

community calendar

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A MESSAGE FROM JARED SHORE

In a recently released archived letter written by Albert Einstein to American businessman Fred Behr, Einstein wrote that what "has enabled the Jewish people to survive for thousands of years has been based to a large extent on traditions of mutual helpfulness."

Jewish Calgary, as I know you all can relate, 2021 will go down in my books as a considerably challenging year. The ongoing rise in antisemitism, our seemingly perpetual battle with COVID, and the isolation we felt as individuals and as a community from both of those issues, has taken its toll on us all. I, for one, am optimistic that better things lay ahead this year.

And while we cannot simply wave a wand and put all of that behind us as we turn the calendar to 2022, I hope you will share my optimism that this coming year will be a bright one. For me, one of the best moments of last year came at its closing hours as Diana Kalef, Director of Development, sent me word that our 2021 UJA Campaign goal had been reached. I cannot overstate what a great achievement that was, in the midst of such challenging times. When our community needed you most, you

stepped up. Of note, this year we had over 70 new donors and over \$140,000 in donation increases.

This year's campaign was marked by a unique approach that engaged our partner agencies as leaders in raising funds and awareness for the work that Federation does, and the connection between Federation and the critical work of each partner. Staff and lay leaders across our community joined together in the work and can now rejoice together in the success of this year's campaign. It highlights the amazing partnership that our community's agencies are engaged in.

I hope that in those canvassing calls, you all had the opportunity to understand the work that Federation and our partner agencies do. For those that I spoke with, I know that those conversations give the assurance that your hard earned time and dollars are serving to strengthen Calgary's amazing Jewish community: now and for years to come.

In a most timely fashion, our programming calendar kicks off this month with an event that will enlighten and

inspire. In partnership with Jewish Federation of Edmonton, and the Calgary and Edmonton Public Libraries, we will be presenting a conversation with author, educator and advocate, Ben M. Freeman. Ben's book, and message, are about the importance of 'Jewish Pride', in the face of many challenges. As easy as it is to constantly play defense to the hatred directed at our community, we must refocus on all of the things that truly define us.

We are a diverse community. We are a spiritual community. We are a resourceful community. We value inclusion. We welcome the stranger. We respect our elders and nurture our young. We seek justice. We seek truth. And as this year's campaign has well demonstrated, we are stronger together. There is so much to be proud of. Happy 2022, Jewish Calgary.

B'Shalom,

Jared Shore
Co-President, Calgary Jewish Federation

Building an inclusive community is a priority. Contact us and we will make every effort to meet your needs.

WELCOME!

Calgary Jewish Federation is pleased to welcome **Hannah Giesinger** to our staff team as the Emerging Gen Coordinator, servicing JAC and Hillel Calgary.



Hannah is a born and raised Calgarian who is an active member in the community. She previously served on the Hillel board for three years, and has been an educator with Temple B'nai Tikvah since 2008. We are excited to see what Hannah has in store for our 18 to 40 year olds!

PJ Library JOIN OUR TEAM!

Calgary Jewish Federation is looking for a dynamic and motivated **PJ Library® and Family Engagement Coordinator** to connect with the young families in our community.

Help engage Jewish Calgary's future generations while embracing the opportunity to make a significant impact in our Calgary community, and beyond. Find the full job description on our website at jewishcalgary.org/employment-opportunities.

Submit a cover letter and current resumé by February 4 to Danielle Braitman: dbraitman@jewishcalgary.org.

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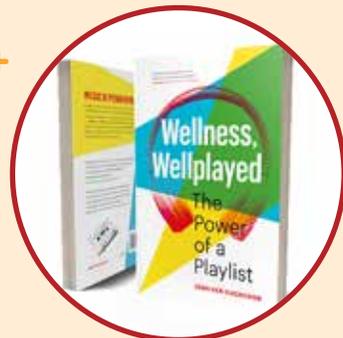
Celebrating JDAIM 2022 with Music, Wellness, and Inclusion with **JENNIFER BUCHANAN**



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 • 1:30PM

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UJA 2021

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UJA 2021



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Thanks to the generosity of our donors and dedication of our volunteers we are thrilled to announce that **our community raised over \$2.55 million for the 2021 United Jewish Appeal Campaign** – exceeding our goal of **\$2.5 million** – all in support of vital programs and services!

Despite 2021 being our second campaign in the midst of the pandemic, our community members continued to step up for one another. So much is made possible because of you, including: services for our most vulnerable, education, outreach and engagement, support for children and families, everyday community amenities, connections to Israel, and so much more.

TODAH RABAH

You are a gift to our community, not just during Campaign season, but every day of the year!