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THE JOY OF DOING JEWISH

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Welcome to the second edition of *Shalom Calgary: The Joy of Doing Jewish*.
The Calgary Jewish Community Council (CJCC) and its educational arm, the Council for Jewish Education (CJEd), are proud to bring to you the Jewish community resource book for Calgary. This book is an initiative of **Project Connect**, a CJCC / CJEd plan to make Calgary a more welcoming place for newcomers.

Welcome to Jewish Calgary! Whether you are new to Calgary or whether you are trying to find a new connection or point of interest in Jewish communal life, let *Shalom Calgary: The Joy of Doing Jewish* help you find your way.

Our resource book itemizes all things Jewish in Calgary: formal and informal educational opportunities, communal organizations, lifecycle events, cultural events, support services for the vulnerable, clubs (youth, adults, and seniors), kashrut services and synagogues. If there is something Jewish going on in Calgary, we know about it.

Please continue to share this book with family, friends and of course, newcomers to Calgary. Find your way to something Jewish that you can enjoy and share with others. Get connected to Jewish Calgary and stay connected.

Shalom Calgary: The Joy of Doing Jewish is available on-line at our community website: **www.jewishcalgary.org**.

Hard copies of our book are available at the JCC, synagogues, day schools, JFSC or by calling our Community Information Line at 403-537-8593.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF JEWISH LIFE IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA

by Jack Switzer for Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta

It all began when Jacob and Rachel Diamond became Alberta's first permanent Jewish settlers in 1889. By the time the province of Alberta was born in 1905, some 50 Jews had followed in their footsteps and settled in Calgary. By 1911, the community numbered over 600. Most came from Russia and Romania anxious to leave pogroms and persecution behind them and to embrace the freedoms and economic opportunities that were the twin hallmarks of the west.

The newcomers bought land for a Jewish cemetery in 1904, and for their first synagogue, aptly named the House of Jacob, in 1911. By then, the fledgling community was influential enough to attract local politicians and dignitaries who participated in the cornerstone ceremony. Jewish families also settled in Medicine Hat and Lethbridge during the decade following Alberta's establishment.

Many Jews became homesteaders, mostly in "block settlements" near Trochu and Rumsey (1905-1906) and Sibbald (1910). The Trochu and Rumsey farmers were generally successful, and participated fully in their local communities, though most left farming after a generation, attracted by the economic opportunities and Jewish infrastructure of city life.

Although immigration slowed during World War I, Jewish communal life flourished. The Talmud Torah (Calgary Hebrew School) provided after-school Judaic classes for children. Zionist organizations became active, as did member organizations like B'nai Brith and Hadassah.

The 1920s saw an increase in Jewish immigration from eastern Europe. Supporters of Yiddish culture built the I. L. Peretz Institute in 1929 and, soon thereafter, established Calgary's first Jewish day school. A couple of years later, another group built the House of Israel as a Jewish community centre. It opened in 1931, although the Depression and World War II delayed its completion for nearly two decades.

In 1931, Calgary had 1,600 Jews, representing two percent of the city's population.

Lethbridge and Medicine Hat each had over one hundred Jews and boasted synagogues, Jewish cemeteries, and a surprising variety of Jewish organizations.

Alarmed by the rise of Nazism in Germany and escalating anti-Semitism in Poland, the Jews of southern Alberta tried - without success - to have the federal government liberalize its restrictive Jewish immigration policy. They were also apprehensive about the ideology of Alberta's new Social Credit government, which included in its ranks, some openly anti-Semitic members. Many Jews felt the sting of exclusion both professionally and socially. At the time, Jewish men and women were still largely engaged in small business though a few became successful in the professions. Extended families, mutual-aid societies, and individual enterprise kept many members of the Jewish community afloat during the Depression.

One in 10 local Jews – 250 in all – joined the Canadian armed forces during World War II. Many were wounded in action, 10 fell while serving their country and several were decorated for their valor. Jewish veterans quickly applied their new found skills to civilian life. They attended university, opened businesses, and drove the post-war development of their communities – in both Jewish and civic spheres. Many entered professions and some played a role in the development of Alberta's oil industry.

Holocaust survivors, some left alone in the world and others related to Calgary families, started new lives in southern Alberta.

Calgary Jews enjoyed a major building boom beginning in 1959. During a three-year period, they built two synagogue buildings, two schools, and a memorial chapel. By 1961, nearly 3,000 Jews lived in Calgary. Their move from the city's centre to the southern suburbs was well underway.

Within 20 years, Calgary's Jewish population doubled. Alberta's economic growth attracted newcomers from Ontario and Quebec, as well as from other countries, including Israel, South Africa, and the United States. Large numbers of Jews from the Soviet Union also found their way to Calgary. Population shifts proved bittersweet, however, as the Jewish communities of Medicine Hat and Lethbridge dwindled during these decades.

Calgary Jews enjoyed a banner year in 1979. The Calgary Jewish Centre and an adjoining seniors' residence opened; a Reform congregation was established; and Congregation House of Jacob was revitalized by a new leadership. The House of Jacob was incorporated in the Province of Alberta in 1909. The Synagogue is celebrating their Centennial Year with many special events.

During the 1980's and the decades that followed, the Jewish community experienced much change: well-established synagogues and schools merged while new Jewish institutions and organizations continued to emerge. Meanwhile, members of the Jewish community became increasingly active in the community at large as volunteers, leaders and philanthropists, most notably in the arts.

The Jews of southern Alberta have much to be thankful for. We have successfully integrated without losing our religious and cultural identity. Our community has produced two senators, two MLAs, a long-serving mayor, a city counselor, sixteen members of the Order of Canada, and a score of honorary doctorate recipients. Many Jews have excelled in diverse fields including academia, healthcare, business, the arts and philanthropy.

In 2005, some 8,000 Jews made Calgary their home. Some are the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the pioneers who came to this land of promise a century ago. All have reaped a truly joyful harvest. We are strong, successful, and proud of the role we have played in building a vibrant community for all Albertans.

Beth Tzedec Memorial Park

122 Shalom Way SW
Calgary, AB
Phone: 403-255-8688 | Fax: 403-252-8319
Email: csilver@bethtzedec.ca | Website: www.bethtzedec.ca
Contact: Carol Silver

Mailing Address:
Beth Tzedec Congregation
1325 Glenmore Trail SW
Calgary, AB T2V4Y8

- A beautiful and serene Memorial Park.
- For members as well as for the Jewish community at large.

Chevra Kadisha of Calgary

Site 12, Box 36, RR9 (North East corner of Highway 22X and 37 Street SW)
Calgary, AB T2J5G5
Phone: 403-244-4717 or 403-819-5535 | Fax: 403-244-4717 (mornings only)
Contact: Labie Doctor, Executive Director

- The funeral arrangements for and burial of people of the Jewish faith.

Erlton Cemetery

Erlton Street and 32 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB
Phone: 311 or 403-268-CITY (2489) if calling from outside Calgary

Queen's Park Cemetery

3219 – 4 Street NW
Calgary, AB
Phone: 403-221-3660

CHILDREN

BabeCare Day Care

(c/o Calgary JCC)
1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V 4V7
Phone: 403-444-3175 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: lpreston@cjcc.ca | Website: www.calgaryjcc.com
Contact: Lynne Preston, BabeCare Director

- Accredited day care / after-care facility.
- To provide social, cultural, educational and recreational programs and service.
- Children aged 13 months to six years.
- Hours of operation: 7:30am to 6:00pm.

CHILDREN

Calgary Jewish Community Centre (JCC)

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-253-8600 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: frontdesk@cjcc.ca | Website: www.calgaryjcc.com

- Cultural Programs
  - Festival celebrations, arts classes, education workshops, dance classes.
- Fitness and Health
  - Swimming pool, weight room, group exercise, yoga, tennis, rock climbing, gymnasium, aquafitness, personal training.
- Children's Classes and Care-Based Programs
  - Licensed and accredited day care.
  - Time for 2's – Unparented two year old socializing program (gym time, arts and crafts, music, stories).
  - Kids 'R' Us – Pre-registered full-year afternoon program for Junior Kindergarten and ECS children (variety of classes: yoga, computers, art, swimming, gym-time, skating); school bus pick-up available.
  - Afterschool care.
  - Summer and Holiday Camps (ages 5-12 years).
  - Two summer programs: Sports Camp and Explorers Camp (8 one-week sessions; half day options for younger children).
  - Camps for Jewish holidays (school closures), Spring Break, Professional Development Days.
  - Birthday parties.
  - Bouncers, climbing structure, outdoor playground, pottery studio.
  - Sunday Family gym.
  - Babysitting.

CULTURAL

Beth Tzedec Calgary Jewish Film Festival

c/o Beth Tzedec Synagogue
1325 Glenmore Trail SW
Calgary, AB T2V4Y8
Phone: 403-255-8688
Website: www.bethtzedec.ca
Contact: Harvey Cyngiser, Director

- Annual Jewish Film Festival.
- Co-ordinated by a volunteer board.
- Internationally acclaimed Jewish films screened over three weekends at the Beth Tzedec synagogue.
- Wide range of films exploring pluralistic subject matter.
- International speakers / film-makers join in the Jewish dialogue.
- Open to everyone, non-denominational.
- Traditionally held in the autumn, contact synagogue for exact dates.

Calgary Jewish Community Centre (JCC)

1607 – 90th Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-253-8600 x594 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: crabinovitch@cjcc.ca | Website: www.calgaryjcc.com
Contact: Cindy-Sue Rabinovitch, Cultural Arts Coordinator

- Book Fair.
  - A huge selection of international books by Jewish authors, exploring a range of topics: politics, culture, art, film, fiction, non-fiction, parenting, education, children's literature and much more.
  - Exciting lectures, workshops and events.
  - Traditionally held in the autumn, contact JCC for exact dates and location.
- Holiday celebrations.
- Commemorative events.
- Art classes.
- Supplemental Jewish education.
- Dance.

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Calgary Circle of Humanistic Jews (CCHJ)

Phone: 403-282-5019 | Fax: 403-241-7914
Email: ajhoff@shaw.ca | Website: www.calgaryhumanist.ca/cchj/
Contact: Art Hoffer, Chairperson

- Provides an opportunity for those who may or may not be presently affiliated with Jewish community life to celebrate, explore, enrich and grow in understanding, appreciation and application of Jewish wisdom and values.
- Schedule monthly programs (excluding July and August) centered on various themes pertaining to Jewish life.
- Creatively celebrate selective Jewish holidays and their meaning in relation to daily living.
- Provide opportunities to socialize, share, support and appreciate one another.
- Welcome all who value open-mindedness including those who are engaged in mixed marriages, singles and single parents as well as gay and lesbian couples.

Calgary Friends of Magen David Adom

P.O. Box 73112, RPO Woodbine
Calgary, AB T2W6E4
Phone: 403-251-6802 | Fax: 403-251-6802 | Toll Free: 1-800-731-2848
Email: info@cmdai.org | Website: www.cmdai.org

- Magen David Adom Israel:
  - Serves as Israel's exclusive ambulance and emergency medical service making extensive use of ambulances, 3-wheeled scooter ambulances and rescue helicopters to save lives in all life-threatening situations.
  - Efficiently and effectively responds to all types of accidents, medical emergencies and local and national crises.
  - Provides crucial life-saving equipment, blood products and supplies in all emergencies.
  - Trains and makes extensive use of volunteers to carry out its essential life-saving work.

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Calgary Jewish Community Centre (JCC)

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-253-8600 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: frontdesk@cjcc.ca | Website: www.calgaryjcc.com

- To provide social, cultural, educational and recreational programs and services to people of all ages and abilities.
- Specializing in health and wellness, children's programs and care-based activities, cultural and holiday celebrations.
  - The Yoga Studio, Heavens fitness, personal training.
  - Dietician services.
  - Pool (lessons, free swim, aquafitness).
- Complete fitness centre with weight room, gymnasium, yoga and group exercise studios, tennis courts, five-lane lap pool sauna, steam room and whirl pool.

Calgary Jewish Community Council (CJCC)

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-253-8600 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: dpowers@cjcc.ca | Website: www.jewishcalgary.org

- The central address for Jewish life in Calgary.
- The umbrella organization that provides leadership to and represents the Calgary Jewish community.
- CJCC's mission is to ensure and enhance the continuity and vibrancy of the Calgary Jewish community and the Jewish communities of Canada, Israel, and worldwide.
- Programs include: Development, United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Campaign, Calgary Hillel, Canada Israel Experience-birthright Israel, Community Relations, the Council for Jewish Education (CJEd), Shalom Calgary, Shalom Baby, Community Relations Committee, Planning and Allocations for communal funds, Holocaust Remembrance and Human Rights Committee, March of the Living, Asper Human Rights Program, Calgary Kosher, Israel and Overseas Committee, Limudim Leadership Program and Young Leadership Division of UJA.

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Calgary Jewish Family Loan Association

25 Ceduna Lane SW
Calgary, Alberta T2W6H5
Phone: 403-281-9476
Contact: Anna Brodsky, Treasurer

- Organization which helps needy families or individuals with loans.

Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta

#28, 523 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403-238-4880 | Fax: 403 281-0338
Website: www.chabadalberta.org

- Outreach to the unaffiliated anywhere in Alberta.
- Services adults and children.
- Chabad Lubavitch Youth Centre.
- Calgary Yachad Hebrew School.
- Camp Gan Israel – summer, winter- / spring-break day camp.
- Community Passover Seder.
- Calgary Jewish Learning Institute.
- Kashrut services.
- Counseling.
- Community menorah, holiday events, life cycle, chaplaincy and religious services.
- Murray Robbins and Family Alberta Jewish Library.

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Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get / Jewish Divorce Help Line

Phone: 403-444-3164

- Information line about Jewish Divorce – non-counselling service.

Council for Jewish Education (CJEd)

Calgary Jewish Community Council
1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-537-8592 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: akesik@cjcc.ca | Website: www.jewishcalgary.org
Contact: Agata Kesik, Director

- Educational arm of Calgary Jewish Community Council.
- The goal of CJEd is to increase access and participation in Jewish education in all of its forms.
- In collaboration with community institutions, CJEd is an advocate, planner and creative leader for strengthening and advancing Jewish learning.
- Promotes / advocates community model of inclusivity and pluralism.
- Co-ordinates pluralistic educational programs for people of all ages and denominations.
- Co-ordinates *Shalom Calgary*, *Shalom Baby* (see Jewish Community Life – General section for program descriptions).
- Co-coordinating body for the PJ Library (literacy program for children ages 6 months to 5 years old).
- Staffs Concierge for Jewish Education – professional staff to help families navigate the Jewish educational (formal and informal) and cultural terrain in Calgary.

GENERAL

Friends of Calgary Chabad

#28, 523 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403-266-3323
Contact: Murray Robins and Dr. Leonard Smith, Co-chairs

Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-640-2273 | Fax: 403-640-2192
Email: phyllis@jcfc.ca
Contact: Milton Bogoch, President or Phyllis D'Aguiar, Fund Development Manager

- Exists to serve and help create Calgary's Jewish future.
- Holds invested funds for many different long term purposes in endowment funds.
- Donors may name the beneficial organization(s) or people; some endowment agreements let the Foundation Board decide discretionary funds.
- Currently the JCFC Board directs most discretionary funds to post-secondary scholarships for Jewish students.
- Your contribution will benefit generations of Jewish Calgarians to come.

GENERAL

Jewish Family Service Calgary

#420, 5920 – 1A Street SW
Calgary, AB T2G2R7
Phone: 403-287-3510 | Fax: 403-287-3735
Email: info@jfsc.org | Website: www.jfsc.org

- Helping people in the spirit of Jewish traditions and values.
- Strives to improve the quality of life of individuals and families in the Jewish and greater Calgary communities.
- Clinical Counseling:
  - Has a team of professional, qualified counselors providing a variety of services including individual, couples and family therapy as well as group work.
  - Counsellors utilize a variety of theoretical approaches in their work, including; strength-based, cognitive-behavioural therapy, systemic therapy, body focused therapy, and narrative therapy. JFSC has a holistic, client centred approach to counselling; viewing the client in their environment and recognizing the importance of balance among cognitive, emotional, spiritual, social, and physical aspects of self. Confidentiality and ethical practice are primary values of the program.
- Vocational Counseling: Our Vocational Services Program offers valuable support to newcomers and to members of the community in developing skills in their job searches.
  - Services and assistance in the preparation of cover letters and resumes, vocational counselling sessions that include interviews, coaching, skill development exercises and networking skill development in addition to career planning.
  - Job placement opportunities when possible, direct contact with prospective employers, mentoring.
  - Advocating on behalf of clients to employers.
  - Services are offered in a group setting as well as on an individual basis.
- Seniors Outreach:
  - Dedicated staff aims to promote independent choices and provide necessary supports to individuals aw they age
  - Provides information, referral, supportive counselling and advocacy to all seniors in most of Calgary's South.
  - Strives to increase Yiddishkeit in the lives of seniors in the Jewish community.
  - Provides assistance with issues pertaining to health, social isolation, financial hardship, housing concerns and other age-related transition.

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Jewish Family Service Calgary *(continued)*

- Family Life Education:
  - Accredited, pro-active, outreach arms of the clinical counseling area of agency.
  - Psycho-social and psycho-educational programs offered to the Jewish and greater Calgary communities.
- Resettlement and Integration:
  - Responds to the needs of individuals by providing counseling, advocacy, information and support in order to resettle (i.e. completing forms, registering for school, banking, etc.).
  - Help is provided to assist immigrants with the challenges they face upon their arrival to Canada.
  - Programs are planned for better understanding and integration purposes.
- Basic Needs Program: A complementary component to services provided by the agency.
  - Kupah Tzedakah offers emergency financial assistance to those who cannot find the necessary resources anywhere else.
  - Assistance to prevent homelessness with support for affordable housing to individuals and families in need including those who are: the working poor/ starting a new job, new immigrants, leaving an abusive relationship, low income causing poverty, living on AISH / Disability pension, etc.
  - Jewish advocacy for social service resources and crisis intervention.
- Kosher Food Pantry
  - Kosher food to supplement low income clients' grocery budgets including basic sustaining food items.
  - Miriam's Well items to augment food hamper (Kosher and non-Kosher) to help further meet basic needs.
- Holiday Assistance Program
  - This program helps to support our most vulnerable community members and those facing financial hardships during Jewish holiday seasons and on Shabbat. It enables them to celebrate Jewish traditions all year long by providing Kosher holiday specific items in the spirit of Jewish traditions and values.
- Volunteer Program: Volunteers make up a major department in JFSC. There are short term projects and long term opportunities available for those who would like to be involved in the community.

GENERAL

Jewish Free Press Inc.

8411 Elbow Drive SW
Calgary, AB T2V1K8
Phone: 403-252-9423 | Fax: 403-255-5640
Email: jewishfp@telus.net

- Jewish community newspaper published independently for 19 years.
- Contact directly for home delivery.

Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-444-3171 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: jhssa@shaw.ca | Website: www.jhssa.org

- An independent, non-profit organization run by a volunteer Board.
- To record, preserve and present the history of Jewish communities and individuals in southern Alberta; accomplished through our archival collections, library, and our journal, *Discovery* and other publications, exhibits and other educational programming.
- Membership is open to all.
- Tribute Cards available for all occasions starting at $10.

Jewish National Fund

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-255-0295 | Fax: 403-255-3506
E-mail: cal@jnf.ca | Website: www.jnf.ca

- From its founding in 1901, the Jewish National Fund (JNF) created the land base that made Israel's statehood possible.
- Recognized United Nations NGO (non-governmental organization) and continues to support the land and the people of the Israel.
- Promotes development in Israel in the form of planting trees, building roads, pathways and parks.
- Promotes / advocates for water conservation.

GENERAL

Maccabi Canada – Calgary Southern Alberta

E-mail: b.krell@maccabicanada.com or e.silberg@maccabicanada.com
Website: maccabicanada.com
Contacts: Barb Krell and Esther Silbert, Calgary Chairs

- Maccabiah Games - "Jewish Olympics" held every four years in Israel, one year after the Olympics (last one July 2009).
- Athletes qualify by set standards in many sports – see website for details.
- Age ranges from youth, open and masters.
- Regional tryouts available in some team sports one year prior to the games.
- Canada may field teams for the Pan Am Maccabi Games, European Maccabi Games and Australian Maccabi Games.
- Regional reps help direct local athletes to tryouts, provide information, history, fundraising.
- Regional reps attend annual or bi-annual National Maccabi Canada Board meetings and represent Calgary.

Montefiore Institute (The "Little Synagogue")

The Little Synagogue on the Prairie Project Society
Elbow River RPO 94016
Calgary, AB T2S0S4
E-mail: littlesynagogue@shaw.ca | Website: www.LittleSynagogue.ca

- Opened at Calgary's Heritage Park with great joy, fanfare and celebration in June of 2009. The historic 1916 Montefiore Institute was a synagogue, school and community centre for the Jewish farm families of the Montefiore Colony near Sibbald, Alberta, close to the Saskatchewan border. Purchased, moved, restored, furnished, interpreted and project managed by *The Little Synagogue on the Prairie Project Society*, with support from government, foundations, corporations, individuals and families, the building has welcomed many thousands of Heritage Park visitors from across Canada and around the world. Visits to the Montefiore Institute, fondly known as the "Little Synagogue," can be made during the Park's regularly scheduled public seasons. The delightful historic building can also be rented for family or Jewish organization events.
- For Heritage Park public hours, admission rates and rental information contact: Heritage Park Historical Village at 403-268-8500 or visit www.heritagepark.ca.

GENERAL

Shalom Baby

c/o CJEd
1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-537-8593 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: kwainer@cjcc.ca | Website: www.jewishcalgary.org
Contact: Kathie Wainer, Concierge for Jewish Education

- Maybe your family has recently grown by one (or two or three), or your friends are just about to welcome a little one into their lives – *Shalom Baby* welcomes parents, their newborn and newly adopted children into the Calgary community.
- Shalom Baby provides you with:
  - Welcome to our World Gift basket, including our handy *Shalom Baby* Resource Book (information on baby classes, synagogues, preschools, Jewish ceremonies and holidays).
  - Hand-delivered by a wonderful *Shalom Baby* Ambassador.
  - Support from caring volunteers.
  - A connection to your Jewish community and heritage.

Shalom Calgary

c/o CJEd
1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-537-8593 | Fax: 403-253-7915
E-mail: kwainer@cjcc.ca | Website: www.jewishcalgary.org
Contact: Kathie Wainer, Concierge for Jewish Education

- A Jewish newcomers information service.
- Find out about Jewish Calgary (formal and informal).
- Trained volunteers guide people to various Jewish organizations, services, cultural events and educational opportunities (formal and informal).
- Welcome baskets for newcomers available.

GENERAL

State of Israel Bonds

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V 4V7
Phone: 403-255-8136 | Fax: 403-640-2192
Email: phyllisd@cjcc.ca
Contact: Phyllis D'Aguiar

- State of Israel Bonds is an organization whose sole purpose is to sell bonds and notes for the Israeli Ministry of Finance; securities issued by the State of Israel to help build the nation's infrastructure.

United Jewish Appeal (UJA)

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403 444-3154 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: dkalef@cjcc.ca | Website: www.jewishcalgary.org
Contact: Diana Kalef, Leadership and Financial Resource Development Director

- UJA Calgary raises funds to keep Calgary's Jewish community thriving as well as to support Jews in need in Israel and around the world.
- Locally, UJA dollars provide scholarships for school tuition and summer camp, cultural programming, seniors programming, emergency financial relief, vocational counseling for the unemployed, resettlement services for new immigrants, interfaith and outreach, media relations and monitoring, Holocaust and Human Rights Education and much more.
- Internationally, our funds are directed to the American Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Weizmann Science Canada, Calgary Chapter

Phone: 403-243-6549
Email: emagidson@telus.net | Website: www.weizmann.ca
Contact: Ellen & Stan Magidson

- Founded to help the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel maintain its standards of excellence and significant contributions to world science.
- Supports major scientific initiatives.

JEWISH CAMPS

Calgary Jewish Community Centre (JCC)

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-253-8600 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: rrichards@cjcc.ca | Website: www.calgaryjcc.com
Contact: Rhona Richards, Children's Program Manager

- To provide social, cultural, educational / recreational programs and services to people of all ages and abilities.
- Summer and Holiday Day Camp.
- Two summer programs:
  - Sports Camp – Ages 5 to 12.
  - Explorers Camp – Ages 2 to 5 (half day or full day).
- Camps for Jewish holidays (school closures), Spring Break, professional development days.
- Counselor in Training (CIT) Program for Grades 7 to 9.

Camp BB Riback

Residential Summer Camp
1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403 -252-2267 or 1-800-267-2267 | Fax: 403-252-4824
Email: campbb@telusplanet.net | Website: www.campbb.com

- Jewish residential camp for children from Grades 1 to 10.
- Provides two sessions:
  - Grades 1 to 4 – Wonderweek.
  - Grade 3 to 10 – July session (24 days), August session (21 days), Full summer session (45 days).
- Provides an array of activities which include:
  - Tennis, soccer, hockey, volleyball, golf, basketball, high ropes course, climbing wall, zip line, horseback riding, arts and crafts, overnights, drama, yoga, fitness and biking.
- Takes pride in making a camper's experience as meaningful as possible where self-awareness and personal achievements are celebrated every day.
- Each child is accepted regardless of ability to pay.

JEWISH CAMPS

Camp Gan Israel / Summer, Winter and Spring Day Camp

Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta
#28, 523 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403-238-4880 | Fax: 403-281-0338
Email: youth@chabadalberta.org | Website: www.ganisrael.ca

- Kiddies camp (ages 3 and 4) (half or full day).
- Day camp (ages 5 to 12).
- Comprehensive program designed to strengthen the body and soul.
- Provides entertainment, excitement and meaningful educational experiences.
- Daily Kosher snacks and lunch provided (at no extra charge).
- Arts and crafts, sports, swimming, outings and more.

MEN

B'nai Brith Lodge #816

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-255-6554 | Fax: 403-255-6548
Email: bbcalgary@telus.net

- Fundraising to support a variety of different charities.

Jewish War Veterans of Canada

c/o Calgary JCC
1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-253-8600 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Website: www.cjwv.org

- Citizens, residents, and landed immigrants of the Jewish faith who served in the wars of Canada and / or its allies, who have formed an association in order that we may be of greater service to our country and to one another.
- Members associate together for the following purposes:
  - Maintain true allegiance to Canada.
  - To foster and perpetuate true Candianism.
  - To combat whatever tends to impair the efficient and permanency of our free institutions.
  - To uphold Jewish honour and to fight our battles wherever and whenever we are unjustly assailed.
  - To encourage the doctrines of universal liberty, equal rights, and full justice to all persons.
  - To combat the powers of bigotry and darkness wherever originating and whatever their target.
  - To preserve the spirit of comradeship by mutual helpfulness to comrades and their families.
  - To co-operate with and support existing educational institutions, establish new educational institutions, and foster the education of ex-servicemen, ex-servicewomen, and our members in the ideals and principles of Candianism.
  - To instill love of country and flag, and to promote sound minds and bodies in our members and our youth.
  - To preserve the memories and records of patriotic service performed by the men and women of our faith.
  - To honour their memory and shield from neglect the graces of our heroic dead.

SENIORS

Calgary Jewish Community Centre (JCC)

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-253-8600 Ext.224 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: nhollander@cjcc.ca | Website: www.calgaryjcc.com
Contact: Nessie Hollander, Seniors Coordinator

- Water fitness, clubs, knitting, lunch & movie, dinners, men's social group, outings around town and beyond, Shabbat baking, games, strength training.
- Subsidies available.

Calgary Jewish Senior Citizens Residence Society

Jewish Community Apartments
1603 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-880-5130 | Fax: 403-255-8033
Email: jcapartments@shaw.ca
Contact: Boris Khitrine

- To provide safe, clean and affordable housing to seniors on lower incomes.

Calgary Jewish Seniors Choir – Voices

Joint project of Calgary JCC and Jewish Family Service Calgary
#420, 5920 – 1A Street
Calgary, AB T2H0G3
Phone: 403 287-3510

- A volunteer choir.
- Performs at various community and cultural events.
- Great social opportunity.

WOMEN

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood / Beth Tzedec Congregation

Beth Tzedec Synagogue
1325 Glenmore Trail SW
Calgary, AB T2V4Y8
Phone: 403-255-8688 | Fax: 403-252-8319
Email: csilver@bethtzedec.ca | Website: www.beth-tzedec.org/sisterhood
Contact: Carol Silver

- A network of Jewish women supporting each other in the pursuit of personal development and empowering each other to enhance our Synagogue community.
- Promote the values and ethics of Conservative Judaism.
- Affiliated with Women's League for Conservative Judaism, an international organization of Sisterhoods founded in 1918 to strengthen the bonds of unity among Jewish women.

Calgary ORT

#112, 8535 Bonaventure Drive SE
Calgary, AB T2H3A1
Phone: 403-640-1784
Email: sierras1@telus.net
Contact: Estelle Matthews, Chair

- Calgary ORT is a local organization supporting World ORT, an international Jewish organization.
- World ORT's mission is to make people independent of charity. ORT has a presence in 63 countries world-wide.
- ORT (The Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) began in Russia in 1880, and was set-up as a fund to provide training and education that would allow Jews in the Tsarist Empire to lift themselves out of poverty.
- The world has changed greatly since the founding of ORT, but in 2009 the need to deliver essential education and training is no less pressing than it was in 1880. Individuals and communities across the globe continue to rely on ORT for the skills and knowledge that will enable them to lead independent and purposeful lives.
- If you would like to make a donation or would like more information please contact us at the number listed above.
- If you would like to make a donation using our card fund please contact Renie Brodsky at 403-252-5798.

WOMEN

CHW of Calgary (formerly Calgary Hadassah-WIZO)

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-253-4612 | Card Line: 403-640-1147 | Fax: 403-640-1100
Email: info@calgary.chw.ca | Website: www.chw.ca

- A volunteer women's Zionist organization.
- Provides material and moral support to enhance the lives of women, children and youth in Israel through its healthcare, education and social services projects.
- Fosters and strengthens Jewish ideals; highlighting role of Israel in today's world.
- Supports educational projects and awareness of women's issues.

Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get / Jewish Divorce Help Line

Phone: 403-444-3164 is checked for messages weekly

- Jewish Divorce Help Line – non-counselling service.
- Confidential information and support service.

HOJMI Sisterhood

1613 – 92 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V5C9
Phone: 403-259-3230
Email: hojmi@telus.net

WOMEN

Na'amat Canada Calgary

2135 – 21 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB
Phone: 403-238-5311
Email: naamatcalgary@yahoo.com | Website: www.naamat.com
Contact: Emily Sztabzyb, Calgary Coordinator

- If you want to be a part of a soroity, a sisterhood, a club, a family, a network of inspiring women, or even if you just want a girls' night out – Na'amat Canada Calgary has what you are looking for. Not only are we here to support Israel, but our members are also here to support each other.
- Once you have officially become a member, you will be invited to join a chapter of women with whom you may share commonalities. Chapters typically meet once a month at a member's home. In this social setting, members may take part in a program such as a guest speaker; games night; craft project; cooking class; makeover night or whatever the group decides to plan. Chapters will also take on fundraising projects such as bingo, raffle, concert, movie, etc… where the members plan and execute an event to raise money to support Na'amat social services in Israel. We encourage our members to be enthusiastic leaders within the community, but you can take on whatever role you are comfortable with.
- All members in good standing receive the national newsletter, *Na'amat Notes*, which is sent out twice a year. Members also have access to the Members Only section of the Na'amat Canada website.

YOUNG ADULTS

birthright Israel

Calgary Jewish Community Council (CJCC)
1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-444-3155 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: amann@cjcc.ca | Website: www.jewishcalgary.org or www.birthrightisrael.com
Contact: Adam Mann, Coordinator

- Taglit-birthright Israel provides the gift of first time, peer group, educational trips to Israel for Jewish young adults ages 10 to 26 (10 days).
- Founders created this program to send thousands of young Jewish adults from all over the world to Israel as a gift in order to diminish the growing division between Israel and Jewish communities around the world.
- To strengthen the sense of solidarity among world Jewry.
- To strengthen participants' personal Jewish identity and connection to the Jewish people.

Hillel Calgary

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-444-3155 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: amann@cjcc.ca | Website: http://homespages.ucalgary.ca/~hillel/
Contact: Adam Mann, Coordinator

- Largest Jewish campus organization in the world, global network of 500 regional centers, campus Foundations and Hillel student organizations.
- Calgary Hillel is a student run, student led organization committed to creating a fun, exciting, and valuable campus life for Jewish students attending University of Calgary, SAIT, Mount Royal and any other Jewish young adults between ages of 18 to 26.
- Members organize a wide variety of programs ranging from social to social action, religious, cultural and Israel-oriented programs.
- Calgary Hillel's mission is to promote Jewish community and campus life for young adults in Calgary.

YOUNG ADULTS

Calgary YLD

UJA, Leadership Division
1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-444-3154 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: yld@cjcc.ca | Website: www.jewishcalgary.org
Contact: Diana Kalef, Leadership and Financial Resource Development Director

- Ages 25 to 45.
- Foster and maintain a strong and united Jewish community in order to provide for the culture, continuity, religious practice, spirituality, survival and welfare of Jewish life while respecting its diversity.
- Connects young adults through innovative and exciting social, educational, cultural, recreational and leadership development programming.

Jewish Adult Connection (JAC)

c/o Calgary Jewish Community Centre (JCC)
1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-537-8596 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: shula@cjcc.ca | Website: www.calgaryjcc.com
Contact: Shula Banchik, Youth and Adult Program Coordinator

- To build Jewish connections in Calgary for young adults/young professionals.
- Programming geared towards 25 to 45 years of age.
- Events are social in nature and inclusive for both singles and couples.

Mingle

c/o Calgary Jewish Community Centre (JCC)
1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-537-8596 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: shula@cjcc.ca | Website: www.calgaryjcc.com
Contact: Shula Banchik, Youth and Adult Program Coordinator

- Mingle with Jewish singles in their 30's, 40's and 50's.

YOUTH

Asper Foundation Human Rights and Holocaust Studies Program

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-444-3162 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: ikrygierlapides@cjcc.ca
Contact: Ilana Krygier Lapides, Director of Holocaust Education

- Grade 9 trip to Washington D.C. to visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum and other sites.
- Educational sessions, journals, lectures and mandatory community service are part of the program.
- Students expected to "bear witness" in the future.
- 110 students and chaperones in and around Calgary from a variety of different backgrounds are attending the 2009 trip.
- Program open to Jewish and non-Jewish students.

B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO)

c/o Calgary JCC
1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-444-3161 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: bbyomatt@cjcc.ca | Website: www.nwcbbyo.org
Contact: Matt Ponak, Regional Director

- Provides Jewish teens opportunities and experiences that foster a connection to the Jewish Community and a commitment to living a Jewish life.
- We provide a nurturing environment, meaningful experiences and a supportive community.
- Teens develop leadership skills preparing them to assume positions of leadership in the Jewish and secular worlds.

YOUTH

Chabad Lubavitch Youth Centre

Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta
#28, 523 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403-238-4880 | Fax: 403-281-0338
E-mail: youth@chabadalberta.org | Website: www.chabadalberta.org

- Calgary Yachad Hebrew School.
- Camp Gan Israel (Summer, Winter and Spring Break).
- Computer lab.
- Bar and Bat Mitzvah club.
- Holiday Family Events: Sukkos BBQ Bash, Chanukah Stampede, Purim Festive Meal, Lab B'Omer Picnic and more.
- On-going Shabbat and holiday programs.

Jewish Student Union

Calgary Community Kollel
#11, 2210 Oakmoor Drive SW
Calgary, AB T2V4R4
Phone: 403-671-0248
Email: samuelross@hotmail.com
Contact: Rabbi Samuel Ross

- Enabling students from grades 8 to 12 to connect with other Jewish teenagers and strengthen their Jewish identity and knowledge.
- Students participate in social and educational programs (e.g., Laser QUESTion the Rabbi, Movie Madness Night, Pizza parties with discussions on contemporary issues).
- Runs the Jewish Student Club (JSC) – lunchtime high school club with pizza and materials that spark lively Jewish discussions
- Provide the opportunity to participate in conventions and Shabbatons in other cities.
- Students encouraged to participate in governance.
- Offers summer camp in Israel – students tour whole country, enabling them to develop a close bond with the land and the people.
- Periodic Shabbat Shebangs, where teens spend a Friday night together, enjoying a fun program led by experienced advisors.

YOUTH

Kadima

Beth Tzedec Synagogue (Conservative)
1325 Glenmore Trail SW
Calgary, AB T2V4Y8
Phone: 403-255-8688 | Fax: 403-252-8319
Email: juliannaenciu@gmail.com | Website: www.bethtzedec.ca
Contact: Julianna Enciu

- Affiliated with the Beth Tzedec synagogue and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism of North America.
- Youth participate in social, educational and mitzvah programs throughout the year (e.g., Flames hockey games, swimming, skating, Shabbat dinners, trips to Edmonton and Washington, and fundraising).
- Grades 6 to 8.

NCSY

House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel (Orthodox)
1613 – 92 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V5C9
Phone: 403-259-3230
Email: hojmi@telus.net

- Teen organization which is interested in giving teens the chance to get together and feel their Jewish identity.
- Social events and "latte and learn" get together.
- An international not for profit youth organization.
- Students grades 6 to 12.

YOUTH

North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY)

Temple B'nai Tikvah (Reform)
900 – 47 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2S3C8
Phone: 403-252-1654 | Fax: 403-252-1709
Email: office@templebnaitikvah.org | Website: www.templebnaitikvah.org

- Focused on Tikkun Olam, social action and lasting friendships.
- Grades 8 -12.

United Synagogue Youth (USY)

Beth Tzedec Synagogue (Conservative)
1325 Glenmore Trail SW
Calgary, AB T2V4Y8
Phone: 403-255-8688 | Fax: 403-252-8319
Email: juliannaenciu@gmail.com | Website: www.bethtzedec.ca or usy.org/kadima.com
Contact: Julianna Enciu

- Affiliated with Beth Tzedec synagogue and the Conservative movement in North America.
- Youth participate in tzedaka projects, conventions and various programs throughout the city.
- Members also encouraged to participate on the USY board and given leadership roles.
- Grades 9 to 12.

FORMAL

BAR / BAT MITZVAH EDUCATION

Bat Mitzvah Club

Chabad Lubavitch Youth Centre
#28, 523 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403-238-4880 | Fax: 403-281-0338
E-mail: youth@chabadalberta.org | Website: www.chabadalberta.org

- Girls, ages 11 to 13.
- Shows girls why a Bat Mitzvah is much more than just a party.
- Learn what it really means to be a Bat Mitzvah in a modern world.
- Get to know your Jewish self through art, creative writing and community outreach.
- Discuss 'hot' topics, share your interests, goals, hopes and dreams.
- Program is geared to girls having their Bat Mitzvah in any Synagogue or at Chabad.

Beth Tzedec Synagogue (Conservative)

1325 Glenmore Trail SW
Calgary, AB T2V4Y8
Phone: 403-255-8688 | Fax: 403-252-8319
Email: csilver@bethtzedec.ca | Website: www.bethtzedec.ca
Contact: Carol Silver

Calgary JLI (Jewish Learning Institute)

Bar Mitzvah Training Program
28523 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403-238-4880 Ext.111 | Fax: 403-281-0338
E-mail: jli@chabadalberta.org | Website: www.chabadalberta.org
Contact: Rabbi Mordechai Groner, Director

FORMAL

BAR / BAT MITZVAH EDUCATION

Congregation House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel (Orthodox)

1613 – 92 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V5C9
Phone: 403-259-3230 | Fax: 403-259-3240
Email: hojmi@telus.net | Website: www.hojmi.org

Temple B'nai Tikvah (Reform)

900 – 47 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2S3C8
Phone: 403-252-1654 | Fax: 403-252-1709
Email: office@templebnaitikvah.org | Website: www.templebnaitikvah.org

FORMAL

COMPLIMENTARY / SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAMS

Calgary Yachad Hebrew School

#28, 523 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403-238-4880 | Fax: 403-281-0338
E-mail: youth@chabadalberta.org | Website: www.chabadalberta.org

- Boys and girls, ages 5 to 12.
- Sundays, 10:00am to 12:15pm.
- Innovative school that provides a serious yet enjoyable environment for children to receive a broad knowledge of Judaism in a stimulating and challenging venue, where the children embrace their Jewish roots and gain a true sense of Jewish pride, no matter what their level of observance or affiliation.
- Program offers an advanced Hebrew and Jewish studies curriculum.
- Students learn to read and write Hebrew and gain an appreciation for the: who, what, when and why of Jewish life.

Kollel Kids! Jewish Enrichment Program (Orthodox)

Phone: 403-454-7184
Email: gilaross@gmail.com

- Sundays, 10:00am to 12:00pm (snack included).
- A supplementary Jewish enrichment program for parents of children ages 3-12, who want to inspire their children with a love for Judaism! A professional, relevant and meaningful program offered through arts, song and drama. Open to all.

FORMAL

COMPLIMENTARY / SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAMS

Temple B'nai Tikvah Saturday School (Reform)

900 – 47 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2S3C8
Phone: 403-252-1654 | Fax: 403-252-1709
Email: office@templebnaitikvah.org | Website: templebnaitikvah.org

- Fun, warm learning environment created by committed teaching staff, assisted by aides who provide extra support and one-on-one time when needed.
- Curriculum revolves around Holidays, Torah, prayer and contributions to our community – both Jewish and non-Jewish.
- Themes are covered in a progressive and age-appropriate manner.
- Hebrew instruction is provided to help with prayer service participation.
- Bagels and Blocks program, ages 3 and 4.
- Regular Saturday Shabbat school programming, ages 5+.
- Saturday mornings.

FORMAL
DAY SCHOOLS

Akiva Academy

140 Haddon Road SW
Calgary, AB T2V2Y3
Phone: 403-258-1312 | Fax: 403-258-3812
Email: office@akiva.ca | Website: www.akiva.ca

- Accredited Community Jewish Day School accepting students from 2.5 years of age to Grade 7.
- A warm, nurturing, family-oriented environment that welcomes Jewish students regardless of observance level, religious affiliation or economic means.
- Dedicated to providing an excellent academic education while helping students develop an understanding and appreciation of Jewish history, heritage, values, traditions and customs.
- Promotes a lifelong love of learning, critical thinking and creative problem solving within a framework of Jewish values, morals and ethics.
- Instills a strong sense of Jewish identity, positive self-image, pride, respect for diversity and social responsibility, based on the Jewish concepts of Tzedakah (charity), Chesed (kindness) and Menschlichkeit (good character).
- Encourages a variety of leadership and mentoring projects with younger students and within the community.
- Committed to excellence in both Secular and Jewish education.
- Values students as individuals with different learning styles, needs and talents.
- Strives to help each student maximize his / her potential and achieve excellence on his / her own terms through personalized education programs.
- Hebrew instruction programs include the Chalav U'Dvash program for Kindergarten and the Tal-Am program for Grades 1-7. These innovative programs promote full Hebrew and heritage literacy by teaching Hebrew in Hebrew (Ivrit B'Ivrit) and using a variety of teaching aids and activities that engage all of the student's senses.
- Enriched mathematics program supported by Aaron Renert of the Renert Math Centre that emphasizes complete mastery of basic concepts, creative problem solving and independent thought.
- Dedicated, caring, creative and experienced staff who keep updating their skills and knowledge to ensure that they are consistent with current educational thought and practice.
- Small classes with optimal student-teacher ratio allows for greater individual attention.
- Newly opened, licensed and accredited Daycare and Afterschool care for registered Akiva students.

FORMAL
DAY SCHOOLS

The Calgary Jewish Academy

6700 Kootenay Street SW
Calgary, AB T2V1P7
Phone: 403-253-3992 | Fax: 403-255-0842
Email: chulskyk@cja.ab.ca | Website: www.cja.ab.ca
Contact: Kim Chulsky, Director of Admissions

- The CJA is our community school, educating students from Nursery (age 2½*) through Grade 9. We respect and welcome families from a wide variety of Jewish backgrounds; CJA students are inspired to learn about their Jewish religion, heritage and culture while also receiving a superior Alberta education. Some important highlights and features of our school include the following:
  - *Gan Khugim*, a NEW Nursery and Junior Kindergarten combined afternoon program – offered only to those who are also registered in our morning preschool programs. It is geared towards the developmental need of younger children with a focus on fun activities and play.
  - Proven Alberta academic excellence.
  - Multilingual program (Hebrew, Yiddish, French).
  - Jewish holiday celebrations and Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming the Sabbath): in-class and often school-wide, open to familial participation.
  - CJA students gain an early understanding of and commitment to Tzedakah (charity) and Mitzvot (statements and principals of law and ethics contained in the Torah).
  - Small class sizes.
  - Early literacy intervention.
  - An inclusive approach that features the resources needed to support all students: ESL, resource room, gifted programs, specialized teachers, counselor and access to special service professionals.
  - State of the art computer technology room, collaboration with the University of Calgary Galileo Network and an extensive in-school library.
  - Options such as art, music, drama, daily physical education.
  - Exciting field trips that are integrated with learning: Israel, Washington, and more.
  - Junior High specific programs: sports teams, weekly student clubs and activities.
  - Personal growth: mentoring and leadership programs.

*Students must be 3 years of age by the end of February during their Nursery school year to join our Nursery class.

INFORMAL
ADULT EDUCATION

Beth Tzedec Synagogue (Conservative)

1325 Glenmore Trail SW
Calgary, AB T2V4Y8
Phone: 403-255-8688 | Fax: 403-252-8319
Email: csilver@bethtzedec.ca | Website: http://www.bethtzedec.ca
Contact: Carol Silver

- Contact synagogue for details.

Calgary JLI (Jewish Learning Institute)

Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta
#28, 523 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403-238-4880 Ext.111 | Fax: 403-281-0338
Email: jli@chabadalberta.org | Website: www.chabadalberta.org
Contact: Rabbi Mordechai Groner, Director

- Largest adult learning institute of its kind, teaching in over 250 cities around the world.
- Professionally conceived courses are taught through interactive dialogue accompanied by dynamic textbooks and dramatic audio-visual presentations.
- JLI flagship courses.
- Text based classes on weekly torah portion.
- Weekly classes in Jewish mysticism and philosophy.
- Weekly lunch and learn downtown (open discussion on Judaism).
- Classes in Hebrew.
- Guest speakers and Shabbatons.
- Classes and programs open to all.
- Bar Mitzvah Study Group.

INFORMAL

ADULT EDUCATION

Calgary Community Kollel (Orthodox)

140 Hallbrook Drive SW
Calgary, AB T2V3H6
Phone: 403-603-0248
Email: calgarykollel@telus.net
Contact: Rabbi Chaim Safren

- The Calgary Community Kollel is an open minded, non-judgmental organization that is dedicated to enriching the lives of all the jews of Calgary, regardless of affiliation, through the universal teachings of Torah. Most of its programs take place at (although unaffiliated with) the Calgary JCC, private homes or at local schools. The Kollel provides assistance in all areas of Judaism. These include:
  - Classes
  - Small group tutorials
  - Counseling
  - Experiential activities
  - Shabbos hospitality
  - Friendship
  - And more…
- The Kollel provides high quality information, experience and insight based on the classical sources of Judaism, the historical experience of the Jewish people and the ongoing vibrancy of Jewish life. It strives to display sensitivity, sincerity, joy enthusiasm and passion in all that it does. Its members are idealistic, very well educated, talented and take a sincere interest in others.

Calgary Jewish Community Centre (JCC)

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-537-8594 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: crabinovitch@cjcc.ca | Website: www.calgaryjcc.com
Contact: Cindy-Sue Rabinovitch, Cultural Arts Coordinator

- The JCC offers a number of informal Jewish education programs and workshops including Jewish Education through art and other after school and Sunday programs.

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ADULT EDUCATION

Congregation House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel (Orthodox)

1613 – 92 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V5C9
Phone: 403-259-3230 | Fax: 403-259-3240
Email: hojmi@telus.net | Website: www.hojmi.org

- Contact synagogue for details.

Council for Jewish Education (CJEd)

c/o Calgary Jewish Community Council (CJCC)
1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-537-8592 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: akesik@cjcc.ca
Contact: Agata Kesik, Director

- Offers pluralistic and trans-generational educational programs.
- Markets and promotes all Jewish learning in Calgary.
- Contact CJEd for details.
- Supervising body for Florence Melton Adult Mini-School.

Temple B'nai Tikvah (Reform)

900 – 47 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2S3C8
Phone: (4030 252-1654 | Fax: 403-252-1709
Email: office@templebnaitikvah.org | Website: www.templebnaitikvah.org

- Contact synagogue for details.

INFORMAL

HOLOCAUST PROGRAMS / EDUCATION

Asper Foundation Human Rights and Holocaust Studies Program

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-444-3162 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: ikrygierlapides@cjcc.ca
Contact: Ilana Krygier Lapides, Director of Holocaust Education

- Grade 9 trip to Washington D.C. to visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum and other sites.
- Educational sessions, journals, lectures and mandatory community service are part of the program.
- Students expected to "bear witness" in the future.
- 110 students and chaperones from in and around Calgary from a variety of different backgrounds are attending the 2009 trip.
- Program open to Jewish and non-Jewish students.

CJCC Holocaust Resource Centre

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-444-3162 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: ikrygierlapides@cjcc.ca
Contact: Ilana Krygier Lapides, Director of Holocaust Education

- Serves as a resource for teachers and students studying the Holocaust.
- Centre includes a library of books and DVDs related to Judaism, Israel and the Holocaust.

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HOLOCAUST PROGRAMS / EDUCATION

March of the Living

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-444-3162 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: dkalef@cjcc.ca
Contact: Diana Kalef, Leadership and Financial Resource Development Director

- Educational experience for Jewish teens in Grades 10 to 12 culminating in a trip to Eastern Europe to acquaint them with the rich Jewish heritage that existed pre-Holocaust and to remember those who perished during the Holocaust.
- Trip concludes in Israel for an explaination of the themes of Zionism, Jewish identity and Israel-Diaspora relations with an aim to understand the importance and existence of Israel and to bolster Jewish identity.
- Over 5,000 Jewish high school students, from a variety of religious and educational backgrounds from around the world participate.
- The Calgary Jewish Community Council program runs every second year.

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JEWISH CAMPS

Calgary Jewish Community Centre (JCC) **(see Jewish Camps, p.26)**

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-253-8600 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: rrichards@cjcc.ca | Website: www.calgaryjcc.com
Contact: Rhona Richards, Children's Program Manager

Camp BB Riback **(see Jewish Camps, p.26)**

Residential Summer Camp
1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-252-2267 or 1-800-267-2267 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: campbb@telusplanet.net | Website: www.campbb.com

Camp Gan Israel / Summer, Winter and Spring Day Camp

(see Jewish Camps, p.27)

Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta
#28, 523 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403-238-4880 | Fax: 403-281-0338
Email: youth@chabadalberta.org | Website: www.ganisrael.ca

INFORMAL
YOUTH GROUPS

Asper Foundation Human Rights and Holocaust Studies Program
(see Holocaust Programs / Education, p.48)

Calgary Jewish Community Council (CJCC)
1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-444-3162 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: ikrygierlapides@cjcc.ca | Website: www.jewishcalgary.org
Contact: Ilana Krygier Lapides, Director of Holocaust Education

B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) **(see Youth, p.35)**

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-444-3161 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: bbyomatt@cjcc.ca | Website: www.nwcbbyo.org
Contact: Matt Ponak, Regional Director

Chabad Lubavitch Youth Centre **(see Youth, p.36)**

Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta
#28, 523 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403-238-4880 | Fax: 403-281-0338
E-mail: youth@chabadalberta.org | Website: www.chabadalberta.org

Jewish Student Union **(see Youth, p.36)**

Calgary Community Kollel
#11, 2210 Oakmoor Drive SW
Calgary, AB T2V4R4
Phone: 403-671-0248
Email: samuelross@hotmail.com
Contact: Rabbi Samuel Ross

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YOUTH GROUPS

Kadima **(see Youth, p.37)**

Beth Tzedec Synagogue (Conservative)
1325 Glenmore Trail SW
Calgary, AB T2V4Y8
Phone: 403-255-8688 | Fax: 403-252-8319
Email: juliannaenciu@gmail.com | Website: www.bethtzedec.ca
Contact: Julianna Enciu

NCSY **(see Youth, p.37)**

House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel (Orthodox)
1613 – 92 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V5C9
Phone: 403-259-3230
Email: hojmi@telus.net

North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) **(see Youth, p.38)**

Temple B'nai Tikvah (Reform)
900 – 47 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2S3C8
Phone: 403-252-1654 | Fax: 403-252-1709
Email: office@templebnaitikvah.org | Website: www.templebnaitikvah.org

United Synagogue Youth (USY) **(see Youth, p.38)**

Beth Tzedec Synagogue (Conservative)
1325 Glenmore Trail SW
Calgary, AB T2V4Y8
Phone: 403-255-8688 | Fax: 403-252-8319
Email: juliannaenciu@gmail.com | Website: www.bethtzedec.ca or usy.org/kadima.com
Contact: Julianna Enciu

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood Gift Shop

Beth Tzedec Synagogue
1325 Glenmore Trail SW
Phone: 403-252-8197 | Fax: 403-252-8319
Email: hswitzer@shaw.ca | Website: www.bethtzedec.ca
Contact: Helmi Switzer

- Merchandise to meet their Judaic needs.
- Complete source of gift items for homes, simchas, holidays and other life cycle events.
- Staffed by volunteers.

B gifted Gift Shop

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-255-5939 | Fax: 403-251-6090
Email: krygiera@shaw.ca

- Provides the most unique and exciting Judaic items that are available.
- Provides Bar / Bat Mitzvah registry as well as engagement and wedding registries and all life cycle events.
- Large selection of jewelry and general giftware.

Judaica & Mezuzahs @ Chabad

Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta
#28, 534 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403-238-04880
Email: Judaica@chabadalberta.org | Website: www.chabadalberta.org

Barel's Bakery & Nosh

#131, 2415 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V0L8
Phone: 403-238-5300
Email: barels@telus.net

- Carries a complete range of bakery items that are nut and dairy free.
- Pareve catering.

Calgary Kosher

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-444-3158 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Contact: Philip Wolf, Community Mashgiach

- Governing body responsible for Kashrut.
- Program is a joint effort of the CJCC and the Calgary Rabbinical Council-Kashrut Division, supervised by the House of Jacob Rabbi. A Kashrut office is maintained in the Calgary JCC, with a community mashgiach to administrate the program and regularly supervise all the CK endorsed institutions.

Canada Co-op*

2580 Southland Drive SW
Calgary, AB

- Dairy products only (no meat).
- Kosher for Passover section

***Please note:** Kosher products are NOT checked by Calgary Kosher.

Canada Safeway - Glenmore Landing*

1600 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB
Phone: 403-255-2755 | Fax: 403-258-2856
Website: www.safeway.ca

- Kosher food aisle.
- Meat and dairy products.
- Kosher for Passover section.

Canada Safeway - Woodbine*

2525 Woodview Drive SW
Calgary, AB
Phone: 403-238-1400
Website: www.safeway.ca

Canada Superstore*

10505 Southport Road SW
Calgary, AB
Website: www.superstore.ca

Carriage House Inn

9030 MacLeod Trail South
Calgary, AB T2H0M4
Phone: 403-253-1101
Email: sales@carriagehouse.net | Website: www.carriagehouse.net

- Kosher catering for conferences, meetings and special events.
- Kosher baked goods for sale to the public every Friday.

***Please note:** Kosher products are NOT checked by Calgary Kosher.

Haifa Deli & Kavin's Kosher Meats & Deli Ltd.

3109 Palliser Drive SW
Calgary, AB T2V4N5
Phone: 403-238-0525 | Fax: 403-640-1977
Email: haifadeli@shaw.ca | Website: www.haifadeli.ca

- The only strictly kosher deli in the city, under the CK; delicious homemade food.
- Fresh meats and other products brought in from Toronto and Montreal.

Karen's Café & Catering

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-255-5311 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: kbruce@shaw.ca

- An informal restaurant located in the JCC
- Separate dairy and meat kitchens.
- Will cater at JCC and Calgary Synagogues.

Carriage House Inn

9030 MacLeod Trail South
Calgary, AB T2H0M4
Phone: 403-253-1101
Email: sales@carriagehouse.net | Website: www.carriagehouse.net

- Host bar and bat mitzvahs, weddings, social events and all special simchas.
- CK kosher catering.

Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta

#28, 523 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403 238-4880 | Fax: 403 281-0338

- Assistance with koshering homes.
- Kosher awareness and education.
- Catering with highest kashrut standard.

Fairmont Palliser Hotel

133 – 9 Avenue SW
Phone: 403-260-1222 | Fax: 403-260-1207
Email: Palliser@fairmont.com | Website: www.fairmont.com

- Kitchen at the hotel is not Calgary Kosher.
- Catering options still available: Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, social events and all special simchas.

Haifa Deli & Kavin's Kosher Meats & Deli Ltd.

3109 Palliser Drive SW
Calgary, AB T2V4N5
Phone: 403-238-0525 | Fax: 403-640-1977
Email: haifadeli@shaw.ca | Website: www.haifadeli.ca

- CK kosher catering.

Karen's Café & Catering

1607 – 90 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V4V7
Phone: 403-255-5311 | Fax: 403-253-7915
Email: kbruce@shaw.ca

- CK kosher catering.

Metropolitan Centre Catering

333 – 4 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB
Phone: 403-266-3876 | Fax: 403-233-0009
Email: howard.silver@metcentre.com | Website: www.metcentre.com

- Host bar and bat mitzvahs, weddings, social events and all special simchas.
- CK kosher catering.

BAR / BAT MITZVAH

Bat Mitzvah Club (see Bar / Bat Mitzvah Education, p.39)

Chabad Lubavitch Youth Centre
#28, 523 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403 238-4880 | Fax: 403 281-0338
E-mail: youth@chabadalberta.org | Website: www.chabadalberta.org

Beth Tzedec Synagogue (Conservative)

1325 Glenmore Trail SW
Calgary, AB T2V4Y8
Phone: 403-255-8688 | Fax: 403-252-8319
Email: csilver@bethtzedec.ca | Website: www.bethtzedec.ca
Contact: Carol Silver

Calgary JLI (Jewish Learning Institute)

Bar Mitzvah Training Program
28523 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403-238-4880 Ext.111 | Fax: 403-281-0338
E-mail: jli@chabadalberta.org | Website: www.chabadalberta.org
Contact: Rabbi Mordechai Groner, Director

BAR / BAT MITZVAH

Congregation House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel (Orthodox)

1613 – 92 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V5C9
Phone: 403-259-3230 | Fax: 403 259-3240
Email: hojmi@telus.net | Website: www.hojmi.org

Temple B'nai Tikvah (Reform)

900 – 47 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2S3C8
Phone: 403-252-1654 | Fax: 403-252-1709
Email: office@templebnaitikvah.org | Website: templebnaitikvah.org

COMMUNITY MIKVEH

Community Mikveh

1613 – 92 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V5C9
Mikveh Line: 403-515-2698
Email: women: rmatusof@chabadalberta.org | men: call your Synagogue
Website: www.jewishcalgary.org

- Community Mikveh is located in the basement of the House of Jacob.
- By appointment only.
- Open to all members of the community.
- Open to all congregations for conversions.

BABY NAMING, BRIT MILAH, DIVORCE, GENERAL RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND MARRIAGE

Beth Tzedec Synagogue (Conservative)

1325 Glenmore Trail SW
Calgary, AB T2V4Y8
Phone: 403-255-8688 | Fax: 403-252-8319
Email: csilver@bethtzedec.ca | Website: www.bethtzedec.ca
Contact: Carol Silver

- Committed to preserving and strengthening Jewish tradition for future generations of Conservative Jews.
- Celebrating our Judaism as a community.
- Inspiring the community to live by Jewish values through the fulfillment of Mitzvoth.
- Encouraging member participation and volunteerism both in the synagogue and in the community at large.
- Enabling personal growth and spirituality through Jewish learning and worship.

Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta

#28, 523 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403-238-4880 | Fax: 403-281-0338
E-mail: programs@chabadalberta.org | Website: www.chabadalberta.org

- Daily morning and evening services (minyan); call office or visit website for times.

Congregation House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel (Orthodox)

1613 – 92 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2V5C9
Phone: 403-259-3230 | Fax: 403-259-3240
Email: hojmi@telus.net | Website: www.hojmi.org

- Contact synagogue for more information.

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900 – 47 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2S3C8
Phone: 403-252-1654 | Fax: 403-252-1709
Email: office@templebnaitikvah.org | Website: www.templebnaitikvah.org

- Promote the enduring and fundamental principles of Reform Judaism and to ensure the continuity of the Jewish people.
- Enable its members to develop a relationship to God through communal worship, study and assembly.
- Apply the principles of Reform Judaism to the values and conduct of the individual, family and the society in which we live.

Calgary Food Bank

5000 – 11 Street SW
Calgary, AB T2H2Y5
Phone: 403-253-2059 | Fax: 403-259-4240 | Hamper Request Line: 403-253-2055
Email: info@calgaryfoodbank.com | Website: www. calgaryfoodbank.com

Calgary Women's Shelter

Administration Office
#201, 2616 – 18 Street NE
Calgary, AB T2E7R1
Crisis Line: 234-SAFE (7233)
Shelter and Outreach: 403-290-1552 | Fax: 403-237-7728
Website: www.calgarywomensshelter.com

The Community Kitchen Program of Calgary

Warehouse and Mailing Address
3751 – 21 Street NE
Calgary, AB T2E6T5
Phone: 403-275-0258 | Fax: 403-274-2967

Counseling and Confidential Support – Chabad

Rabbi Menachem Matusof
Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta
#28, 523 Woodpark Boulevard SW
Calgary, AB T2W4J3
Phone: 403-238-4880 Ext. 105 | Cell: 403-714-9009
Confidential E-mail: mmatusof@chabadalberta.org

- Wednesdays by appointment only; emergency: anytime.

Jewish Family Service Calgary **(See General, Jewish Community Life, p.20)**

#420, 5920 – 1A Street SW
Calgary, AB T2G2R7
Phone: 403-287-3510 | Fax: 403-287-3735
Email: jfsc@jfsc.org | Website: www.jfsc.org

Women in Need Thrift Store

134 – 71 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2H0R9
Phone: 403-255-7514

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