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A MESSAGE FROM JORDAN BALABAN AND JARED SHORE



In a world that has handed us so many unexpected turns over the past two years, there are still some things that we can count on. As the saying goes, "There are two certainties in life: death and taxes." And while that saying remains true, as a Calgary Jewish Community we are fortunate to add another certainty to our list, the annual UJA Campaign. While that is said somewhat in jest, we are fortunate that year after year we reap the benefits of the amazing and generous community that our Jewish Calgary matriarchs and patriarchs built for us over the last several generations.

Some things about the UJA Campaign and the work that Federation does have remained the same for many years. It is the annual campaign that supports inclusion of all members of our community, working to eliminate barriers to participate in a Jewish life at school, and camp, whether that be through our Integrated Bursary Program for families in need, or our own Keshet Inclusion programs. Our other programs continue to foster and nurture a Jewish identity throughout the life cycle, from Shalom Baby to PJ Library*, from Hillel to seniors programming at the JCC.

We continue to advocate for Jewish Calgary with government, law enforcement, and post-secondary institutions, both as a local community and as part of a national and international body, with The Centre for

Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) and Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), respectively. Through the work of our Holocaust and Human Rights Committee and our Community Relations Committee, we remain a valued and respected voice in our broader Calgary community, as friends, allies, educators, and advocates.

And while much of what our campaign is about remains constant, it has become a challenge of all Jewish organizations to meet the changing needs of our communities. At Federation we strive to understand our donors and demonstrate appreciation for all they have contributed to the community, both in time and dollars. The volunteer time and hard-earned dollars that are dedicated to our community, are valued by our staff and board, and the entire Calgary Jewish community reaps the benefits of your contribution.

This year we have shifted gears from having campaign chairs, to a campaign that reflects where so much of our campaign goes – our partner organizations. Our schools, our camps, the JCC, Jewish Family Service Calgary, Kollel; they reflect the diversity of our community, develop the youth of our community, honour and reflect the history of our community, and represent the future of our community. Additionally, it has been the cooperation and coordination of Jewish Calgary and our partner organizations that has helped steer the community

through the rough waters of the past 20 months. This strength needs to be celebrated, but also not taken for granted. We remain in challenging times.

For years, our partner organizations have been there to educate our children, tend to our vulnerable, guide us through ritual, act as our community living room, and foster our spiritual growth. Through COVID, our agencies worked to survive incredible challenges, both financially and programmatically. Jewish Calgary, this is our opportunity to give back to the agencies, as they have given so much to us.

When you receive your canvassing email or call, we encourage you to ask about where your money goes. Feel good about your contribution rather than seeing it strictly as an obligation. We assure you that as you learn more about what Calgary Jewish Federation and our partner agencies do, your contribution to this year's UJA Campaign will be one that feels fulfilling in all ways.

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

Rosh Chodesh Shabbat Concierge

Start the month off right with family and friends!

REGISTER at jewishcalgary.org and receive a **Shabbat box** complete with candles, kippot, wine, challah, and a Shabbat guide.

Show off your Shabbat – snap a photo of your Shabbat supper, email it to jac@jewishcalgary.org and be entered to win a prize.

Dates available
November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5

Order from a pre-set Karen's Café menu by **Tuesday midnight**, the week before the dates available.

For info email **Danielle** at dbraitman@jewishcalgary.org.

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LET'S COOK TOGETHER

Sunday, October 17 | 2PM MST
with Chef Jordan Wagman

Join us for the first of two online workshops based on the wildly popular book: **How To Be A Mensch** by Catherine Newman. Get some hugely useful and super-important life skills!

Zoom link and additional info will be provided with registration confirmation.

This program is for ages 9 to 12 • Registration is required: jewishcalgary.org
For info: **Kathie Wainer** at kwainer@jewishcalgary.org • 403-537-8592

Women on the Front Lines: Inside the Combat Units of the IDF

Sunday, November 14 | 11:30AM on Zoom with **Debbie Zimelman**

With an impressive career spanning over 25-years, portrait photographer Debbie Zimelman is well-known for her work documenting the lives of Israeli women. She recently published her first book: *Women on the Front Lines* – the only one exploring the lives of women serving in the Israeli army's combat units. This event will include an exploration of the role female combat soldiers play in the Israeli army, a gallery tour of Debbie's photographic portraits, and a presentation from an IDF soldier who recently completed her service.

Register at jewishcalgary.org or contact Diana Kalef at dkalef@jewishcalgary.org for information.

GIVE GENEROUSLY

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WE ARE A COMMUNITY

UJA 2021



Through your UJA gift, our community can meet the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of our members - especially our most vulnerable.

Your UJA gift ensures that the lived experiences of our Survivors and the lessons learned in the Shoah will never be forgotten.



TOGETHER WE ARE COMPASSIONATE

Your gift provides direct funding to **JFSC**, an organization which meets critical needs such as food security, housing, mental health, support for newcomers, seniors' programs, and so much more! Your gift also supports other Jewish Calgary programs including the **Paperny Family JCC's** Golden Age programs, **Shalom Baby**, **ShalomYYC**, outreach to **Holocaust Survivors**, and the **Integrated Bursary Program**.

Your UJA gift is vital as we continue to support vulnerable community members.

TOGETHER WE ARE ORATORS OF OUR PAST, AND DRIVERS OF OUR FUTURE

Federation's **Holocaust and Human Rights - Remembrance and Education** department has flourished over the past year. From working with local government and organizations to bring Holocaust education to thousands around Alberta, to providing community commemorations such as *Kristallnacht* and *Yom HaShoah*, your support has made an immeasurable difference. Let's continue to be a force of change in this world, creating a more accepting, inclusive, and tolerant society for future generations.

Your UJA gift is vital as we continue to promote acceptance and social justice.

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