



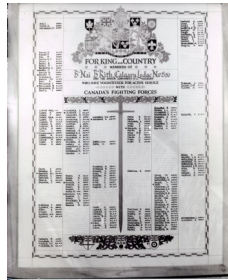
CALGARY B'NAI BRITH LODGE #816



Calgary Lodge #816 receives charter June 17, 1917 from B'nai Brith District 6, Chicago, Ill. First president Benjamin Ginsberg.

1918—Lodge runs soup kitchen during Calgary flu epidemic.

Develops bowling, curling and baseball leagues. Fundraises for community assistance. Combats anti-Semitism.



1938 - Calgary Lodge hosts 2nd annual conference Western Canadian Council B'nai Brith.

World War II—Lodge members staff Victory Bond drives; assist in recruiting; assist in purchasing ambulance for use overseas; help furnish Colonel Belcher Hospital for vets; organize entertainment and religious services for Jewish armed forces personnel.



May 19, 1946 Calgary Lodge hosts welcome home banquet for Jewish War Vets. 8 Lodge members perished in action.

1947—Alberta and Saskatchewan lodges break away from Western Canadian Council, form Northwest Canadian Council. Endures until 1987 when Canadian lodges unite to form District 22 B'nai Brith Canada.

1949—Calgary Lodge hosts guest speaker Eleanor Roosevelt. 5000 people attend.



1954-57 Calgary Lodge donates one station wagon per year to Council for Retarded Children.

1962 Calgary Lodge donates school bus to Calgary Association for Retarded Children

1965 Calgary Lodge hosts concert Jubilee Auditorium. Guest performer Jan Peerce.

1975 Calgary Lodge co-hosts celebrity tennis tournament. Guests include: E. Zimbalist Jr., P. Anka, E. Ames, J. Carson, R. Culp, J. Franciscus, M. Griffin, S. Lawrence & E. Gorme, D. Rowan, O.J. Simpson, L. Bridges, B. Cosby, C. Eastwood, D. & L. Arnaz, L. Green, C. Heston, T. Moore, G. Peppard, T. Savalas, & J. Brolin.

CENTENNIAL 1917 – 2017



1950's - Calgary BB hosts league & annual bonspiel Meadowlark Curling Club, which is later demolished to make room for Chinook Centre.

1983 — Calgary Lodge sponsors restoration of Torah Scroll rescued from Holocaust.



1990 - Calgary Lodge League for Human Rights creates pins to promote racial harmony. Receives orders for over 16,000 pins.

1993 - Calgary Lodge purchases Torah Scroll from closed synagogue in Moose Jaw. Donates to Chabad Lubavitch of Southern Alberta - their first Torah scroll.

1994 - 44th annual Calgary BB dinner honours Premier Ralph Klein and local hotelier Leo Sheftel.

1999 - 49th annual Calgary BB dinner sells out honouring Les Pyette, publisher Calgary Sun, and local philanthropist Leonard Shapiro.



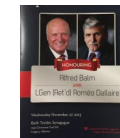
2005 - 55th annual Calgary BB dinner sells out honouring Hon. Ron Ghitter and the late John Forzani.

2007 - 57th annual Calgary BB dinner sells out honouring Gen. Rick Hillier. Raises \$50,000 for Military Family Fund. Gov't of Alberta matches donation.



2011 - 61st annual Calgary BB dinner honours first Canadian Muslim mayor, Naheed Nenshi.

2013 - 63rd annual Calgary BB dinner honours Sen. Gen. (ret'd.) Romeo Dallaire and local businessman Alfred Balm.



2015 - 64th annual Calgary BB dinner honours NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman and local philanthropist Alvin Libin.

2017 - 66th annual Calgary BB dinner honours former Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper.

