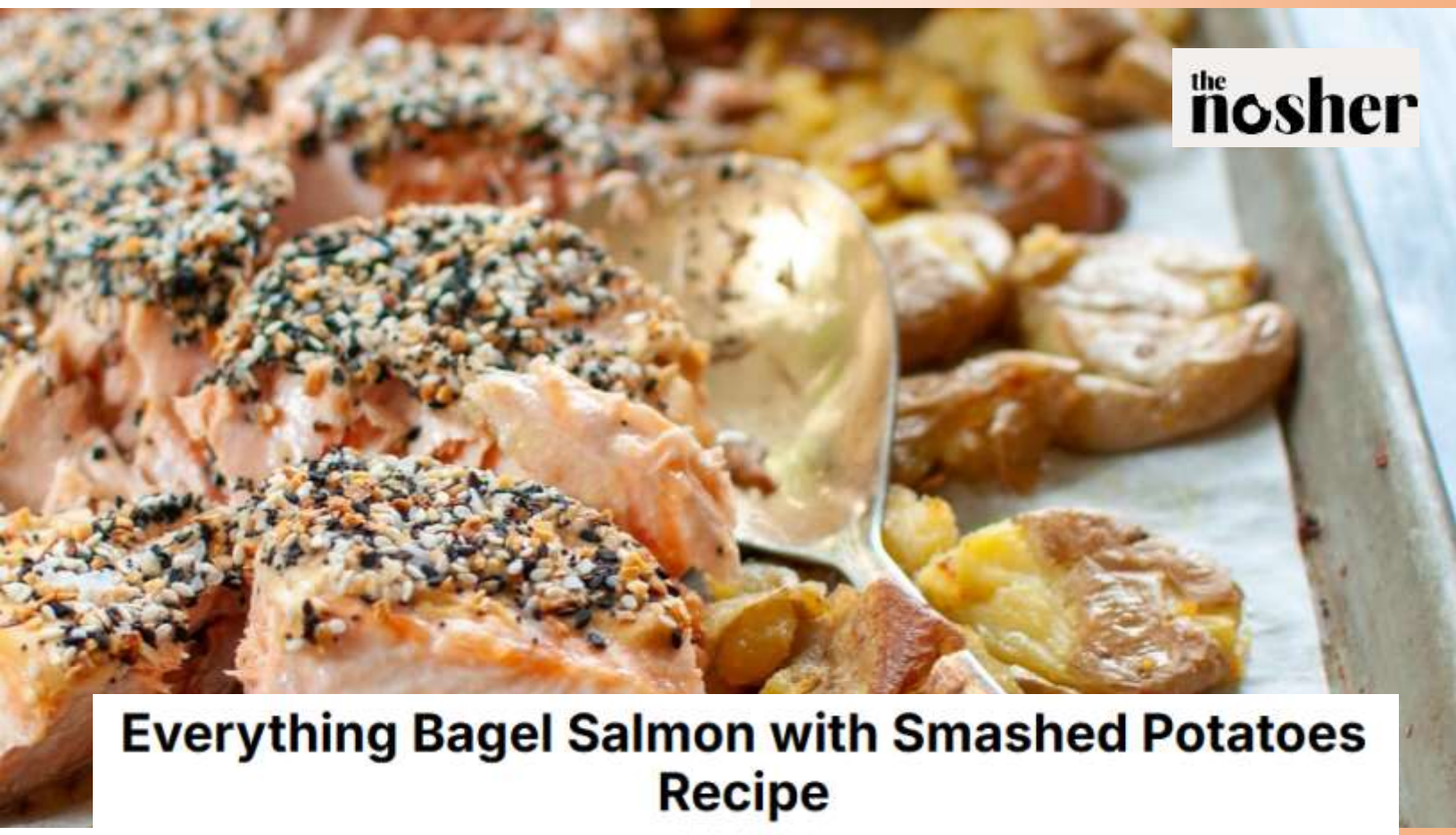
Poll: 58% of Israelis do not believe Netanyahu should be PM after the election

A majority of Israelis do not believe Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu should remain as premier after the elections, a Channel 12 poll finds.

According to the survey, 58 percent of respondents believe another candidate should be premier, with just 32% saying it should be Netanyahu and 10% saying they don't know.

When asked who they believe is the most trustworthy party leader, 38% say Yashar leader Gadi Eisenkot, 27% say Netanyahu and 12% say former prime minister Naftali Bennett, with 23% saying they do not know.

Recipe of the week ...



Everything Bagel Salmon with Smashed Potatoes Recipe

★★★★½

This is one of the easiest ways I know to cook salmon — just slather it with mustard and cover it with everything bagel seasoning. Coupled with smashed potatoes, it's a perfect meal.

I like to use Trader Joe's Everything But the Bagel Sesame Seasoning, but you can find a similar blend just about anywhere, from Costco to Aldi. You can also make your own by mixing a teaspoon each of kosher salt, poppy seeds, black sesame seeds, white sesame seeds, onion flakes and garlic flakes. But if the previous two sentences stress you out, you can just use 2 tablespoons sesame seeds and call this "Sesame Salmon." Both the salmon and potatoes are delicious served with sour cream or tartar sauce.

https://www.myjewishlearning.com/the-nosher/easy-everything-bagel-salmon-with-smashed-potatoes-recipe/

Discoverer of first Hepatitis B Vaccine ...

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In 1967, a Jewish scientist from Brooklyn made a discovery so profound it would eventually save over one billion lives.

Baruch Blumberg wasn't looking for a cure. He was studying why different people respond differently to disease. While analyzing blood samples from around the world, he stumbled upon something strange in the blood of an Aboriginal Australian man: an unknown antigen. He called it the "Australia Antigen."

That antigen turned out to be the surface protein of the Hepatitis B virus, a pathogen that silently kills hundreds of thousands of people every year through liver disease and cancer. Blumberg's discovery led directly to the first Hepatitis B vaccine, one of the first vaccines ever developed to prevent cancer. Today, over 1 billion doses have been administered worldwide.

In 1976, Baruch Blumberg received the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. He was a Quaker by faith but deeply proud of his Jewish heritage, and he often spoke of the Jewish tradition of tikkun olam, repairing the world, as the moral foundation of his scientific life.

How many people do you know who have received the Hepatitis B vaccine? Share this and let them know who made it possible.
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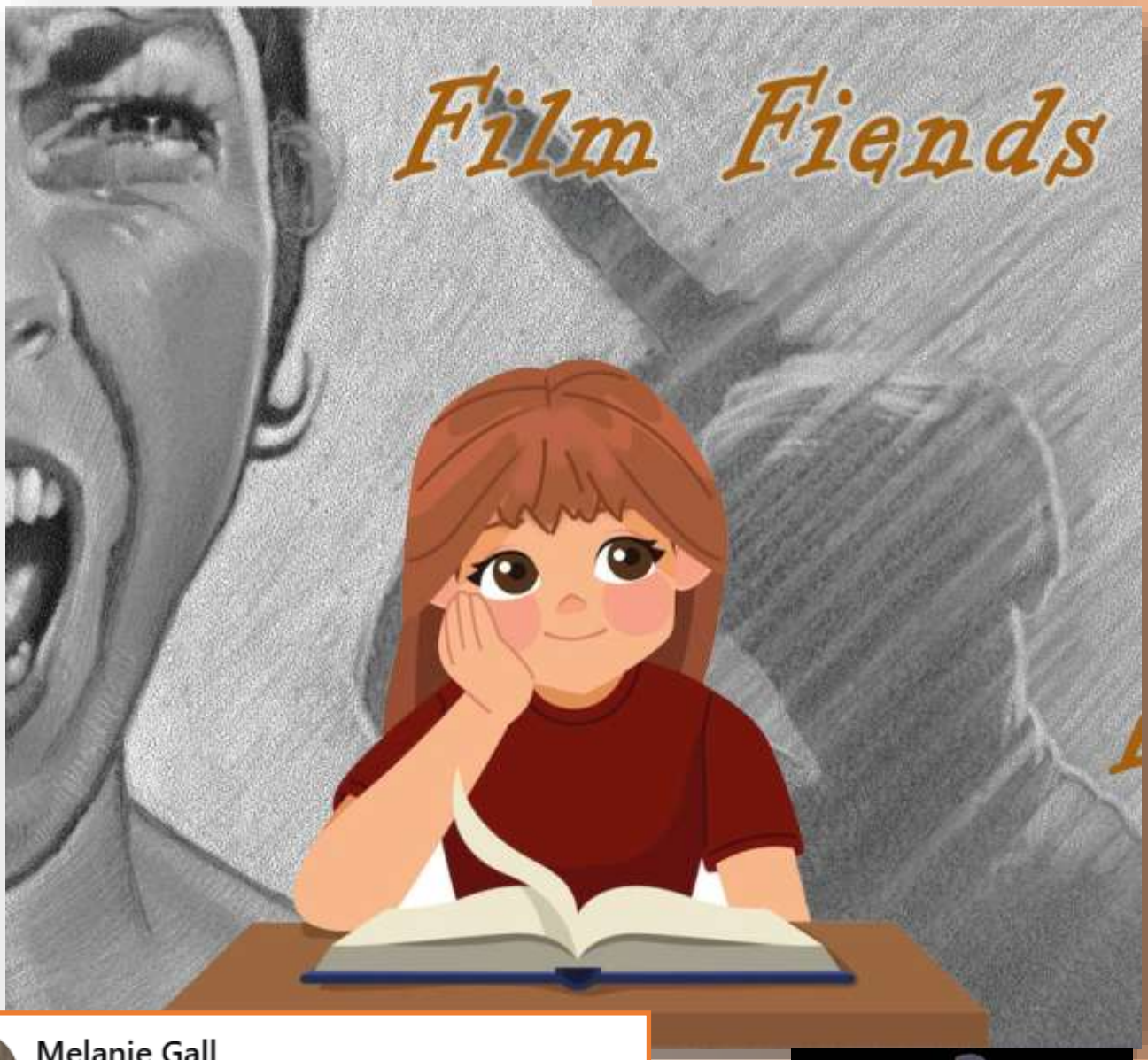
What's Happening in Edmonton ...

Congrats to Melanie Gall



Melanie Gall
May 23 at 7:22 PM ·

Excited to announce that I just signed a book deal with Lyons Press (imprint of Rowman & Littlefield) to write Film Fiends, all about the unknown stories and quirky facts about horror movies based on real "fiends".

(Yes, this is quite different from my usual projects, but it'll be on bookshelves all around the world in 2027. Meanwhile, my upcoming book Fire Witch is available for preorder now, on Amazon and in bookstores everywhere!)

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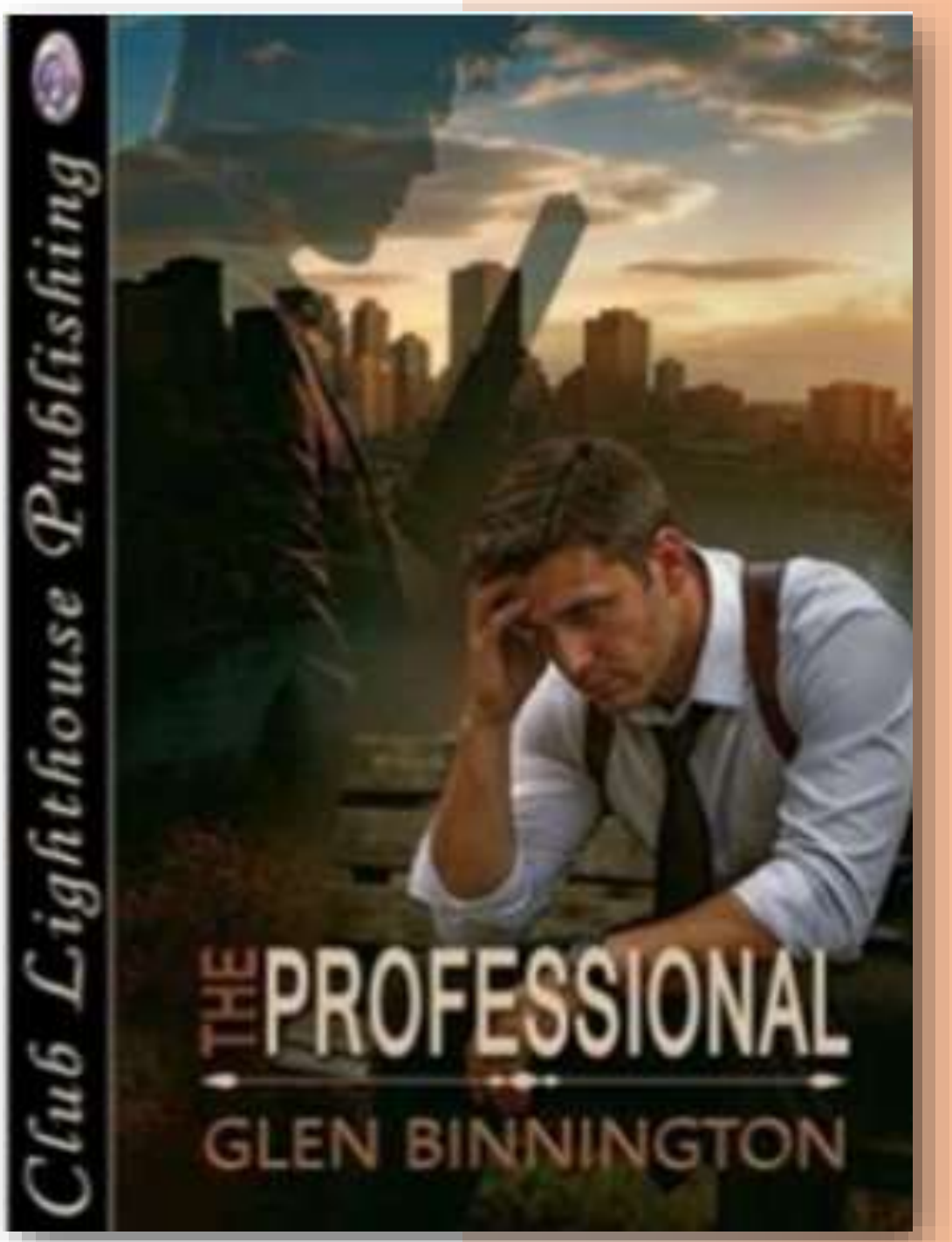

Glen Binnington's In-Person Book Presentation and Book Signing:

1) **Audrey's Book-10702 Jasper Ave – Wednesday, June 17 – 7:00-8:30 pm**
2) **Jewish Seniors Citizen Centre-10052-117 St–**

   Tuesday, July 21-1:00-2:00 pm (during lunch)

Upcoming 2026 Edmonton Unveilings ...

Chris Cooper
June 14 - Sunday - 1:00 PM

Gillian Horwitz
June 14 - Sunday - 2:00 PM

Abe Goldstein
June 21 - Sunday - 12:00 PM

Harold Samuels
June 28 - Sunday - 11:00 AM

Jerry Glasser
June 28 - Sunday - 12:00 PM

Mark Goldfeder
July 12 - Sunday - 12:00 PM

Dear Community Members,
We are preparing for our annual Geniza, where we respectfully bury Jewish items that contain the name of Hashem.
If you have items that require burial, please drop them off at any of our local synagogues:
Beth Israel, Beth Shalom, Chabad, or Temple Beth Ora.
We are also looking for volunteers to assist on Wednesday, June 24th from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. We will need help with sorting and schlepping.
If you are available to help for any part of that time, please email the office@edmontonchevrakadisha.ca
Thank you for helping us carry out this important mitzvah.

All the Jewish TV Coming June 2026

It's a great month for Jewish hotties.

via HBO Max/Getty Images/Netflix

Happy June, or as I like to call it: the start of hot Brett Goldstein summer. The Jewish actor is not only starring in this month's steamiest rom-com, but voicing a sheep in one of the hottest movies of the season (yes, it's "Sheep Detectives") and returning as Roy Kent this August in the last season of "Ted Lasso." (I'm also very excited for his upcoming show, "Escorted," but we still have to wait a bit longer for that.)

https://www.kveller.com/all-the-jewish-tv-coming-june-2026/

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We've trimmed our catering menu to serve up only the dishes you *really* crave.

From creamy mac & cheese and cheesy lasagna to golden, crispy latkes, hearty homemade soups, and our signature dips—these are the comfort foods you know and love from the Beth Tzedec kitchen.

We're focusing on what we do best: simple, satisfying meals made with care. **For items marked "Fresh for Today," please note that a minimum of three business days' notice is required.** Whether you're stocking the freezer or feeding a crowd, you can count on us to deliver flavour, warmth, and tradition in every bite!

https://bethtzedec.ca/catering/

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What's Happening in Calgary ...

BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION

You're Invited to an Interfaith Shabbat Dinner

The Calgary Council of Christians and Jews (CCCJ) invites members of the Beth Tzedec community to join an **Interfaith Shabbat Dinner** with members of the Anglican Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, on **Friday, June 12**.

Join the Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:00pm, followed by dinner at 7:00pm in the Skylight Lounge.

Dinner will be followed by a presentation on "Scriptural Reasoning" by Rabbi Russell Jayne and Dean Chris Dowdeswell, with the opportunity for table discussion over dessert.

Interfaith Shabbat Dinner - Form - Calgary Beth Tzedec Congregation

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Applications for the Sigma Alpha Mu Scholarship (SAM), presented by Jewish Family Services Edmonton, are now open.

Submit your application by June 30 for consideration.

The final decision will be made by August 4, 2026, and the scholarship will be awarded in September.

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