

Calgary Jewish Federation wants you!
We have lots of exciting information to share about upcoming programs and events. If you are not already receiving our publications, please send us your contact information and we will be sure to bring you up to date on happenings in Jewish Calgary. To sign up today, please contact Aviva Kolotinsky at 403-444-3157 or akolotinsky@jewishcalgary.org.

Pomegranate

NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



A MESSAGE FROM ADAM



Dear friends,
I was chatting with some colleagues, recently, about Pesach, community, and the many challenges and opportunities we have faced together, and anticipate for the future. As our conversation deepened, we drew an interesting and appropriate link between community building and the timeless story in the Haggadah which speaks of four children; the wise, contrary, simple, and the one who is unable to ask a question. I've heard many opinions as to the 'true' meaning of this section of the Seder, usually focused on the wholeness of Jewish life and the need for, and existence of multiple perspectives. No matter how engaged, how contrary, or how ill informed, there is a place for everyone at the Seder table and, by extension, in Jewish communal life.

Building a strong, pluralistic community is a labour of love, persistence, and dedication. Just as we discuss four children at the Seder, by extension we can look at various characters in community development:

The wise child represents the community member who is fully engaged. He or she knows the services, programs, agencies, and opportunities that exist, and engages in all areas of the community that meet his or her needs. The wise child might volunteer, generously support a variety of agencies, and work in partnership to identify and address not only areas of strength, but those of weakness. This child stands by the community, and embraces a pluralistic view, one that provides for multiple opinions, and a comprehensive continuum of engagement. He or she is the lifeblood of a successful, thriving community, and Jewish Calgary is blessed to have many of them.

The contrary child of the community finds fault in much of what exists, and espouses a singular view. Only his or her approach matters, and those of others are deemed incorrect or inappropriate. To him or her the existing infrastructure will never be suitable; there will always be a better way of doing things. Often, they will have many suggestions but will not demonstrate an interest in actively engaging to make a difference. This child of the community has amazing energy and passion, and the challenge is to harness those attributes for positive impact.

The simple child stands for those who know the basics of community; perhaps they are familiar with a singular agency or program, and possess a simplified view of what community means. He or she cannot differentiate between who provides which services, or even for whom each service is appropriate. There is an attraction to a certain simplicity, but community members who represent the simple child are shortchanging the community and themselves by not wholly engaging or fully contributing. Bringing excitement and focus to the mix, we must work to broaden their levels of engagement, and continue to communicate with them effectively.

As for the **child who does not even know how to ask a question**, this child represents the segment of our community on the periphery, those with limited knowledge or limited interest about organized Jewish communal life. We have not engaged them, have not educated them about opportunities to join Jewish Calgary, or we are not meeting their needs and those of their families. Perhaps they are seeking us out but don't feel included, or perhaps they would like to find us but do not know where to look. Perhaps they do not see value in what is

currently available for them. Any which way, they are falling through the cracks and we are letting them down.

Just as we desire to be surrounded by our children and grandchildren at the Pesach Seder each year, no matter which fictional child they represent, as a Jewish community we must strive to engage all. We must leverage the good will, understanding, and commitment of the wise; embrace the energy and passion of the contrary while working to find common ground; cultivate the good nature and participation of the simple child; and reach out to and engage the unaffiliated, uninformed, and/or disinterested — those who are unable to ask the necessary questions, or find answers they don't even know they should be looking to find.

No matter which child currently represents your view of community and your level of engagement, there is room at Jewish Calgary's table for you. There is much good already in place, and we are working diligently to build future initiatives and services to address the necessary infrastructure for a strong, pluralistic, and warm community. Please accept our invitation to be part of something special, and make this Pesach your time of renewed involvement.

On behalf of the entire Calgary Jewish Federation staff and volunteer leadership team, we wish you and yours a Chag Pesach Kasher v'Sameach,

Adam Silver
CEO, Calgary Jewish Federation

Lise Meitner

HER DISCOVERY OF FISSION AND DRAMATIC ESCAPE FROM NAZI GERMANY
WEDNESDAY APRIL 8 | 7:00PM | CALGARY JCC



Dr. Anthea Coster, principal research scientist in the Atmospheric Science group at MIT Haystack Observatory will tell the dramatic story of Lise Meitner, who was a pioneer in nuclear physics and a co-discoverer of nuclear fission. Albert Einstein once called her "the most significant woman scientist of the 20th century". Yet by the 1970s, 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.

For information, contact Judy Shapiro at 403.444.3153 or jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org

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And all the families who billeted the Israelis and made them feel so much at home!

ATTENTION ISRAELI PASSPORT HOLDERS

The Israeli Consulate in Toronto is considering sending a consular representative to Calgary in May 2015 (final date TBD) to provide certain services listed below, where the applicant must appear in person. Such a visit will be held only if there is sufficient demand.

The visiting consular representative can only assist with the following services (which cannot be completed through the mail with the help of a notary public):

- Application for issuance of a first passport – for a person who has never held an Israeli passport;
- Application to renew/extend a minor's passport (the minor's presence is required);
- Application for issuance of a travel document in lieu of a lost/stolen/damaged travel document;
- Notification of birth (the minor's presence is not necessary if a passport is not requested);
- Notification of change in marital status;
- Application for a name change;
- Application to revoke Israeli citizenship.

If you are interested in one or more of the services mentioned above and in order to allow us to determine whether such a visit will be held, please contact **Judy Shapiro** at jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org or 403-444-3153 as soon as possible. Please provide her with the reason you would like an appointment, your Israeli ID # and Passport number.

Calgary Jewish Federation welcomes and supports children and adults with special needs. If you or a loved one needs special accommodations to participate in any of our events, please contact Judy Shapiro at 403-444-3153 or jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org.

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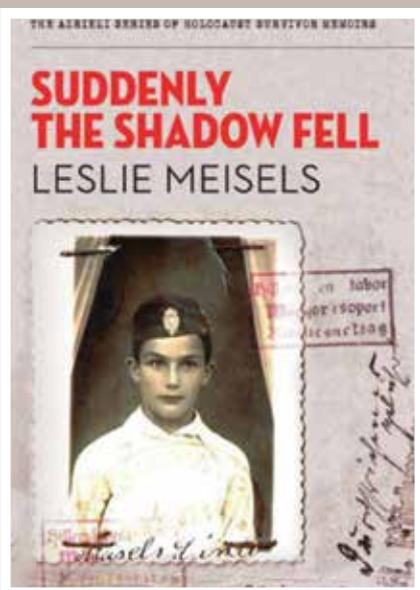
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YOM HASHOAH

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2015 26 NISAN 5775

PLEASE NOTE
NEW DATE



6:30pm – Observance begins at Holocaust Memorial Wall, Calgary JCC

7:30pm – Observance continues at Beth Tzedec Congregation with guest speaker: Leslie Meisels, author of *Suddenly the Shadow Fell*

The program is free – made possible by your contributions to Calgary UJA.

For more information, please contact Ilana at 403-444-3162 or ikrygierlapides@jewishcalgary.org



Book Drive and Story Time

Federation's PJ Library® will be collecting children's books on Sunday April 19 from 10:30am to noon. Please bring a book or two (or more!) to the Calgary JCC to donate to children in need. Stay for stories, crafts and snacks. It's a great way to teach your child about tzedakah, and have some fun at the same time!

Contact Kathie Wainer at 403-537-8592 or kwainer@jewishcalgary.org if you'd like to volunteer.





The Mitten String




All eyes and ears were on Morah Amy Goldberg as she read from the PJ Library® book "The Mitten String" to a captivated audience on March 15th. In keeping with the story of a deaf mother, Prina Rubensohn from Alberta Children's Hospital Hearing Clinic taught the children and their parents some basic sign language. The children also learned to finger knit with yarn – another tie-in to the story. Crafts and snacks rounded out the event. "The Mitten String" is a wonderful book that teaches the values of inclusion and courage, and that 'doing the right thing' is appropriate for any age.

Books like this are available for qualified children free of charge through Federation's PJ Library program.

For more information please contact Kathie Wainer at 403-537-8592 or kwainer@jewishcalgary.org




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