

TALMUD TORAH TIMES MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The monthly newsletter of Edmonton Talmud Torah Society



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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Families, Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to the January 2023 edition of Talmud Torah Times. I hope 2023 has been good to you so far. The winter break rejuvenated students and staff alike, and the energy and enthusiasm of learning and growing can be seen throughout each school day. Tu B'Shevat is on the door step, signalling to us that spring and renewal is around the corner. You will find some of our Tu B'Shevat programs in this issue, but our famous Tu B'Shevat Seder will take place after this issue is published. You can look forward to seeing Seder pictures in our next issue. Tu B'Shevat is also the time of year to support the Jewish National Fund, and this year our Grade 6 tree leaders are encouraging everyone to support rejuvenation of the [Segev Forest in Northern Israel](#).

Keep well.

Natalie Soroka

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Message From Leeor Eliyahu

President TT Society Board

Welcome to the January 2023 edition of the Talmud Torah Times! In whatever way you spent your time off, I hope it was filled with laughter and good health. We are almost at the half-way mark of the 2022-23 school year, as unbelievable as it may seem. Even during winter break your TT Society Board and committees continued its work on priorities established at the beginning of the school year.

Michelle Huberman and Karen Hering, our dedicated library volunteers, spent countless hours during the winter break to do an inventory count of our books, making sure missing books are returned and replacing ones that are lost. This is a tedious yet very necessary job to ensure the library collection is at the top of its game, so that our students and teachers can benefit. Michelle and Karen also have a volunteer team of alumni and grandparents who visit to help with various aspects of library duties. Thank you, Michelle and Karen, as well as Susan B., Susan M., Debbie and Reeva. Your efforts do not go unnoticed!

As you may have noticed from communication that went out earlier this month, the Kashrut Task Force has presented its final recommendations based on all of their extensive research, surveys and discussions with various community leaders. In the end, it was recommended to the board that the Kashrut policy remain the same at this time. Countless hours went in to review the current policy and to discuss options of changing it. If you have further questions on how the decision was reached, please reach out to either myself, Christina Reboh (chair of the Task Force) or look up the previously sent out document earlier this month.

A huge shout out to Christina Reboh and the School Council for organizing the upcoming Trickster Theatre program that will feature two live performances by all the TT students! Stay tuned for information on the performances and come out to support all of our students. Sponsorship as well as advertising opportunities are available, so please see the [TTS website](#) or contact talmudtorahschoolcouncil@partner.epsb.ca for further info.

I hope everyone has seen/heard of the JNF Tu Bishvat fundraiser that the Grade 6 students are organizing and running. Please chat with your kids about it and consider [sponsoring a tree](#) to be planted in Israel!

We are always looking for volunteers to join any of our various committees. Our Committees are: Governance, Finance, Education, Fundraising, ELC, Building, Security, Human Resource, and Communication. Volunteers do not need to be current TT parents and can be grandparents or community members at large! Please call the Society office at 780-481-3377, or email: nataliesoroka@talmudtorahsociety.com.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter. We are always happy to hear about and listen to any feedback you may have, so please reach out.

L. Eliyahu



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This Month's Committee Reports



Governance Committee includes: **Chair, Jennifer Coppens**, Nomi Steen, Sharon Ohayon.

The Governance Committee reminds families that a Special (virtual) Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23rd at 7:30 pm, to vote on bylaw changes. **To register and receive a virtual link**, please contact Natalie at nataliesoroka@talmudtorahsociety.com or 780-481-3377.



Education Committee includes: **Chair, Michelle Huberman**.

On January 19th we continued our discussions with teachers related to prayers and looked at a variety of resources, methods and ideas on how to make the prayers a positive and meaningful experience for our students.

During the 1:1 meetings we reviewed the new Prayer Curriculum Draft (K-6), including the Curriculum's Essential Understanding Statements, the Guiding Questions and the Learning Outcomes.



Building Committee includes: **Chair, James Friedman**.

We have recently purchased a new electric freestanding range. This will be available to be used by TTELC for their celebration events, as well as by the TT School Council for hot lunches, and TT School teachers and staff for curriculum based projects.



Finance Committee includes: **Chair, Megan Mandel**, Leeor Eliyahu, James Friedman, Doug Kondor, Melissa Benjamin.

Tax receipts for 2022 K-6 school fees, and child care letters for 2022 TTELC fees have been sent out. If you have not received yours via email or mail, please contact taracarlson@talmudtorahsociety.com. Anyone else who has supported us through a donation in 2022 should have also received their tax receipts.

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Alumni Highlight

Our alumni are important to us. If you are an alumni, we would love to know what you have been up to since graduating from Talmud Torah School. Our Alumni Highlights this month are Gayle Nahornick Wolfe, Class of 1971 & Avi Federgreen, Class of 1975.



Gayle Nahornick Wolfe
Class of '68

I graduated Grade 6 in 1968 and from Grade 9 in 1971. I have the fondest memories about my years at Talmud Torah. Every day I recognize the building blocks that I learned at Talmud Torah, where I was taught about Jewish life. Torah and Jewish history, as well as learning to read and write both in English, Hebrew and French, allowed me to develop into the person I am today.

I was lucky to attend Touro University in New York City and was able to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) in New York. I advanced my Hebrew skills at Touro University and developed my designing skills at FIT. I married and moved to Montreal, where I worked in the fashion field for many years and had my own successful design company. In Montreal, I work on a daily basis in French which all started in Talmud Torah with our half hour a day French lessons with singing and cartoons.

On Shabbat morning davening I still sing the melodies from my Junior Congregation days. For many years I did not speak Hebrew, until my sister (Trudy Goorevitch) made Aliya in 1984, which allowed me to remember my conversational Hebrew from TT. Today, my children and grandchildren live in Israel and I am there 3-4 times a year. I am now comfortable to speak no matter where I am in Israel.

Without my studies at Talmud Torah I would not have the wonderful life I have. I credit TT for the foundation that allowed me to flourish into a life with nachas. I am still in touch all these years with my closest friends who I went to school with at Talmud Torah. I have been lucky to attend my friends' simchas throughout the years in cities all over North America. Talmud Torah set a bond of friendship that we have never forgotten. The Jewish roots instilled in me by going to TT has shown me a life filled with mitzvahs. I am reminded all the time of Mrs. MacLeod (Grade 5) who encouraged us to buy leaves (for 10 cents) for trees in Israel to propagate the Israeli forest. My husband (Leibel) and I are very involved with charitable activities in Montreal on a daily basis.

My parents and grandparents always instilled in us how important education is and have always encouraged us to follow in Jewish traditions. My parents made many sacrifices for my siblings and I to attend Talmud Torah and I truly thank them for this sacrifice, because they have been rewarded with Jewish grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Avi Federgreen
Class of '75

I have very fond memories of my time at Talmud Torah where I went until the end of Grade 5. Many of the people I became friends with at TT are still my friends today and we had an incredible reunion 4 years ago and hoping to have another one in 2024. I still stay in touch with many of these friends today! After graduating High School at Rosh Sheppard I went to DeVry Institute in Calgary then to Phoenix, Arizona to get my Degree in Computer Science.

From there I worked in Edmonton and then Toronto in the computer field until 1994 when I entered into the Film and TV Industry. To date I have produced over 70+ Feature Films in Canada, including such films as ONE WEEK, STILL MINE, KISS & CRY, to name a few, and have directed two feature films and soon to direct a third one starting at the end of March 2023.

I am also a Film Distributor and have released over 200 titles in Canada and over 100 films in the US. indiecanent.com

I am the Father of three daughters (2 from a first marriage -- Rachel Hannah Federgreen and Isabel Summer Federgreen) and I also have another daughter Lily Skye Waxman Federgreen with my current wife Alison Waxman here in Toronto.

federgreenentertainment.com / avifedergreen.com

TT alumni, WE NEED YOU! We welcome and encourage our TT alumni to connect with us so we can include you. Please don't hesitate to drop us an email. You can send us something short and sweet, or long and luxurious....we just want to hear from you, and so do all our TT alumni and friends. Please email nataliesoroka@talmudtorahsociety.com.

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A Message from our Principal Darin Johnson, M.Ed

I continue to be filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve the students, staff, and community of Talmud Torah School. The school is supported in so many ways by parents and community members.

This month, teachers and students formally invited me into their classrooms by asking me to notice specific aspects of the learning environment. They wrote me a note indicating what I should look for. I was thrilled that they wanted me to notice how well they are following routines, supporting each other or using their new skills. After my visits, I was able to write the class a note highlighting the great things that I saw. It is important that students know I am interested in their learning and that I am here to support them. It is a gift to see students use their knowledge of Hebrew to make a presentation, explore water droplets as scientists, or celebrate counting to 70 in a variety of ways.

The end of January marks a turning point in the year. We are almost halfway through another school year. We are heading into planning for next year. Over the next couple of months, we will be accepting new registrations and pre-enrolling our current students.

There are still many learning opportunities left in the current year. We remain focused on our school goals. The staff reflected on what we have accomplished so far. It was important to pause to celebrate the positive steps forward we have taken together. Staff will be learning more about effective literacy and numeracy practices during our upcoming P.D. days.

I am learning there is always another holiday or special event coming up on the calendar. We are preparing for Tu B'Shevat and working with Jay Cairns, Executive Director of Jewish National Fund (JNF) Edmonton to raise funds to rejuvenate the Segev Forest in Northern Israel. We had the pleasure of bringing back Yifat Bear-Miller, JNF Canada Emissary, who provided engaging and educational programming for our students. "By planting trees and expanding forests, JNF is strengthening Israel's resilience to climate and environmental changes." I encourage you to support our school campaign by clicking [HERE](#).

Thank you for your continued interest in Talmud Torah School.



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Teacher Update Kindergarten with Morah Bianna Kuksin

I would like to take this opportunity and introduce you to the Kindergarten Hebrew program. This year, I am implementing a **new Hebrew program**. I am taking my experience of teaching kindergarten students in Israel, researching, and utilizing ideas and suggestions of existing Hebrew programs for native Hebrew speakers. I am participating in a two year ITalAm (Hebrew program) project called Innovative Lab, where I meet professionals from different areas to help me develop, create and bring life to the vision of a new Hebrew program for our students. The opportunity to teach the material I am developing, implementing it in class, getting the chance to actively reflect on it while I am teaching, along with learning from my students, is an invaluable opportunity.

Outlined below is what the Kindergarten Class of 2022-23 is learning:

Letter Recognition - students are learning to identify, name and form the Hebrew letters in print.

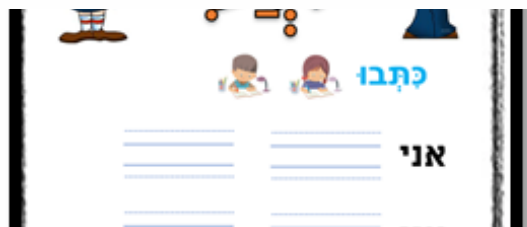
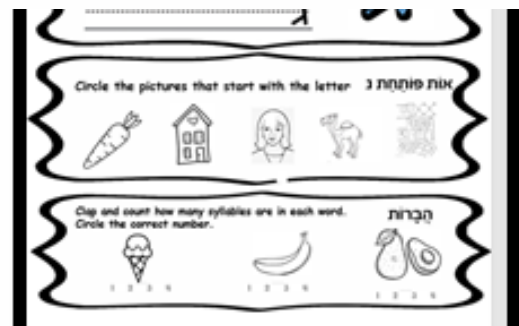
Acquisition of New Vocabulary - upon introduction of a new letter, students are learning new vocabulary that starts or ends with the new letter they have learned.

Phonological Awareness - awareness of the sounds that make up words is critical to being able to blend sounds together for later reading, and segmenting words into sounds for later spelling.

Sight Words/High Frequency Words - students are being introduced to sight words in order to help our young learners develop speed, accuracy and fluency while reading.

Day-to-Day Topics - students are learning numbers, greetings, colours, introduction phrases, body parts, days of the week, Jewish holidays, Jewish calendar and weather.

All the above is being achieved through the use of: worksheets * printed games * flash cards * interactive digital games * posters * videos * small reading books * conversations, and more.



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Tu B'Shevat Programming With Yifat Bear-Miller - JNF Canada Shlichah/Emissary



TT was very excited to welcome back Yifat Bear-Miller. Each Hebrew class enjoyed a program/activity with Yifat centred around Israel.

Kindergarten and Grade 1 students enjoyed a trip to Israel with cats; Grade 2 participated in a program called Israchute; Grades 3 and 4 enjoyed an Israel map activity; Grade 5 learned about bird migration in Israel from Prof. Yossi Leshem, of the University of Tel Aviv; Grade 6 learned about Israel being a sustainable nation. Thank you, Yifat, for engaging and educating our students!

What a great way to prepare for Tu Bishvat!



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School Life



Talmud Torah is always a hub of activity, learning, laughing and growing. Here's a snapshot of what our kids have been up to lately.



Grade 1 Music with Ben Ragosin



Kindergarten HLA



Grade 4 HLA



Grade 6 Hebrew Art
Positive & Negative Space



Grade 3 ELA



Grade 1 Physical Education



Grade 2 HLA



Grade 3 HLA - Tu B'Shevat



Running Club



Grade 1 ELA

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TTELC Welcomes New Director & Lead Educator



The Talmud Torah Early Learning Centre (TTELC) is excited to announce that the Talmud Torah Society Board has hired a new Director and Lead Educator.

Sacha Brodie, the new Director, is a level 3 certified educator with vast experience in the daycare classroom as an educator, as a supervisor/administrative staff, and most recently as a daycare Director. Sacha is passionate about early childhood education, and prides herself on open communication and team collaboration. Her role is managing the administrative side of the TTELC, which includes both the Early Learning Centre (ELC) and Out of School Care (OSC) programs, including the program's budget, and human resources duties.

Sacha is thrilled to be working at the TTELC, stating "I can see that this is a unique, family-oriented, cultural environment with a rich history, and I look forward to being a part of it!".

Jennie Leonard, the new Lead Educator, is also level 3 certified and has been with the TTELC for 2 years. She stepped up as interim lead educator/director during the recruitment period. Jennie has a wealth of knowledge in the early child care field from her experience in our ELC/OSC, and previous years as a supervisor in a day home agency. Jennie's role focuses on being in each classroom daily to support the educators and children, providing mentorship and enabling staff breaks. Jennie will provide curriculum support, incorporate Hebrew and Jewish content into the curriculum (along with support from our education committee), and fill in for the Director, as required.

Jennie is excited for the opportunity to work with educators in the classrooms, commenting that "being in the classrooms is a joy, and guiding, mentoring and working as a team with our experienced educators is something I look forward to".

Both Sacha and Jennie hit the ground running early in December as they collaborated with educators and established routines and expectations. They connected with parents, children and educators to ensure a smooth transition and continue to deliver the high quality of care, enrichment and warmth the ELC and OSC is known for.

Jennie Leonard
Lead Educator



Sacha Brodie
Director

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TTELC



Winter time and snow have been a popular interest among the children within the center. When not outside, our Kinderart program spent many hours trying different strategies as they designed and created paper mache igloos.

Tapsanim (baby room) brought snow inside and added yellow ice cubes. This allowed these mighty learners to explore with their senses.

The children in Chokrim (4-5 year old room) spent time outside making cakes with snow and recycled materials. It was interesting to hear how the children negotiated rules, roles, and collectively made a plan about the direction of their play.



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TTELC
In Pictures

ANNOUNCEMENT



Under the new federal-provincial child care agreement, subsidy for child care is now available to families with a combined gross income of \$180,000 or less. If your family has not qualified in the past, perhaps it does now!

[Click on this link for more details.](#)



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SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

Presenting:
a Trickster Theatre Residency
about Jewish Values



2023 has arrived and is bursting with enrichment, and engagement fun at the TT School Council. While our recurring programs Cafe Ivrit, Shabbat, and Birthday Treats continue to run, we have **MANY returning or new programs getting started!** ALL of which **NEED VOLUNTEERS** to ensure success. But before we get to what's coming up, we'd like to take a moment to shine a spotlight on a few people who go **ABOVE AND BEYOND** to ensure parents have an active council where they can advise, listen, engage, and get involved.

Firstly, **Mr. Johnson**, as if you don't have a full plate with your first Principalship, learning about Jewish traditions and Hebrew, and getting to know the TT...You always have a positive, caring, inquisitive, inspiring, and kind energy, despite many long days and late nights at the school. Your care and passion for education and students comes across in every meeting and interaction. Oh, and we can't forget the fun ways you are developing leadership and mental wellness with the students! **You have already done so much at TT** and we look forward to growing stronger with your leadership.

To **Jo**, you are simply wonderful. Thank you for always greeting us with a smile, caring for sick kids or providing ice packs, delivering forgotten items to the class, and so much more. You have a full days work and yet still find time to help ensure the little details are tended to.

Ms. Tara, you quietly work away ensuring the *many* council fundraisers are processed and tracked, and yet, still offer to do more! Thank you for keeping the financials in order, we would be lost without you.

Last but not least, Natalie, thank you for always going above and beyond. You capture the special moments in the classroom and hallways, manage the TT online Shop, are a wealth of knowledge and support, engage families and the community, and genuinely ensure that council (and the school) is successful.

Each of you embodies the spirit of Talmud Torah. We are stronger together! Turn the page to learn about how YOU can help make TT thrive!



FEBRUARY 6: TU B'SHVAT SEDER

FEBRUARY 13-17: TRICKSTER THEATRE RESIDENCY

FEBRUARY 16: EVENING PERFORMANCE

FEBRUARY 17: AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE

FEBRUARY 20: FAMILY DAY, NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 21: PD DAY, NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 22: PINK SHIRT DAY

MARCH 2-3: TEACHERS' CONVENTION, NO SCHOOL

MARCH 7: PURIM!

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TALMUD TORAH SCHOOL COUNCIL Our students appreciate your support

Looking for a meaningful way to **socialize, connect, and support TT?**



I keep hearing it
takes a village to
raise a child.

Do they just
show up?
Or is there like,
a number to call?



The TT School Council has the honour of supporting students, staff, and parents in a variety of ways, but none of our initiatives would be possible without **VOLUNTEERS**. We know the days are full and the hours are precious. Between work, laundry, kids' activities, lunches, some "me" time (if you can squeeze it in), and did we mention laundry...there isn't much left to *give*. **But it isn't the quantity** of time that matters most, **rather the effort** in finding a way to be just a bit more involved.

Volunteering isn't just about giving your time, it is a meaningful way to show your child(ren) that you care about their school and are invested in their TT experience; it's a lovely way to show appreciation to our creative staff; and it is a sure way to meet other parents, socialize, and feel more connect to the the TT Family.

Here are some ways you can get more involved and support:

- **Volunteer** during the Trickster Theatre Residency week, [sponsor a greeting or advertisement](#), or [attend the show!](#)
- **Be a TT Shopper** (grab TT groceries while getting your own!). Email us and sign up!
- Help with the **Tu B'Shvat Seder** on February 6. Email us!
- Join the **TT Cooking Club** to learn some new recipes while filling the senses and enriching student curriculum.
- **Help write** the monthly School Council TT Times article (like the one you are reading).
- Help plan and set up the **teacher appreciation lunch Feb. 21**.
- Help plan and enter data for the **2023-24 wall calendar**.
- Join the 2023 **Fitness Month planning committee**.
- Do you speak Hebrew? Join our monthly **Cafe Ivrit** conversations with the Grade 6s.
- [Attend assemblies, Council meetings, and other programs.](#)

Thank you

to our January Shabbat Sponsors:

The Zeisler family in honor of Adina's birthday

The Eliyahu Family in honor of Noa and Shai's birthday

Susan Baram in honor of her grandchildren
Ben, Gabi, and Amelia

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School Council fundraisers

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SCHOOL COUNCIL ENRICHMENT
PROJECTS

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A TRICKSTER THEATRE PRODUCTION

A CUSTOM PLAY ABOUT JEWISH VALUES,
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STUDENTS! WITH TWO LIVE PERFORMANCES!!

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ADS DUE BY JANUARY 31, 2023

TT School Council runs enrichment programs throughout the year, many of which have associated costs. **Our mandate** is to raise and use funds within the same school year; we are not a fundraising association. **Please consider** supporting student enrichment by participating in **any of our fundraisers**. All can be found on the TT shop [HERE](#). We aim to make them effortless and useful and, in some cases, will not cost you anything extra.

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Our students appreciate your support

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AJP@TT (Ancillary Judaic Program)

ABOUT

AJP@TT looks to our rich Jewish tradition to build the future.

Our mission is to complement the already outstanding Jewish and secular education at Talmud Torah school by connecting our students to more Judaic traditions and teachings.

In doing so, we hope to provide the diverse student body of the Talmud Torah community with a curriculum that cultivates a passion and love for Torah, Mitzvot and the Land of Israel.

AJP@TT OUR STAFF



Rabbi Guy Tal was born and raised in Israel. He learned in Yeshivat Kefar Haroe'e, Yeshivat Dimona and Yeshivat Har HaMor, and also served in the Israeli Defense Forces.

He has worked as a Rabbi and educator over the last 17 years in Venezuela, Mexico, Greece and Israel.

He earned his BEd in education from Michlala (college) of Beit Vagan, his MA in Jewish Studies from the Hebrew University of Mexico, and recently his PhD in History of Ideas from the Pan-American University in Mexico City. He has smicha from the principal rabbinate in Israel. Rabbi Guy also published two books with commentary on Rav Kook's "Drot".

Rabbi Guy believes that the future of the Jewish community in Edmonton depends on its Jewish education, and that knowledge of the Torah and the tradition must be taught from early age until the last day.

His own children attend AJP and are loving the program!

Yitzchak Borenstein grew up in a diverse community in Israel giving him exposure to a wide spectrum of Israeli sectors.

Following high school at Bnei-Akiva, Yitzchak learned in the pioneer Hesder yeshiva, Kerem B'Yavneh which included army service in an infantry unit. With a passion for Torah and Education, Yitzchak obtained a bachelors in education with a focus on Teshuva (The Oral Law).

Recently Yitzchak relocated to Edmonton with his wife Pessy and baby Rebecca. While growing up, informal learning was a favorite for Yitzchak, which brings excitement for the opportunity to teach younger children through drama and song.



Daniella Varon is an experienced preschool teacher for over 20 years.

She has bilingual knowledge of traditional/ Israeli Jewish life.

Before joining the AJP program last year, Daniella was the head teacher in the early childhood program at Menorah Academy for 5 years.

Daniella believes in strengthening faith and love for Hashem.

CURRICULUM

» **Middot:** Jewish character

» **Chumash:** Will include Chumash skill-building to start and will advance to in depth chumash study as the semester progresses.

» **Jewish Holidays:** Includes major and minor Jewish holidays

» **Parsha:** Study of the weekly Torah portion and study of the core messages in it.

Monday-Thursday

3:35pm-4:45pm

cost: \$2000/year

*part time option available. Contact for info

info@kadimaacademy.com



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AN UPDATE FROM AJP...

We are between winter and pesach break. We are excited for a long stretch packed with fun learning. Here at AJP we are taking advantage of this period for persistent growth and learning, all while trying to incorporate small excitements with games and brain teasers, so we don't fall into sleepy traps of routine! We are taking advantage of our group division, and are able to accommodate students with different levels such as with language barriers and previous knowledge. For instance, in our Chumash classes, we have students focusing on common language phrases while others have the addition of commentaries to the basic text. We are enjoying learning and hope to bring every student to his or her maximum level of development!

Moreh Yitzchak



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EDMONTON TALMUD TORAH
תלמוד תורה כנגד כולם

FEDERATION PROGRAMS

Edmonton Talmud Torah is a beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton.



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WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE UP TO \$100
TO HELP GET TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS?

For Shabbat? To celebrate the fall holidays?
To volunteer together?
TO DO SOMETHING JEWISH AND FUN?

HAVE YOU HOSTED ONE BEFORE?

Yes, let's do it again!

No, sounds scary ...

WE'LL HELP MAKE IT EASY!

YOU SHOULD TOTALLY HOST A GET TOGETHER!

September 6, 2022 through May 31, 2023

If the cold weather has you down, you could use a Shabbat dance party! When you invite two or more other families to celebrate Shabbat, PJ Library's Get Together program will reimburse you for up to \$100 of your gathering costs. Just invite the friends and get those Shabbat songs going!

Learn more: pjlibrary.org/gettogether



PRESENTS

BEN M. FREEMAN

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Thursday, February 9

5:30 P.M. | LIVE
The Creative Hive



Join Ben M. Freeman live for a community conversation about reclaiming our Jewish story and developing Jewish pride as an antidote to antisemitism. Ben M. Freeman is an internationally acclaimed Jewish leader, thinker, educator, and author. His works focus on Jewish identity and historical and contemporary Jew-Hate. Light dinner included.

Please come out and help us welcome Canadian Ambassador to Israel Lisa Stadelbauer who is attending this event.

Register now

Follow Jewish Edmonton on social media or sign up for our weekly e-newsletter

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Please join us for an exciting
Tu B'Shevat program

Beth Shalom Synagogue
Sunday, February 5
Free



4 p.m. Kids program: Children of all ages will learn about seeds and planting trees
4 p.m. Adult program: Whisky and tasting program by Graham Usher
4:45 p.m. Musical program - songs of Israel
5 p.m. Dinner

Please RSVP to info@e-bethshalom.org or call 780-488-6333.



The Jewish Federation of Edmonton is partnering with Beth Shalom Synagogue and Jewish National Fund to offer a free Tu B'Shevat program. Babysitting will be provided while the adults can enjoy a whisky tasting session. The children will learn about seeds and planting trees through a workshop by All Seasons Garden Centre Ltd and PJ Library. There will also be a musical program and a dinner.

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Join Aleph Canada's S'viva Sababa program to celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of the trees! Youth, ages 9 to 12, are invited to join our cross-Canada PJ Our Way eco-party, where we will plant indoor Havdallah gardens, learn about young environmental leaders, and discuss ways we can make our communities and the world at large more sustainable.

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Wednesday, February 15

6:30-8:30 p.m.

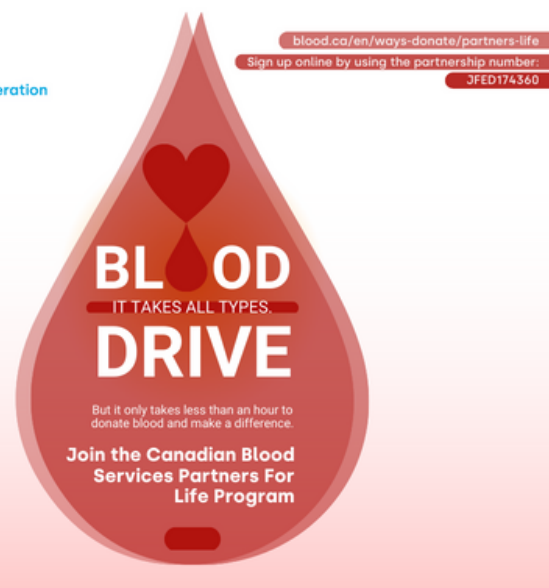
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