a message from adam

Dear,

As a means of Israel advocacy we often cite the parallels between O Canada/Israel. They are both in their infancy and in their style. That being said, for Flames crazy Calgarians, "Israel hockey" may seem like an oxymoron. However, it was Sunday well as Calgary hosted its annual "Calgary Commercial Hockey" (CCHS) is based in the Canada Centre in Metulla, Israel’s who wouldn’t otherwise meet, and uses hockey as a way The beauty of this program is that it brings together kids the players are Jewish, half Arab. What they have in common teams and see a Flames game, among other activities. Half "Israeli hockey" may seem like an oxymoron. However, it was up today, please contact Elliott Steinberg at

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Hockey Builds Bridges

For twenty hockey-dressed boys and girls from the Canada-Irael Hockey School, the recent visit to Calgary’s CJA is not about their favorite sport. The diverse group of Israeli kids, both Arab and Jewish, were on an educational visit with their peers in Calgary on several occasions. Of particular interest was a visit to The Calgary Academy School which partners with HaGomeh School in Israel. For the kids, "Friends Across the Sea," was a special part of the trip. One of the hockey players from HaGomeh School, is part of the Partnership 2Gether program, and brought a gift and greetings from his class. Other hockey school kids participate in a similar program with other Calgary schools. This is a great example of how Calgary’s Jewish Federation’s work at connecting Calgary and Israel.

PJ Preschool Seder

Tuesday March 31 • 1:00:30pm

Join us as we celebrate Passover with students in their annual Preschools B’’rei Tzion Seder.

For information, contact Kate Winter at

Call for Submissions

GefenBursary Program deadline is March 3, 2015

influencing media coverage and public opinion. With the help of CIJA (Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs) and Federation’s active Community Relations Committee, we aim to present a different perspective of Israel than one often seen in the media. The very positive and extensive media coverage of the CIHS visit exposed Calgarians to the multicultural and diverse nature of Israel.

Other community relations initiatives may include a press release after an incident locally or in Israel, rallies, lectures, dialogues, and cultural celebrations. The 101st lecture series has brought experts on Israel to speak about history, politics, law, ethics and technology. Dr. Amos Gitai, a respected legal scholar teaching at the University of Utah, will be speaking twice on March 29th. His first lecture is on “Legal Considerations in Counterterrorism,” the second on “The Middle East Peace Process: Where We Are Today.” I encourage you to partake in one or both of these lectures. See the latest eBm or this Pomegranate for more details.

One of our University of Calgary campus just experienced Israel Apartheid Week which this year, as in past years, was an event of little significance in presence, and low attendance. Keeping in line with our philosophy on Israel Advocacy, Federation’s response is to support Calgary Hallid with the tools it needs to counter negative messaging with a positive, balanced presentation of Israel.

Please participate in our community’s Israel-related lectures and cultural events. Learn more about Israel. Like or share a Facebook or Twitter posting that speaks honestly about Israel. Every time you take advantage of these opportunities, you become a better advocate. That kind of individual effort adds up to a thousand times the presence of Federation’s dedicated "The Power of a People, The Strength of Community."

Adam Silver, CEO, Calgary Jewish Federation

PJJOINS AKIVA FOR PURIM

On Purim, things should appear different than usual. That was certainly true on March 15 when hundreds of people disguised in costumes enthralled the annual atmosphere at Akiva Academy. Face painting a bouncy house, games and handmade masks to celebrate the Purim Purim. Federation’s PJ Library® and Akiva Academy threw a great party.

Lise Meitner

Her Discovery of Rission and Dramatic Escape from Nazi Germany

Wednesday April 15, 7:30 pm

Lise Meitner’s name was nearly forgotten until the recent publication of the book by Ruth Lewin Sime, Lise Meitner. A Life in Physics. In this talk, Dr. Coster will share the fascinating story of Lise Meitner’s accomplishments and her dramatic escape from Germany in 1938.