

community calendar

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A MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT JERRAD BLANCHARD

My name is Jerrad Blanchard, and I have the privilege of serving as President of the Board of Calgary Jewish Federation. I am grateful for the trust our community has placed in our Board and staff, and for the chance to introduce myself through this Pomegranate page.

Federation is strongest when leadership is shared. Alongside our CEO, Rob Nagus, and an outstanding professional team, our Board's role is clear: set direction, provide oversight, and help keep Jewish Calgary focused on what matters most – connection, care, security, education, and a vibrant communal life for every generation.

I would also like to highlight our annual **United Jewish Appeal Campaign**. UJA is how we translate

shared values into real support:

- Security and preparedness
- Social services and inclusion
- Holocaust education and human rights
- Israel engagement
- Newcomer welcome through Shalom YYC
- Programs that make Jewish Calgary feel like home.

Last year's Campaign showed what is possible when this community shows up together. That momentum is not a finish line – it is a foundation. This year's UJA Campaign asks us to build with the same generosity and purpose.

We continue our movement from planning into action. Our community-wide strategic planning work has helped clarify priorities for the years ahead. Your

gifts to UJA fund the everyday work that makes that vision real – not as a slogan, but as people served, institutions strengthened, and a community ready to thrive today and build for the next generation.

I look forward to meeting more of you, listening carefully, and working alongside Rob and our team as we strengthen Jewish Calgary together. Thank you for everything you already give – of your time, your leadership, and your support.

B'Shalom,

Jerrad Blanchard
President, Board of Directors
Calgary Jewish Federation

Building an inclusive community is a priority. Contact us and we will make every effort to meet your needs.

Kristallnacht COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION

Join our community's annual *Kristallnacht* commemoration in partnership with the Beth Tzedec Congregation Calgary Jewish Film Festival.

Following the commemoration ceremony at 7:15PM, the evening will feature a screening of *I Draw Them the Best I Can*. After the film, we will welcome co-directors, **Jamie Michaels** and **Liam Karp**, and film subject, survivor **Adam Policzer** for a panel discussion and Q&A.

MONDAY
NOVEMBER 9

DOORS OPEN
AT 7:00PM



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The Hillel **ROOTS AND RISING SHABBATON** for students from Northwest Canada, was a weekend of connection, bonding, growth, and learning. Students from different campuses and provinces came together to celebrate who they are, connect with their Jewish roots, and simply be themselves. From Rabbi led services, meaningful conversations, to the "Two Jews, Three Opinions" debate, and our shared Shabbat experience, there were countless opportunities to learn, reflect, and connect. Many students even chose to lock their phones away in a box, creating space to be fully present with one another. During Jewish Journeys, we created keychains using beads representing the different facets of our Jewish identities – a celebration of both our diversity and our unity. The most beautiful moment might have been when the student leaders came together to lead *Havdalah*. Throughout the weekend, one message stood out: We are not alone.

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Calgary Jewish Federation is proud to send eight local women to Israel as part of the 2026 Momentum cohort. The Calgary participants will travel alongside six women from Edmonton, joining more than 400 Jewish mothers from communities around the world, including South Africa, Australia, Argentina, Spain, and across North America.

Momentum is much more than a trip to Israel. The year-long program brings Jewish mothers together for meaningful learning, connection, and exploration of Jewish values, identity, family, community, and Israel. The immersive experience in Israel is a highlight of the program, giving participants the opportunity to experience the country together while building relationships with Jewish women from around the world.

The impact of Momentum continues long after participants return home. By investing in Jewish mothers, the program helps strengthen Jewish families, deepen connections to community, and inspire participants to take an active role in shaping the next generation of Jewish life.

Calgary Jewish Federation is proud to support this opportunity and looks forward to seeing the impact these eight women will bring back to Jewish Calgary.

For more information about Momentum or future cohorts, contact Sydney Truax at struax@jewishcalgary.org.

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All events on this page are made possible by your gifts to Calgary Jewish Federation's annual UJA Campaign.



BOARDING PASS

DESTINATION

TROPICAL TRIVIA

Join Calgary Jewish Federation for an amazing night of trivia, tasty tropical treats, tiki vibes, beach-inspired beverages, and fundraising for the 2026 UJA Campaign!

**Location will be shared after registration.*

DATE

OCTOBER 22*

TIME

7:00PM



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Walk with Israel

Todah rabah! What a day! Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Walk with Israel and 2026 UJA Campaign Launch on September 7!

From our community members to our allies, friends, and government partners, your energy, pride, and support made the day unforgettable. Together, we showed the strength and spirit of Calgary's Jewish community. *Am Yisrael Chai!*

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“ As parents of an adult with different abilities, we are thrilled that our son has found an inclusive community through **Keshet**, where he is supported and celebrated. ”

“ Because of **JAC**, I found people my age who I can connect with and now have built lifelong friendships. ”

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TOGETHER,

we can create a future where Jewish life continues to grow, connect, and thrive.

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