



# KOL TIKVAH

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### From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Teri Appleby

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#### Pesach Musings...

##### An Orange on the Seder Plate

Professor Susannah Heschel Eisenstein (the daughter of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel) began a tradition several years ago of putting an orange on the seder plate. This was to symbolize those Jews in our community whom we marginalize or consider other.

The exclusion of the other is a deep force and one which our tradition warns against numerous times: You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt (Exodus 22:21).

As I begin my Pesach preparations and buy the orange for my seder plate, I wonder how we can best fulfill the prophet Isaiah's mandate that our house shall be a house of prayer for all people. I invite you to place an orange on your seder plate this year and join me in this conversation.

#### Matzah & Chametz

In addition to retelling the Exodus story at a seder, what most of us associate with Pesach is eating matzah and refraining from eating chametz (for seven days). So, what do matzah and chametz mean to us? What's so wrong with chametz? On the *p'shat* (simple) level, matzah serves to remind us of the difficult path to liberation.

Chametz, since it puffs the grain up, is said to represent our arrogance and haughtiness. Eating matzah teaches us to be humble, to diminish our egotism. Chametz is also a metaphor for the *yetzer ha-ra*, the evil inclination, our natural drive toward pleasure, property, and security that should not be left unchecked.

A very fine line (contact with water for 18 minutes) separates chametz from matzah. This difference is created not by the addition or subtraction of an ingredient, but rather by the amount of our time and effort. Ironically, only a small stroke of the pen — the difference between the Hebrew letters *hey* and *chet* — distinguishes what is permitted (matzah) from what is forbidden (chametz), and what is sacred from what is profane.

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## Fighting for Social Justice

Our annual seder ritual should certainly be a time when we remember and reflect on our Jewish battles for freedom. But it should also be a time for us to care about others. Sadly, there is a great deal of suffering and injustice around the world and at home within our own community.

This Passover, I invite you to get involved. If you are interested in global issues go to the websites of: American Jewish World Service, Oxfam Canada, or Toronto-based Free the Children. For local issues, join one of the ongoing Social Action projects here at Temple (contact Social Action Chair Sarah Rosenfeld) or join the efforts of our new Refugee Committee (contact Cynthia Simmons).

As we sit down to our seder tables in three weeks, may our annual ritual remind us of our sacred and ethical obligations.

Chag Sameach,

Rabbi Appleby

## Notes from the Office

### Temple Casino

We have just been awarded the dates for our next casino – Sunday, September 25 and Monday, September 26. Please reserve the dates on your calendar if you think you might be able to help out. We will be looking for a total of thirty-six volunteers — for both daytime and evening shifts — to staff this very important fundraiser.

A Casino Volunteer Worker Application Form will be included in the May issue of *Kol Tikvah*. However, if anyone is eager to volunteer in advance of that time, please contact the Temple office. Jane will be delighted to send out a form to you right away!

### Tribute Cards

Remember a special occasion by sending a personalized mazel tov, to express your condolences to a friend, or for any other reason, and help out your Temple at the same time. To send a card, please contact the Temple office. We can help you decide to which of our many funds you might want to direct your donation. The suggested minimum donation is \$18.

### Oneg Sponsorship

The Friday evening Oneg Shabbat gives our members an opportunity to gather socially after the Shabbat service. We invite our members to sponsor or co-sponsor an Oneg. Some members choose to sponsor the Oneg in memory of a loved one whose Yahrzeit is being observed. Others sponsor in celebration of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, a special birthday or anniversary, an upcoming wedding or for no special reason at all! The Temple office staff takes care of all the details, and the cost of the Oneg (\$180) is tax-receiptable. If you are interested in sponsoring an Oneg, please contact the Temple office at (403) 252-1654 or office@bnaitikvah.ca.

### Pizza Parties and Shabbat Shiraz

We are also looking for sponsors for the pizza meal which is served prior to our monthly Family Shabbat service on the first Friday of  
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## THE KOL TIKVAH TEAM

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the month, and for the Shabbat Shiraz fruit/cheese/crackers 'spread' which is held just before our musical Shabbat service on the fourth Friday of the month. The cost of the pizza party is \$250 and the Shabbat Shiraz gathering costs \$54. Both are tax-receiptable. The Temple office takes care of the details for you.

**Safeway Cards**

If you didn't manage to order grocery cards during our annual campaign, or if you've already used the cards you bought, don't despair. We have a limited number of grocery cards available for purchase from the Temple office. The cards are in denominations of \$25, \$100 and \$250.

## Life Cycle Events

**Mazel Tov**

Michael King on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

**Condolences**

- Rhonda and Rick Zabrodski on the loss of Rhonda's father, Arthur Gotleib
- Natashia Halikowski and Ken Drabinsky on the loss of Natashia's uncle, Arthur Nelson Lang
- Natashia Halikowski and Ken Drabinsky on the loss of Natashia's brother-in-law, John Scott Dewar
- Michele Doctoroff and Ted and Sydney Switzer on the loss of Michele's mother and Sydney's grandmother, Edith Doctoroff
- Mandy and Kevin Benjamin and all the Hollander family on the loss of their beloved brother, son and uncle, Joel Hollander

**Healing Prayers**

David Adelman	Julia Cornester	Susan Hudson	Sophia Slovatek
Harvey Balakofsky	Gail Dowty	Norma Karlinsky	Sarah Staum
Allan Bambury	Ellen Dunn	Fanny Lewin	Martin Stoffman
Sherry Bambury	Shirley Dunn	Sylvia Meyers	Clara Chames Szulc
Evy Carnat	Aron Eichler	Hazel Orpen	Eva Zambilowicz
Marsha Carnat	Eric Greif	Larry Shannon	

**Todah Rabah**

- Jenny Laing for sponsoring a Shabbat morning Kiddush in memory of her mother-in-law, Bobbie Simpson
- Cynthia Simmons for sponsoring an Oneg in memory of her uncle, Alex Vinson
- Cindy Luffer and Dave King for sponsoring an Oneg in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Michael King
- The Carnat family for sponsoring an Oneg in memory of their mother, Ruth Carnat

**Calgary Jewish Family Loan Association**

The Calgary Jewish Family Loan Association (CJFLA) has been providing interest-free loans to Jewish Calgarians since 1931. Based on the notion of helping someone to help himself, the CJFLA offers a dignified solution to challenging financial situations. Loans are open to all members of the CJFLA and membership is just \$20/year (with a one-time \$10 initiation fee). Please consider becoming a member and help build a strong Jewish community even if you do not require a loan at this time: loans are furnished with funds from membership dues. Please contact Kimberly Nagan at calgaryjewishloan@gmail.com or (403) 592-1293 for information on applying for a loan or becoming a member.

In the first draft of this piece, I wanted to talk about the struggle of Reform Judaism for acceptance in Israel. I wanted to speak about the good and the bad: a positive decision of the Israeli Supreme Court regarding conversions to Judaism by Reform rabbis and also the announcement of the egalitarian space at the Western Wall, the Kotel. I was also going to point out how obnoxious one member of Knesset had been about these events, using absolutely despicable language about Reform Jews. An awful person named, of all things, Yisrael Eichler. (Hat tip: Alex Zisman.)

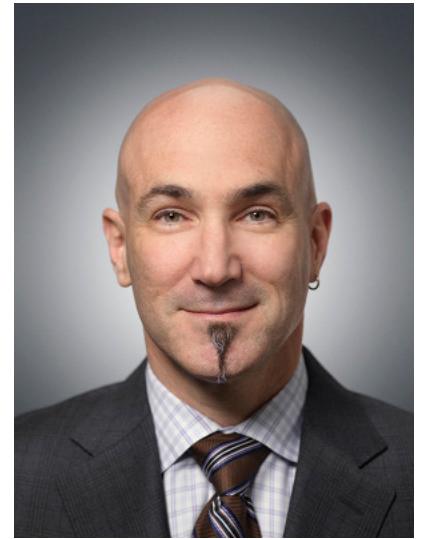
But since starting that draft, my mind has focused on things here at home, at our Temple. My mind has focused on the people who have made our community so good, so giving. I think of the dozens of people from Temple who have taken such good care of so many through our Inn From the Cold and who have served food at the Drop-In Centre. I think of those who have supported our programs, our services, our people. And while I know — we know — that giving of oneself in volunteerism is its own reward, it is imperative that we stop to properly recognize that giving. So Save the Date of May 27 for our Shabbat Shiraz of Volunteer Appreciation when our whole community celebrates ... well ... our whole community!

And speaking of giving of one's self, it is with very mixed feelings that I formally announce what many of you already know. Our Jane Paterson will be leaving her duties as Head Greeter, Chief Arranger, Knower of All Things Temple, Keeper of our Temple Heart. Instead Jane will be focusing her boundless energies on being a grandma and on wedding couples (as one of our city's few designated Commissioners of Marriage). Of course, Jane has always been the consummate volunteer. Even when fulfilling other roles at Temple, she has continued to go above and beyond, giving of her time, of herself. In our early days, she ran the office from her garage. Even when being Office Administrator/Assistant to the Rabbi in our current digs, she has always continued to volunteer, choosing events that touched her personally and putting her considerable volunteer energies into that. Witness our recent smash success of *shir havdalah* where Jane, along with another volunteer force of nature, Elaine Hashman, helped to make our event a huge success. In addition to giving her free time, Jane has been staff, participant in services (in the pews but also on the *bimah*) and even a Board member. How many of us who found our way to Temple knew this was the place for us just based on the lovely and warm greeting we received upon entering? There will always be a special place at Temple and in all our hearts for Jane. We have been — and will continue to be — blessed to have her in our midst. Thank you, Jane. We will also be fêting Jane on May 27, another reason to be there.

So who will you see when you come into the Temple office doors? For some, it will be an old pal; for others, a new face. Sheila Hart served previously as the Temple's Office Administrator/Rabbi's Assistant for many years. After those happy years, she went to the private sector for some time but had returned to the not-for-profit/helping sector for a number of years before coming to Temple again, anew. I say "anew" because, as Sheila told me, things at Temple have changed so much, it's as if it really is a new place to her. I can also say that after spending some time with her, learning how much she knows about us, about our ways, I honestly feel Sheila's coming to us is indeed a blessing. I know we all very much look forward to Sheila's being with us for many happy years.

Finally, please keep two other dates in mind. This year, Purim falls on Wednesday, March 23. While this will be right in the middle of March Break, and many families may be away, we are hopeful that you'll attend — costumed of course! — to share this holiday with us. I have always thought that you and/or your kids should not celebrate Halloween without celebrating Purim, that our Jewish culture has our own fun, dress-up tradition, which our Temple community should embrace.

On March 31 at 7:00 pm, we will be honoured to host celebrated journalist Edwin Black. An American syndicated columnist and investigative journalist, Mr. Black specializes in human rights, the historical interplay between economics and politics in the Middle East and the financial underpinnings of Nazi Germany. He will speak on "Confronting the Flames of the Middle East." Following the talk, there will be a Q&A session, book signing and dessert reception. There is no charge for this event.



## President's Message

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Steve Eichler

# Yahrzeits

## To be read April 1/2

Florence Moscovich	Nate Frankel	Samuel Silberberg	Amasy Bucknum
Joseph Rosenfeld	Sidney Kane	Virginia Boughner	Harry Dubo
Margaret Hess	Leo Birnbaum	Haim Slavatek	Wilfred (Vav) Walker

## To be read April 8/9

Mortie Milner	Samuel Feldman	Sarah Ponak	Yenta Rosenthal
Carmine Bennett	Gilbert Paterson	Betty Gelman	
David George Bruce	Gersen Wallace	Ora Handy	
Moshe Zack	Rose Rachel Benjamin	Gerald Newton	

## To be read April 15/16

Jim Dudder	Ruth Helen McCormick	Gary Rosenbaum	Albert Switzer
Eric Hurdman	Ricky Loomer	Michael McGuinness	Molly Finkleman
Stephen Morris	Mary Beatrix O'Reilly		

## To be read April 23

Chaya Miriam Palnick	Frank Ashkin	Meyer Switzer	Tzirl Podlog
Samuel Hapton	Cyril Joffe	David Pincus	Betty Rosenberg
Jack R. Century	Solomon Rosenberg	Ben Goorevitch	Miriam Haavik
Margaret Klein	Donald Jon Lipkind		

## To be read April 29/30

Harry Brown	Harry Tulchinsky	Morris Richmond	Fred Guy
Belle Hapton	Sharon Wolfson	Vitashka Brukarz	

# Donations

For	From	Occasion
<b>Building Fund</b>		
Thorn Walden	Leslie & Lee Handy	Mazel Tov
Natashia Halikowski	Leslie & Lee Handy	Condolences
Yaara & Doron Avigdor	Elaine Hashman	Mazel Tov
Sarah Rosenfeld & Michael Ghert	Elaine Hashman	Mazel Tov
Temple	Leslie & Lee Handy	In memory of Ora Handy
Temple	Leslie & Lee Handy	In memory of Harry Tulchinsky
<b>Dan Arato Fund</b>		
Temple	Allen Ponak	In memory of Sarah Ponak

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For	From	Occasion
<b>General Operations</b>		
Temple	George & Sondra Goodman	In memory of Jack Goodman
Temple	George & Sondra Goodman	In memory of Gertie Knelman
<b>Jewish Enrichment Fund</b>		
Rhonda & Rick Zabrodski	Jane Paterson	Condolences
<b>Rabbi's Discretionary Fund</b>		
Rabbi Appleby	Daniel & Teresa Goldstein	In appreciation
Temple	Ron Wolk	In memory of Clara Wolk
Temple	Jerry & Judith Spevakow	In memory of Oscar Kirshner
<b>Smolkin Fund</b>		
Temple	Barry & Debby Smolkin	In memory of Robert Smolkin
<b>Social Action Fund</b>		
Patti Winston	Annie Brodsky	Condolences
Temple	Nadine & Hartley Waldman	In memory of Vav Walker



Please join us for a Musical Evening celebrating the Jewish Family Service Calgary's 2016 honouree, Rosslyn Steinberg for her invaluable 50 years of dedication to our Calgary community.

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00pm at The Plaza Theatre – 1133 Kensington Rd NW  
 "Kosher Treats at your Seat"

Tickets are \$125. Sponsorship or donation opportunities available.  
 Proceeds benefit the JFSC's  
 Basic Needs and Shalom Bayit (Domestic Violence) programs.

For more information, please visit [www.jfsc.org](http://www.jfsc.org) or call 403-287-3510

**We look forward to celebrating with you!**

# A Minyan Reasons

by Steve Eichler

Why pray with others on a Tuesday night? I got a Minyan reasons ...

As you know, for some months now we've been running a Tuesday night minyan. This was not a rabbi-driven idea or even (cue heavenly choir) a Board directive. It came from a group of members who wanted an evening minyan. We decided that, rather than try to start with daily evening prayers, we'd start with something realistic and small: one night. And we decided that we'd have this lay-led, by people like you; maybe even you.

Now that we have about six months under our belts, we've noticed we occasionally suffer from the same minyan malaise that affects even synagogues that have had regular minyanim for decades. We can count on some "regulars" to come and we know that some mourners who come to say kaddish will also be there. But we do need some more people to ensure that we are able to accommodate our mourners and to ensure that this most noble endeavour succeeds.

Please consider devoting one or two Tuesdays (at 6:15 pm for no more than 30 minutes) a month. It'll be good for you and, assuming everyone doesn't pick the same Tuesdays(!), we'll have the 2-3 people we need to keep this noble experiment and mitzvah for mourners going strong.

If you'd like to lead or learn how to or if you'd like to pick a week (or more) to commit to, please feel free to contact Karry Taylor at [taylor.karry@gmail.com](mailto:taylor.karry@gmail.com).

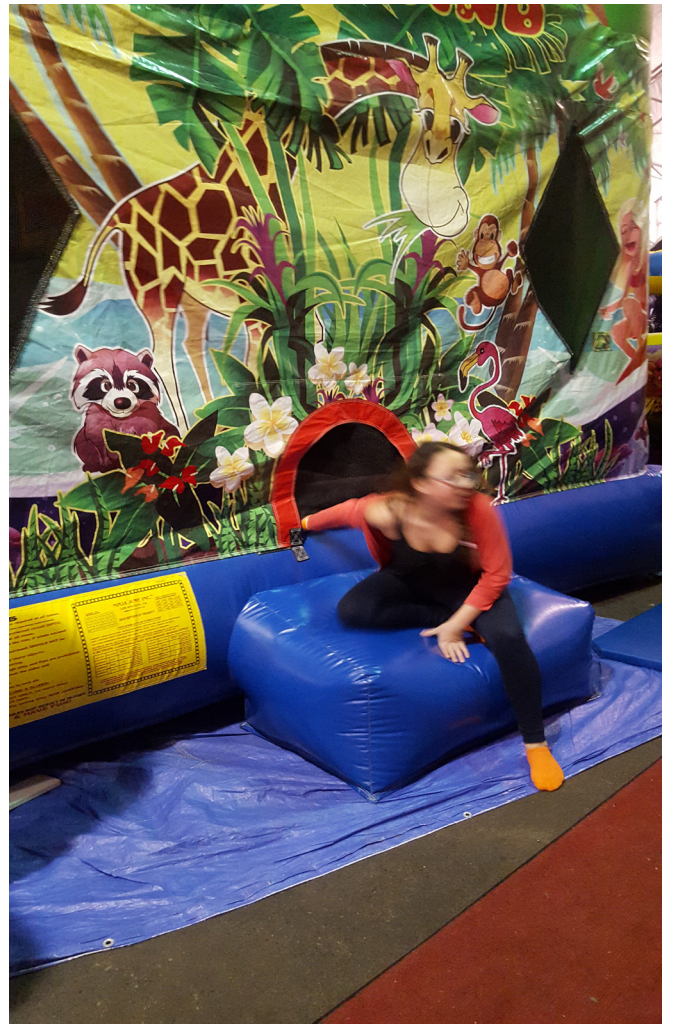
## Shabbat School News

On February 6, children in Grades 1 & 2 brought their parents to the Family Education program, "Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof." They learned and taught about justice in their family, their community and in the world, and then acted on what they had learned by practicing recycling, reusing and reducing, by writing letters to Mayor Nenshi outlining their own plans for bettering the city, and by creating a mitzvah plan with their parents.



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### **B'nai Mitzvah Laser Tag**

On February 28, the B'nai Mitzvah class went to Shakers Fun Centre where they played two games of Laser Tag and climbed on "big kid" bouncy castles. As a class, they successfully destroyed Morah Jenny in the Laser Tag, and then beat her racing through the bouncy castles. Lots of fun, and now we know that Morah Jenny is slow but plucky!





# Youth Group News

The Temple Youth Group "Iron Chef Challenge" was held in December. Teams cooked creative and surprising dishes using ingredients that would be included in a Calgary Food Bank Hamper. A large number of Calgarians (141,271) accessed the food bank last year, and 41 percent were kids. For more information on their current donation wish list, check <http://www.calgaryfoodbank.com/>.

Our next cunning excuse to eat was our February trip to Deshmesh Culture Centre, a Sikh Gurdwara, for an interfaith youth event. Our hosts were incredibly warm and informative, and taught us to make roti before feeding us the best lentils we have ever eaten.

Also in February we met for hot chocolate and homemade cookies. (And skating on the Olympic oval.)

Our next project will be hamentaschen, when we host the interfaith youth group at Temple in March. We are also looking forward to presenting this year's Purimshpiel on March 23. For more information on the youth group, contact [youth@bnaitikvah.ca](mailto:youth@bnaitikvah.ca) or speak to Katie Baker.



# Notices

## Save the Dates!

Rabbi and Dr. Glickman plan to visit our community in May. Caron Glickman will be here May 13-16 and plans to attend services Friday night. Rabbi Glickman will arrive the night of May 14 and will be here till the evening of May 18. A meet-and-greet will take place on May 15 in the Betty Switzer Social Hall from 3:30 to 5:30.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AT TEMPLE

Temple is seeking an experienced IT professional to assist with the infrastructure at Temple. This volunteer role is a minimal commitment, as this person will act as a backup to the primary IT volunteer. MS Server and MS Exchange experience is required. Experience with Office 365 Exchange and Microsoft Azure are strong assets. Please contact [tess.mccormick@me.com](mailto:tess.mccormick@me.com) for more information.

## JHSSA Genealogy Workshop III 2016 SKYPE LECTURE: Overview of JRI-Poland & Benefits for the Jewish Researcher

Sponsored by JHSSA and Temple Bnai Tikvah and presented by Ken Drabinsky Genealogy Research

Sunday April 3, 4:00-6:00 pm at Temple B'nai Tikvah.

Cost \$15. Register by March 31 by calling (403) 252-1654.

Jewish Records Indexing-Poland – Stanley Diamond will give a presentation on the award winning searchable database of indexes to Polish Jewish records. Mr. Diamond is an internationally recognized leader in this field, President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Montreal, and recipient of the 2002 Lifetime Achievement Award IAJGS.

If you have Polish or Russian ancestral connections, have questioned how to research and acquire valuable vital records, and wish to learn more about your Polish roots, you will benefit from attending this program. Ken will precede the talk with a brief overview and discussion.

## Second Night Community Passover Seder

Saturday April 23, 6:00 - 9:00 pm | Metropolitan Conference Centre, 333 4 Avenue SW

Join us on the second night of Passover for a beautiful and tasty Pesach Seder led by Rabbi Terri Appleby from Temple B'Nai Tikvah.

Adult: \$53\*, Child 3-10: \$20, Child 0-2: Free.

\*Includes one bottle of wine per table. Advance purchase of wine available. Inquire about vegetarian option. Kosher meat. Meal is not under kashrut supervision nor is it kosher le Pesach.

Please register before Friday April 15 at [www.calgaryjcc.com/register](http://www.calgaryjcc.com/register) (code 8664) or call the JCC Customer Service Desk at (403) 253-8600, ext. 0.

For inquiries contact Shula Banchik, Cultural Arts Manager at [shula@cjcc.ca](mailto:shula@cjcc.ca) or visit:

- <https://www.facebook.com/events/449363051929869/>
- <http://www.calgaryjcc.com/pesach-seder>

## New Calendar Format

Check out our new calendar on page 12! Services, events, Jewish holidays, candle lightings, and *parashot* are all integrated into one calendar. You can also view the calendar on our website. Select Temple News, then Calendar. Send your feedback and calendar events to [editor@bnaitikvah.ca](mailto:editor@bnaitikvah.ca).

# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Thank you to all who participated in our Shir Havdalah Potluck. It was such a wonderful evening! We had fabulous food, wine, art and music.

Todah Rabah to **Jennifer Eiserman** and Betzalel artists for the stunning local Jewish artwork, to **Steve Eichler** and **Katherine Pickering** for their excellent and engaging musical program, and to **Jane Paterson** for her usual outstanding organizational skills. On behalf of Temple, we appreciate your support as well as your commitment and generous spirit.

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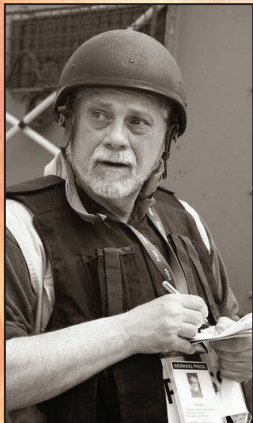
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## CONFRONTING THE FLAMES OF THE MIDDLE EAST

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and New York Times bestselling  
investigative author



# EDWIN BLACK



March 31, 2016  
7:00PM  
Temple B'nai Tikvah  
900 - 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW  
No charge – all are welcome

Question & Answer period  
followed by book signing  
and dessert reception

Presented in  
association with





Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28	7:00 PM Intro to Judaism	30	7:00 PM Edwin Black talk (Confronting the Flames of the Middle East)	1	2	3
				6:00 PM Pizza Party & Tot Shabbat Service 7:53 PM Candle lighting 8:00 PM Renewal Service (Chapel) 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	Parshas Shmini 9:30 AM Shabbat School 10:00 AM Shabbatots 10:15 AM Shabbat Service 9:02 PM Havdalah (50 min)	4:00 PM JHSA Genealogy Workshop III: Overview of JRI-Poland
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					Rosh Chodesh Nisan Parshas Sazria 9:30 AM Shabbat School 10:00 AM Shabbatots 10:15 AM Shabbat 9:14 PM Havdalah (50 min)	5:00 PM Women's Potluck Seder
11	7:00 PM Intro to Judaism	13	14	15	16	17
		7:00 PM Temple Book Club		8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service 8:16 PM Candle lighting	Parshas Metzora 9:30 AM Chant Service (chapel) 9:30 AM Shabbat 10:00 AM Shabbatots 10:15 AM Shabbat 9:25 PM Havdalah (50 min)	
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		12:00 PM Lunch & Learn 6:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting		Erev Pesach 7:15 PM Shabbat Shiraz (wine and cheese) 8:00 PM Erev Pesach. No Shabbat Service 8:27 PM Candle lighting	Pesach I 10:00 AM Shabbatots 10:15 AM Shabbat Service 6:00 PM Community Seder 9:37 PM Candle	Pesach II 11:45 AM Calgary Centre Drop-in Lunch 9:38 PM Havdalah (50 min)
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CH"M	Pesach IV (CH"M) 7:00 PM Intro to Judaism	Pesach V (CH"M)	Pesach VI (CH"M) 8:37 PM Candle lighting	TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED Pesach VII 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service 8:38 PM Candle lighting	Pesach VIII 10:00 AM Shabbatots 10:15 AM Shabbat Service 9:48 PM Havdalah (50 min)	

For more information on the Calgary Drop-In Centre, please contact Paul Finkleman at pfinkleman@shaw.ca or (403) 252-8967.