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Join us on December 7th, from 7:30-9 pm for a Zoom workshop with Edmonton's self-love superstar. Moderated by JFS Edmonton's Anna Jongeleen.



Meeting Registration - Zoom

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Join JFS Edmonton therapist Anna Jongeleen for a Zoom-hosted evening of personal enrichment and growth with domestic abuse survivor and entrepreneur, Harriet Tinka.

Pre-registration is required. You will receive a link to the Zoom session, date, and time after registration is completed.

Monday December 7th, 2020
Time: 7:30 PM in Edmonton

Please click the link below to register

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvdu2hrTgjHNGynsJMoeaaYR99pNlsmmCG>

JOIN THE CHANUKAH CAR PARADE

Join the Chanukah Parade

To enhance the upcoming Outdoor Chanukah celebration at the Legislature, Chabad will be hosting a Great Car Menorah parade.

Dozens of vehicles with Menorahs on top will be circling the Menorah lighting ceremony on

Sunday December 13 at 5:00PM.

All those who attend in their vehicles will receive a great Chanukah loot bag complete with doughnuts and all kinds of fun stuff for the kids.

The parade will begin at Chabad at 4:00PM.

Anyone wishing to join the menorah parade can call Rabbi Dovid at 780-299-0066.



Even if you don't have a Menorah on your car you can still join the procession and receive your Chanukah package.

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Chanukah at the Legislature



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Lighting Ceremony

SUNDAY DEC 13

5:00 - 5:30 PM



Dignitaries from all levels of government will be in attendance.

Zoom Link Available for those unable to attend in person:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84022166842>

Pre-packaged Donuts and other Chanukah Treats

Social Distancing and Masks required to attend.

Car Menorah Parade

To join parade call Rabbi Dovid at 780 299-0066

For more information call or email ChaBaD of Edmonton at 780 486 7244 or Chabad@shaw.ca

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ZOOM LIVE LINK - 5 pm Sunday Dec. 13

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84022166842>

"VAYISHLACH" IN A NUTSHELL ...

Jacob returns to the Holy Land after a 20-year stay in Charan, and sends angel-emissaries to Esau in hope of a reconciliation, but his messengers report that his brother is on the warpath with 400 armed men. Jacob prepares for war, prays, and sends Esau a large gift (consisting of hundreds of heads of livestock) to appease him.

That night, Jacob ferries his family and possessions across the Jabbok River; he, however, remains behind and encounters the angel that embodies the spirit of Esau, with whom he wrestles until daybreak. Jacob suffers a dislocated hip but vanquishes the supernal creature, who bestows on him the name Israel, which means "he who prevails over the divine."

Jacob and Esau meet, embrace and kiss, but part ways. Jacob purchases a plot of land

near Shechem, whose crown prince—also called Shechem—abducts and rapes Jacob's daughter Dinah. Dinah's brothers Simeon and Levi avenge the deed by killing all male inhabitants of the city, after rendering them vulnerable by convincing them to circumcise themselves.

Jacob journeys on. Rachel dies while giving birth to her second son, Benjamin, and is buried in a roadside grave near Bethlehem. Reuben loses the birthright because he interferes with his father's marital life. Jacob arrives in Hebron, to his father Isaac, who later dies at age 180. (Rebecca has passed away before Jacob's arrival.)

Our Parshah concludes with a detailed account of Esau's wives, children and grandchildren; the family histories of the people of Seir, among whom Esau settled; and a list of the eight kings who ruled Edom, the land of Esau's and Seir's descendants.



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TORAH GEMS

Honoring Torah Writings

Numerous halachos are based on the obligation to honor Torah scrolls and other holy writings. For example, the Sages, of blessed memory, said (Eruvin 8a): "We may not throw holy writings, even [works] of halachah and Aggadah." And they prohibited placing Books of Neviim and Books of Kesuvim (Writings) on top of Chumashim. If books of Torah that merely house its contents must be honored, then certainly the actual content must be honored. Thus, Torah must be studied in an environment that befits its holiness.

Examples of going beyond the letter of the law to honor holy writings are: dusting them periodically to keep them clean, storing them neatly and not haphazardly, and kissing them when they fall on the ground. Even when R' Yechezkel Sana was old and frail and found it difficult to walk, he would

go to great lengths to make sure that the sefarim in his yeshivah were arranged in a manner befitting them. Whenever he saw sefarim strewn haphazardly, he would exert himself to arrange them properly (L'Shichno Sidreshu, Vol. 1, p. 232).

The Stepler Gaon was also exemplary in his honor for sefarim. He felt that taking a sefer from the shelf and not using it was a slight to the sefer's honor; therefore, if he inadvertently took the wrong sefer, he would spend some time studying it before returning it. When he published his works "Chayei Olam" and "Bircas Peretz," he at first wanted to sell them at cost, as his intention in writing them was as a public service. However, he felt that selling a sefer at cost showed a lack of honor to the sefer, so he decided to sell them at a slight profit and give the proceeds to tzedakah (Toldos Yaakov, p. 113).

Adapted from "Mesilas Yesharim, Way of the Upright" (Artsroll)

YIDDISH CORNER ...

Der shlof iz der bester dokter.

Sleep is the best doctor.



Klaine kinder lozen nit shlofen; groisse kinder lozen nit ruen.

Small children don't let you sleep; big children don't let you rest.

CANADIAN JEWISH MUSICIANS OF NOTE ...



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Nov. 30, 2020

Erica Goodman (Jan. 19, 1948 –) Harpist

By DAVID EISENSTADT

Wh

en I think about the harp, the first person who comes to mind is Harpo Marx. Though he said he played the instrument “the wrong way,” according to imdb.com, he taught himself well enough that when he took proper lessons from various harpists and music teachers in New York and Los Angeles, many were fascinated by his approach and even adopted his techniques.

So I was intrigued by a recommendation from friend and neighbour Sheila Katz Levine, who told me about Canadian Jewish harpist Erica Goodman. Robert Cummings, writing at allmusic.com, called Goodman “arguably the most prominent Canadian harpist of her generation, and easily among the top several from North America. Her technique is all-encompassing and her interpretive skills incisive and imaginative.”

Her father, also Toronto and Jewish-born, was violinist and teacher Hyman Goodman. She began piano lessons with Myrtle Guerrero at 10, and at 11, started to study the concert chromatic harp. A performer in her teens, she played under the baton of Igor Stravinsky when he recorded in Toronto. Erica’s teachers included Carol Baum at UCLA in 1966-’67; summer sessions with Charles Kleinsteuber at Interlochen in Michigan from 1959 to 1965; and with Judy Loman from 1958 to 1965 at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.



In Philadelphia, she studied with Marilyn Costello at the Curtis Institute of Music and performed as a soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra.

After graduating from Curtis, Goodman joined the newly-created National Arts Centre Orchestra in Ottawa under Mario Bernardi, who gave her the honour of playing, as a soloist, Harry Somers’ *Suite for Harp and Chamber Orchestra* at the orchestra’s New York Lincoln Center debut performance in 1972, reported galleryplayers.ca. Music critic Jacob Siskind of the *Ottawa Citizen* wrote that Goodman’s “tremendous technical ability makes the listener believe that the harp has no restrictions.” Goodman is “acclaimed as one of the world’s outstanding solo harpists,” lauded Artoftimeensemble.com.

She has appeared at international festivals and across Canada, the United States and Europe, and in hundreds of radio and TV productions, commercials and film scores. She’s performed with Tony Bennett, Gene DiNovi, Percy Faith, Hagood Hardy and Henry Mancini, among many others.

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Erica Goodman Harpist ... (continued)



In 1978, she was the first co-winner, with Lawrence Pitchkin, of the Mona Bates Award, a scholarship established to honour the respected pianist-performer and teacher at the Royal Conservatory of Music. Two years later, Goodman garnered the Grand Prix du Disque Canada for her recording *Flute and Harp* with Robert Aiken, and then a Juno Award for her solo album *Erica Goodman Plays Canadian Harp Music*. A *NOW* magazine "Best of Toronto" readers' poll selected her as Best Classical Musician in 1996.

She is a member of Toronto's Esprit Orchestra, with which she played Alex Pauk's *Concerto for Harp and Orchestra*, composed for Goodman in 2005, and is frequently featured as a concerto soloist with the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra.

Over the years, Goodman has also appeared with Camerata, the Elmer Iseler singers, the Festival

Singers, her father Hyman Goodman, flutist Suzanne Shulman and opera soprano Riki Turofsky. Canadian composers Marjan Mozetich and Jeffrey Ryan also wrote works expressly for her. A New Music Concerts Ensemble charter member, she has recorded three albums on the Naxos label featuring the music of Toru Takemitsu (awarded Editor's Choice by Gramophone), George Crumb and Elliott Carter).

Check out her albums on tidal.com: *For There and Then* (2012), *Jeux A Deux* (1982), and *Erica Goodman and Friends* (1992). *Reflections: Romantic Duets for Cello & Harp* (2007) is guaranteed enjoyable listening. My favourite is *Heavenly Harp* from 2013.



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9 Jewish Facts About 'The Queen's Gambit' That Will Move You



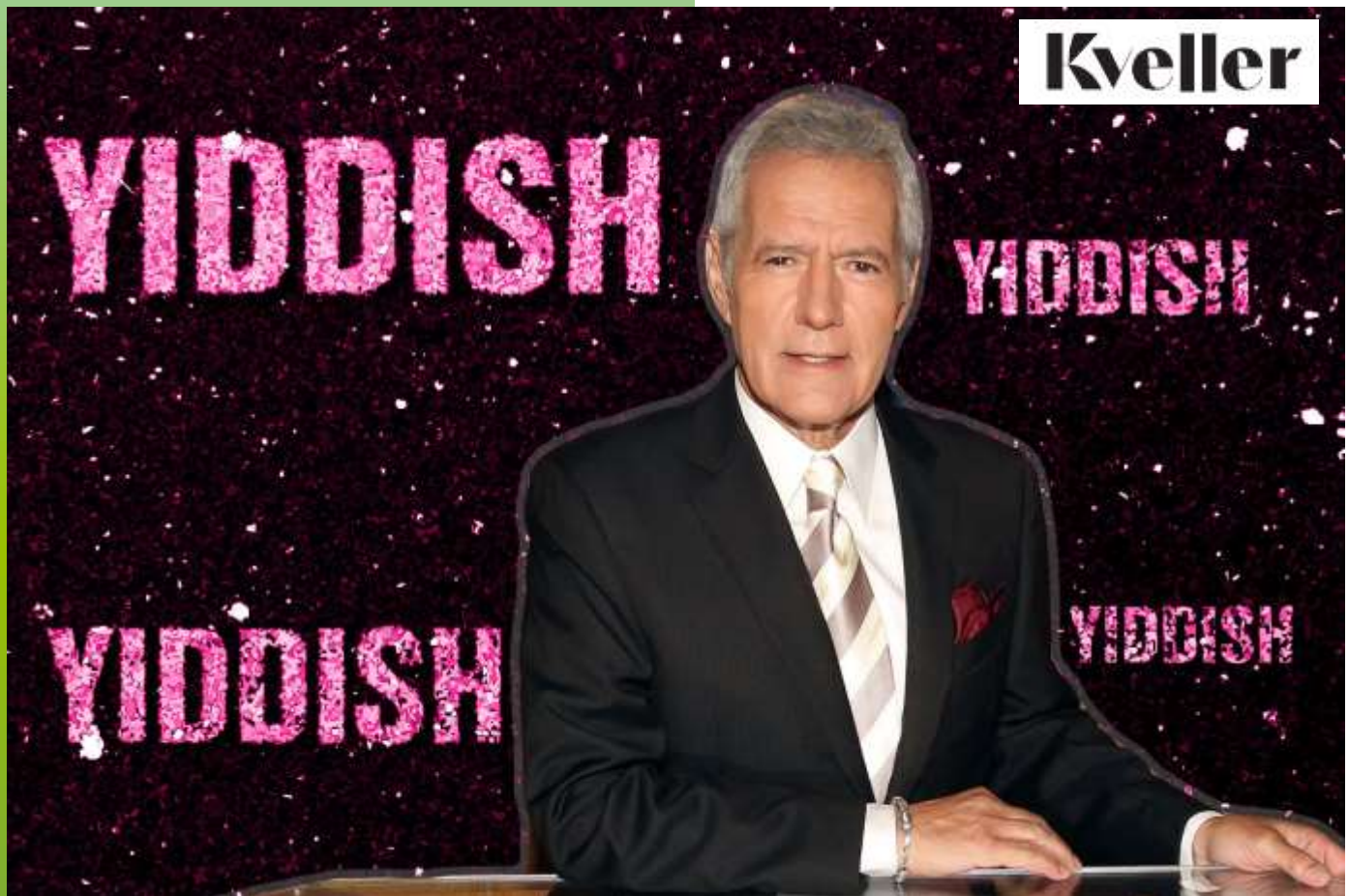
If you've found your quarantine comfort with [Netflix](#), you may, like us, be obsessed with *The Queen's Gambit*. This hit series has made chess fashionable again, boosting downloads of chess apps and spurring conversations about sexism in the world of competitive chess.

The Queen's Gambit stars the incredible, nymph-like Anya Taylor-Joy (who is also amazing in [Emma](#)) as Beth Harmon, an orphan and chess prodigy who slowly makes her way to the top of the competitive chess world. And while many of Beth's co-competitors have [Jewish last names](#), not much about the show is explicitly Jewish.

And yet, so much about chess, in its modern iteration, can be traced to Jewish players.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJg0WYMMwLo&feature=emb_logo

'Jeopardy!' Just Had a Yiddish Category and We're Kvelling



Jeopardy! fans have been hard hit by the loss of Alex Trebek, who died of cancer on November 8 at age 80. But because the show films in advance — and Trebek kept filming until a week before his passing — the beloved longtime host is still with us until January 4, with new episodes airing on weeknights.

Just why are we writing about this iconic game show on Kveller? Well, Jewish questions and guests are not exactly rare on *Jeopardy!*. But last night, Nov. 30, the show had an *entire* category dedicated to Yiddish. The clueless contestants were clearly *schvitzing* — that's "sweating" in Yiddish — and very much stumped.

Out of the five Yiddish questions, only two of the three contestants got two right. Let's review them — read on and see how you would do!

<https://www.kveller.com/jeopardy-just-had-a-yiddish-category-and-were-kvelling/>



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Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah...

Snowflakes are just around the corner and with the ongoing issues of Covid 19, this is going to be a long and lonely winter. Jewish Family Services is looking to spice up the Chanukah season with some very special treats for our community members to enjoy.

Gift bags are being prepared by our staff and will be delivered to homes and institutions around the city in early December. All ingredients are kosher and packaged to assure Covid 19 germs will not be spread. If you know of anyone or family that could benefit by receiving a gift bag please contact:

**Rhonda at seniors@jfse.org
or call 780-454-1194**

There is no cost for this service but all donations are greatly appreciated to help support this program.



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THE CURRENT SITUATION IN OUR WORLD IS CHALLENGING... BUT WE'RE YOUR SOFT PLACE TO LAND ONLINE

HOW TO SUPPORT SOMEONE THROUGH A PANIC ATTACK:

- Stay with the person and keep calm.
- Don't make assumptions about what the person needs. Ask.
- Speak to the person in short, simple sentences.
- Be predictable.
- Avoid surprises.
- Help slow the person's breathing by breathing with them.

66 my clients and I are still able to connect with meaningful and constructive sessions over the phone
— Anna Jongeleen, Therapist

realizations you're bound to have during quarantine

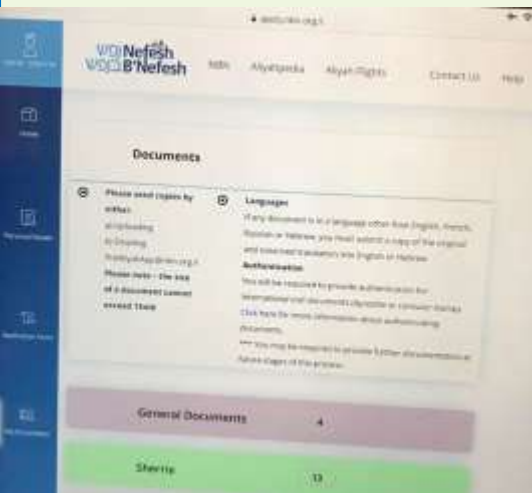
we are still operational
- simply providing services remotely (when possible!)

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Making Aliyah: You Must Have a Plan (part 1)

This story begins many years before we actually made the decision to go. Sherrie and I were having a conversation with Rabbi Friedman about making Aliyah. The one point he said that resonated with both of us was, “You must have a plan.” Then on February 1, 2017 circumstances were such that we found we were financially able to move and live in Israel. That afternoon we committed to making a plan.

In short, the plan was to work till I was 65, and would get full benefits. Then sell the house and move in the spring of 2021. We optimistically chose March 2021 as our “target move month”.



Sherrie did the research. I worked on the financial aspect. We listened to Nefesh B'Nefesh (NBN) seminars together. We toured towns on

“Google Earth”

using street view. We bought Baruch Labinsky’s book “A Financial Guide to Aliyah and Life in Israel”. I read the chapters out loud to Sherrie, while she made notes on what we needed to do for our circumstances as they related to the suggestions in the book. We did one chapter a week and went back to it a few times over the months that followed.

Sherrie’s computer research turned up the town Tel Mond. We explored it virtually, as I mentioned, using Google Earth. It was a smallish town of 13,000 or so. It has a modern orthodox synagogue. It was close to the bigger centres, Netanya and Ra’Annana, for shopping and other activities. The beach was only 8.5 km away (as the crow flies).

Together we researched about banking, renting

apartments, shopping, health care, public transportation, buying or leasing a car, and so on. I made a spreadsheet of our income and the estimated costs of living. I am a retired civil engineer and have done these sorts of estimates, albeit for municipal subdivisions.

To be cautious, all income estimates are estimated low and costs (rent, arnona, food, transportation, entertainment, taxes, utilities, phone & internet, emergency, banking fees, health care, synagogue membership, Vaad Bayit) are rounded up and a contingency percentage applied to that just in case the estimates are still too low.

If after that, low income estimates and high cost estimates, we could still live there then we would be good to go. And we were “GTG”.

Next we planned a self directed pilot trip. All the seminars and books recommend pilot trips. They are to look for a place to live. For us it was to confirm whether our choice would suit us. Prior to going on the trip, two amazing coincidences happened.

First, we learned that Freya Wasel’s good friends Ivan and Galit Goldstein lived in Tel Mond. Second, the Tankel brothers (Johnathon and Keith) had a connection to the Mevaser Zion synagogue from their childhood in South Africa. They can explain that connection to you if you ask. The point is, already there were things lining up to make us more comfortable with our potential new home.

Sherrie contacted the Rabbi of the Tel Mond synagogue to set up a meeting. Through NBN, she set up a meeting with a gentleman who would assist us with questions we might have and he helped set up a meeting with a realtor to show us around the town. We met with our NBN advisor in Jerusalem to discuss our plans for Aliyah.

A note about Sherrie. She was our “point of contact”. I used to look after multi-million-dollar projects. Always there is one person who is the point of contact to pass on the information to the people who need it.

We took that approach to this. It involved lots and lots of emails and phoning. Sherrie was simply amazing...a true project manager !

ROB AND SHERRIE PLAN THEIR ALIYAH

The pilot trip was in May 2018. I wrote a weekly blog that was put into the BI Bulletin. We stayed 3 weeks in Tel Mond and 1 week in Jerusalem. We had to be honest with ourselves to see if the Jerusalem was a fit or not. It was our first choice back when we spoke with Rabbi Friedman.

The trip confirmed for us that Tel Mond was the fit. Next we had to begin zeroing in on what documents would be needed for the move. We needed: letters from Rabbi Friedman and Rabbi Claman, explanations (essays) about why we each chose Judaism, explanations about why we wanted to move to Israel, authentication of: our birth certificates, previous marriage and divorce documents, our current marriage certificate, a detailed police record check that would include every country lived in from the age of 14 to the time of the record check, references from the community and from someone in Israel that we know, drivers abstracts for the last ten years.



A note about my police record check: I lived in Cairo, Egypt from the spring of 1969 to the summer of 1972. I was 13 when I arrived and 16 when I left. It was agreed by the Jewish Agency that I did not need a record check for that period. It was 50 years ago after all!

We found that we still had questions unanswered from the first pilot trip, and decided to do a second. We went to Tel Mond for the first two weeks of February, 2020. We visited stores to check out the cost of major appliances, IKEA....it is the same

in Netanya as the one in Edmonton, which is the same in Richmond BC and so on. We met with someone in Baruch Labinsky's office to discuss investing. We met and set up an account with

IsraTransfer for the purposes of transferring money to Israel from Canada.

About transferring money from Canada to Israel: it is easy and it isn't. Everyone's financial circumstances are different, but one thing is the same: if you do the

transfer through the banks, it is ridiculously expensive, because they insist to take their cut out of the exchange rate. We use the transfer company IsraTransfer. They accept the funds in Canadian funds, charge 0.75% on the amount up to \$50,000 or 0.5% on amounts over \$50,000.

No other fee is charged. They will convert the CAD to Shekels at the going market rate. Simple math: a transfer of \$10,000 = \$75 with IsraTransfer. The banks: assume the exchange is 2.5 NIS to 1 CAD. The bank charges their fee AND only gives 2.4 NIS. So 0.1 NIS of \$10,000 = 1000NIS = \$400. Do not use the banks.

I think it is some general in some army who said a plan is only good up to the time the soldiers feet land on the beach. When we returned from Israel in mid February of 2020, COVID 19 was well on its way to what it is today. A pandemic was not part of the plan. Next time, modified schedules.



ROB & SHERRIE'S MOVE TO ISRAEL

(Before getting into this next part, a note about the previous two parts: upon rereading it I noticed there is not much mentioned about the people of Nefesh B'Nefesh.)

Sherrie made contact with them early. They started a file on us. Eventually we were assigned an advisor. I forgot to mention that on that pilot trip in May 2018 we went to the NBN offices in Jerusalem to meet our advisor. Sarah was a wealth of information and support. My advice to anyone looking to do the process is to make contact early and establish a relationship. Your advisor helps you jump the hurdles and go through the hoops.

So we returned to Canada from our second trip in February. We both worked in our offices for 2 weeks and then began working from home, as did most everyone else whose work was office related. As everyone likely remembers there was the "oil price war" between Saudi Arabia and Russia. These and other factors severely impacted the Alberta economy. Around the end of April, I was informed that I would be "temporarily" laid off. It was to last 120 days. At the end, it would either be permanent or I would be "rehired".

Sherrie and I had a serious discussion about our future. Our original plan was to do the Aliyah application form in June. It is good for one year. If you don't get to Israel in that time, the application has to be refreshed, so to speak. We decided to continue with the plan, including the sale of the house in early 2021. However, we did also talk to our good friend Murray Glick. In earlier discussions, long before anyone had ever heard of COVID 19, we had chosen late winter, early spring 2021 to put the house up for sale. Upon getting laid off, I mentioned to Murray that if he was showing homes to a prospective buyer (s) he could give us a call if he thought our home might be the type that met their requirements.

During my layoff I worked on the Aliyah application form. It is an online submission of documents. For us, it began with 8 documents each and 4 that were common to us. We began the application on June 7th. The process is this: some documents can be uploaded to the application as-is, and some have to be authenticated and legalized. Authentication and legalization means sending the original documents to a company in Ottawa who then submits them to the Israeli embassy, where it is authenticated and they then return it to the document company, who then return the authenticated documents to us. We then scan them and upload them into the online form. As the documents are reviewed, they are either accepted or revisions are requested and addi-

tional documents can be requested to be uploaded. For us, a total of 13 different documents were asked of each of us as well as the 4 that were common to us, for a total of 30 documents. This process was finally completed on July 31.

During this process I received an email from my work on June 30 asking me to return to work on July 2nd. I said yes. On July 7th Murray Glick called to say he had prospective buyers to whom he was showing houses. We cleaned up the house a bit for the showing on the 8th. That evening Murray came to us to say the young couple who looked at the house were very interested. He had told them of our Aliyah plans...the couple were Jews, so they understood that. We were wide-eyed with hope. We walked to Reisa Sheckter's to blow off steam. Reisa greeted us with the following words, "You have to see this! It is the first time in years that my orchid has bloomed!" At that moment, it was a signal for me that no matter what, "things would work out".

That night Sherrie and I had a serious discussion. We agreed that if the house sold, we would bump up our move. On July 22nd the deal was done. No listing. Heck, we discussed and agreed to the possession date (on Zoom) with Avram and Eliana *before* the offer/counter offer \$\$ of the house were exchanged! The first "thing" worked out. We called our realtor in Tel Mond to look for an apartment for us.

A couple of amazing coincidences about the sale of the house. In that first Zoom meeting to discuss possession dates I asked how they chose Murray Glick from all the agents in Edmonton. Avram responded that he had a friend who was born and raised in Edmonton. The friend recommended Murray. That friend was Max Marcus. Thank you Robin and David. I also found out that Avram and Eliana were originally planning to come in February, but cancelled due to the beginnings of COVID-19. We were in Israel and were in no way ready to sell at that time.

Next on the list, jumping forward to August 4th, which was the first work day after all our documents were accepted, we filled out our NBN application. That was the one for our shaliach interview. Pre-COVID it would be either a trip to Toronto or sometimes Calgary, and it would usually follow 6 to 8 weeks after the application. Our interview was 6 days later, on Zoom! We were approved on August 24th. Twenty days to the approval, let alone 6 weeks to the interview. Another thing worked out with unusual timeliness.

ROB WOOD AND SHERRIE BANKS MAKE ALIYAH

Moving to Israel (Aliyah): Packing Up and Books in the Bathtub

Now we have two hard and fast deadlines. The first being to pack up the house for it to be ready for the new owners to take possession and the second to be ready for the plane flight. The first, would take care of the second. We had to decide on a shipping company to get our “stuff” to Israel. We also had to decide what “stuff” stays and what goes.

Once again, Sherrie was the researcher. I worked on how we would make our “stuff” fit in the apartment we had rented. Sherrie began with Nefesh B’Nefesh. What an invaluable resource and helpful people. We cannot say enough, that if you plan to make Aliyah, get to know your advisor. NBN provides a list of companies and Sherrie chose three by looking online, reading reviews from other olim, and calling the companies to talk to them about their services. We settled on “Aliyah Lift”.

While Sherrie did her research, I drew up a plan of the apartment using the measurements and videos our agent provided as well as the pictures taken by Freya’s lifelong friends Ivan and Galit Goldstein.

A word or two about Ivan and Galit. Freya was visiting them before our first pilot trip. They went to the BnB in Tel Mond to check it out for us. We met Ivan and Galit on that first trip and seemed to connect. They are salt of the earth people, like Freya and Lewis. You can’t have better friends. More to come about the help received from Ivan in future blogs.

As mentioned, we had pictures from Galit when she looked at the apartment on our behalf to give us an objective assessment prior to us deciding to rent it. Using the agent’s measurements and Galit’s pictures, I had enough to draw a floor plan on a computer assisted drafting program. I measured our beds, dining table and chairs, shelves, and a couple of favourite chairs. I was able to place things into the apartment, move them around, check out orientations and so on.

Together, Sherrie and I discussed what small kitchen appliances to take and what to leave behind. As well as paintings, ornaments, dishes, hand tools, everything we have! There are several factors to consider: would the electronics be able to be transformed there to 220-240 volts, how sentimental are the particular items to

us, is there room to fit the stuff into the new apartment, we guesstimated the volume of all the stuff we selected, to make sure it would fit into a 20 foot container that we limited ourselves to.

These were our requirements. Others would obviously have their own. Regardless, we had years and years worth of stuff to make decisions on.

We started this process back in the summer of 2019, believe it or not. We photographed all our CD’s, DVD’s, books (only the ones we wanted to keep), our vinyl record collection, ornaments. I scanned photographs in order to be able to throw away the space consuming photo albums. The intent was to have photos for the purposes of the insurance we would need for the shipping. However, we also wrote down each and every one of those. The lists and pictures were put into an external hard drive that would go with us on the plane to Israel.

On October 5th we were able to have the move surveyor come to the house. For us, this was a milestone moment. We were a little excited, because it meant that we were making the final selections of what to take and what to leave behind. So excited that the surveyor said it would be easier for him if we spoke one at a time rather than both at the same time. Those of you who know us, know what he meant. After an hour or so of walking through the house, the surveyor said our stuff had an estimated weight of 5222 pounds. As an engineer who did quantity estimates all the time, that seemed a little overly precise, but oh well. Our quote from Aliyah Lift had a fee for a base weight of 4000 pounds and would be charged 67 cents per pound over that.

On October 18th, I took apart our beds, dining table and anything else that could come apart in order to lessen space in the container. Sherrie did some more organizing and put the books she wanted to give away and donate into the bathtub. That way the packers could be told to not pack the “books in the bathtub”.

October 19th the packers arrived at about 9 in the morning. They were done and gone by 3:30. October 20th the movers arrived early, and they too were done and gone mid afternoon. They told us the trailer was weighed before being loaded. It would be weighed again loaded. We would get the difference in the weight in a day or two. Guess what? The weight was 5220 pounds! I was right, the surveyor was too precise! (Andrew, that is just for you!)



ALIYAH ... CONTINUED

August 25th:

Yosi, our real estate agent, called to say he had a potential apartment for us. It was brand new. On the 7th floor of a 7 floor building.

Our lawyer in Tel Mond, who happens to be Nathan Light's brother Daniel (!!) reviewed that contract and informed us that it was acceptable for us. On September 4th we signed the rental contract.

We had a place to live and "only" had to get there. Another box checked, or as I put it, another thing happened.

Things were happening fast and furiously.

Here are the dates:

Sept 3 sent visa application

Sept 4 rental contract signed

Sept 8: pay 3 months rent (Sept, Oct, Nov)

Sept 29 Visas and our passports received back from the Jewish Agency, so we could book our Aliyah flight. Paid the admin fee to allow the flights from Edmonton to Israel to be booked ... \$254 for both of us, that's all!

Sept 30 We called the Jewish Agency & booked for Nov 15 @ 7:15 AM. Scheduled arrival: 10:45AM Nov 16 local time.

Rob and Sherrie's new home at Tel Mond, Israel.
Congratulations ! Mazel Tov !
You made it to Eretz Yisrael !



L'Chayim
To a new life in
Israel !



HAPPY
Hanukkah

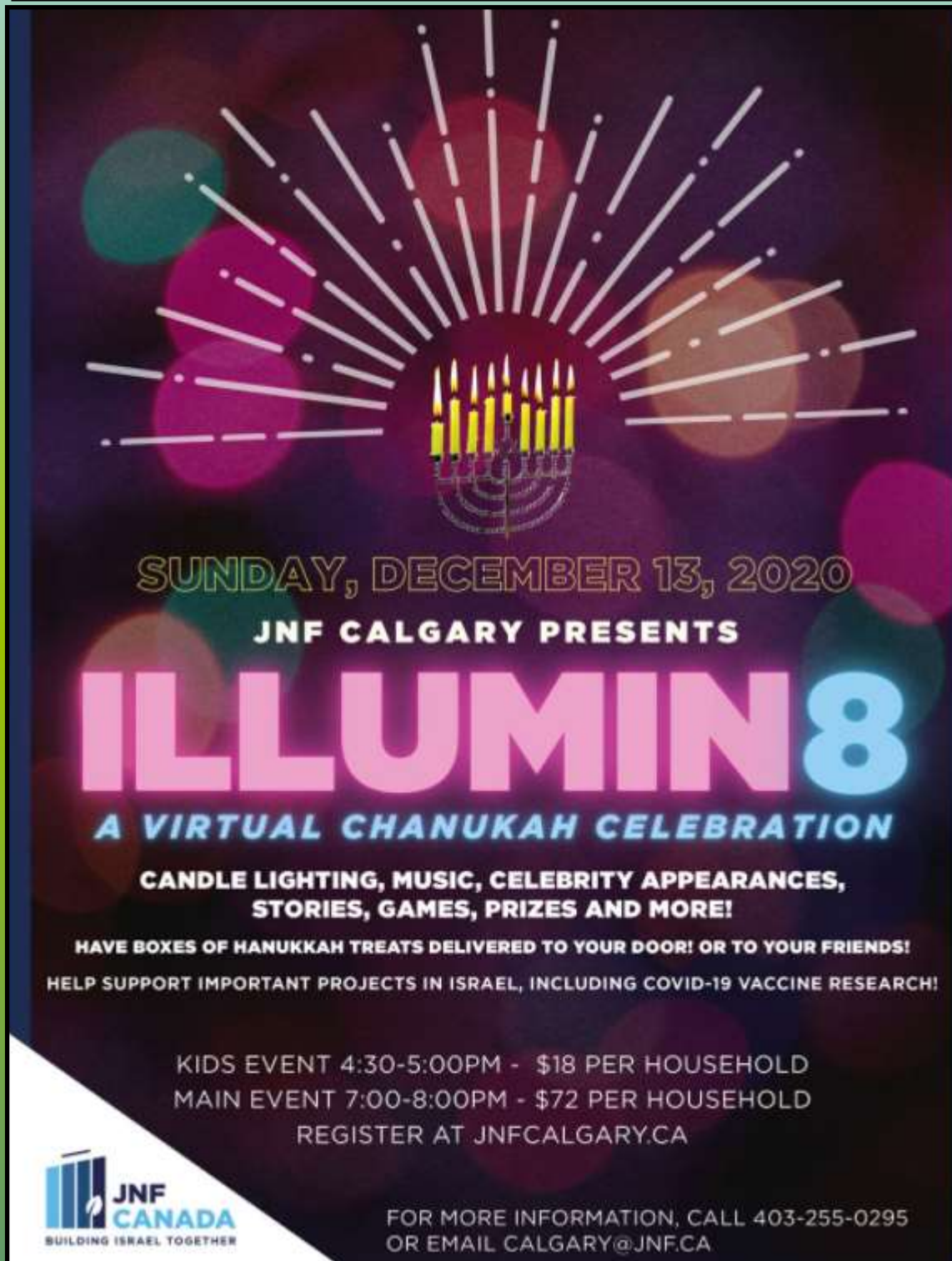


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Gail & Bernie wish you a Happy
Chanukah !

May our collective Chanukah
candles shine bright and bring in
a happy, healthy future for all !

<https://jnf.ca/calgary/button-jnf-calgary-presents-illumin8-a-virtual-CHANUKAH-celebration/>



The poster features a central image of a lit menorah with white light rays radiating outwards against a dark background with colorful bokeh. Below the image, the text reads: 'SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020', 'JNF CALGARY PRESENTS', 'ILLUMIN8', 'A VIRTUAL CHANUKAH CELEBRATION', 'CANDLE LIGHTING, MUSIC, CELEBRITY APPEARANCES, STORIES, GAMES, PRIZES AND MORE!', 'HAVE BOXES OF HANUKKAH TREATS DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR! OR TO YOUR FRIENDS!', 'HELP SUPPORT IMPORTANT PROJECTS IN ISRAEL, INCLUDING COVID-19 VACCINE RESEARCH!', 'KIDS EVENT 4:30-5:00PM - \$18 PER HOUSEHOLD', 'MAIN EVENT 7:00-8:00PM - \$72 PER HOUSEHOLD', 'REGISTER AT JNFCALGARY.CA'. At the bottom left is the JNF Canada logo with the tagline 'BUILDING ISRAEL TOGETHER'. At the bottom right, it says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 403-255-0295 OR EMAIL CALGARY@JNF.CA'.

Join JNF Calgary for Illumin8 – our virtual Chanukah celebration on Sunday, December 13.

Kids event
4:30-5:00pm,
main event
7:00-8:00pm.

Candle lighting,
music, games,
prizes, stories, and
celebrity appearances!

Have Chanukah treats
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or to friends!

Help support important
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What's Happening in Calgary ...



Jewish Calgary Together

Connect here for the latest community updates, resources, virtual events, and programs

**Get the Scoop on everything |
Find out your synagogue service times and more!**



<https://www.jewishcalgary.org/our-community>

What's Happening in Calgary ...



JUMP UP! WITH THE JCC

Homepage Calgary Jewish Community Centre

Despite the current COVID restrictions, **the JCC still has many opportunities for you and your family** to stay busy, active, and safe on-site and virtually...

- [Weight Room and CrossFit Box](#) are available for one hour bookings.
- Work out with [personal trainers](#) either at the JCC or online.
- Zoom in to the many [GroupX](#) classes offered daily.
- Register your child for a fun and exciting day of [Winter Camp](#). Daily and weekly rates are available.
- Join us for the [Hanookkah Hoop & Zoom Family Dance](#) on Saturday, December 12 at 6pm.
- Enjoy a Golden Age [coffee chat](#), or [monthly luncheon](#) with friends and take in musical entertainment.

We are very fortunate to continue operating our pool and weight room areas during this time. With the limited amount of booking spots available for [lane swimming and family swim](#), and the [weight room](#) throughout the week, we ask that members be mindful and courteous to one another. If you are unable to attend your booking, please cancel through the website as soon as possible so that other members have a chance to register. Otherwise, you will be charged a \$5 cancellation fee. As well, we ask that you please book out only ONE spot per day in these areas, in order to allow other members the opportunity to use the pool and fitness areas. Please review the updated [aquatics](#) and [weight room](#) guidelines.

The JCC recognizes that many of our members enjoy having the opportunity to swim and exercise on-site. We ask that everyone work together to allow one another time to take part in these activities.



ZOOMING!

We've been experiencing some technical difficulties with Zoom this week, so please be patient with us as we work through them. They are likely related to either poor internet connectivity or issues with the Zoom platform itself. If you are unable to enter a scheduled class please keep trying. You may have to close out of Zoom and re-enter a number of times before you are admitted. The instructors will watch the waiting room to grant access back into the class. Some sessions have ended abruptly possibly due to the issues mentioned above. If this happens please leave the class and re-enter through the Zoom link, then stay in the waiting room until we are back up. If you have any further questions, please [email Cathy Bjorndalen](#), our Fitness Program Manager.

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Great Hannukah Video



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Hanukkah Song Mashup - Dance Spectacular! - Elliot Dvorin | Key Tov Orchestra -
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Calgary Happenings...



Join our Online Erev Shabbat services Fridays at 7:30 PM and
Saturday's Shabbat services and Torah Study 10:30 AM.

Zoom meeting ID: 278 747 390 Password: Tikvah5781.

Online Chant service with Betsy Jameson, Saturday's at 1:30 PM.
Zoom meeting ID: 916 0720 7237

Temple has weekly evening Torah Study, Thursday's at 7:30 PM led by one of Temples gifted
Torah Scholars. [Schedule here](#)

CHANUKAH ZOOM CELEBRATION AT TEMPLE. Join Temple B'nai Tikvah as we light our
menorahs as a community followed by Shabbat Service,
Friday December 11, 7:00 PM. Join us again, Saturday December 12, at 8:00 PM for Havdalah
Services and lighting our menorahs as a community.
Of course schmoozing is involved!

What's Happening in Calgary ...

Hanookkah Hoop & Zoom Family Dance



Details

Date:

December 12

Time:

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Event Category:

Arts & Culture

Let's light the third Hanukkah candle together and dance!

Grab your hoola hoops and join in on the fun. Kelly from Hoop Di Do will guide us in fun hula hoop moves.

[Register](#) to receive the ZOOM link and to join in the celebration.

In advance of the dance, send us (new & old) photos of your family menorah lightings to showcase during the party!

For info [email](#) Shula Banchik or call 403-537-8596.

<https://www.calgaryjcc.com/event/hanookkah-hoop-zoom-family-dance/>

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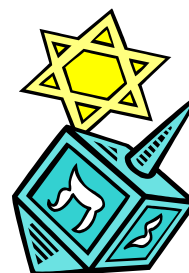


The Best Latke Hack Ever

I love making latkes. But I loathe grating potatoes and cleaning the food processor and making a starchy mess in the kitchen. And I bet you do, too.

For those who want to fry up some latkes but cut out a few steps, I have got such the hack for you: frozen hash brown potatoes. That's right.

<https://www.kveller.com/the-best-latke-hack-ever/>



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Condolences to the Cairns Family

The Edmonton Jewish Pipeline would like to express its sincerest condolences to the Cairns family on the loss of Bobby and Sharon Cairns.

Both were very well known and respected in the Jewish and general communities in Edmonton and beyond.



Children: Jason and Matthew (Tami)

Grandchildren: Lev, Shayna, David, Shira & Zev

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