A MESSAGE FROM ADAM

We are currently immersed in Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, one of the crown jewels of the Jewish year. There are many ways that we as Jews derive meaning from this wonderful family holiday. The most basic lesson we are taught at a young age is about believing in miracles. The oil for the Temple lights was supposed to last one day, but lasted eight. We are taught that a dedicated army of a few people, with no hope of victory, defeated a strong army of exponentially greater capabilities and size. We are taught to marvel in the lights, display them in our windows to the outside world to demonstrate our pride, and to animate them in our hearts. We are taught that a dedicated army of a few people, supposed to last one day, but lasted eight. We are taught to marvel in the lights, display them in our windows to the outside world to demonstrate our pride, and to animate the concept of our community being Or L’Goyim, a light unto the nations, an example for others. We remember the sacrifice required to maintain Jewishness and to build a Jewi

These days, the word LEGACY is commonplace in many of our Jewish communal discussions. In particular, we are moving full steam ahead with LIFE & LEGACY— an estate giving program being offered by three lead partners – Calgary Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary, and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. This program’s success depends on many of our Jewish community’s local agencies and synagogues coming together to ensure that Jewish Calgary has a bright Jewish tomorrow. We are very excited to be working as a broad coalition focused on ensuring our local community continues to be able to afford all that makes a Jewish community strong – Jewish education, ritual services, denominational synagogue choices, cultural programs, mikvah, kosher, social services, respectful and halachic burial, and more. If you would like to learn more about this program, and/or if you have included some of our community’s organizations in your estate plans and would like us to know, please contact Diana Kafel at dkafel@jewishcalgary.org or 403-444-3154. Another community legacy receiving significant attention is our Calgary Jewish Centre (Calgary JCC) and the campus lands surrounding the core building. Hopefully, you have already read elsewhere in this edition of the JFP about the Paperny Family’s very generous recent donation of $2.5 million to support renovations and upkeep of the JCC, ensuring that we will continue to have a central community living room for decades to come. We are so grateful to Maurice and Myra and the entire family for not only being founders of the JCC as well as active leaders and thoughtful philanthropists in our community, but for continuing to build a vibrant Jewish Calgary of which we can all be proud. We have dreams for a campus that will include a reinvigorated JCC, an expanded daycare building, a care facility and residence for seniors, and much more. To get there, we hope you will be part of our collective success. Only when we form community together can we be sure that Everyone Counts!

NOVEMBER WAS ART MONTH

On November 4, over 40 would-be artists learned about the art and childhood of Marc Chagall from the PJ Library® book A Picture for Marc, by Eric Kimmel. Inspired by Chagall’s The Fiddler, which helped lead to the iconic musical Fiddler on the Roof, children and their parents had fun creating their own masterpieces. This program was so popular that we had to turn away families. We plan to repeat it in the spring.

More than 30 families got together on November 18 for our PJ Library for Russian Speaking Families program to create their own masterpieces based on the PJ book The Night World, by Mordicai Gerstein. Dark canvases helped us create the night world which is awake and alert with curiosity and gratitude – and so are we. PJ Library for Russian Speaking Families in Calgary is funded by the Genesis Philanthropy Group.

Chanukah Fun

PJ @ JCC Chanukah Family Dance Party
Sunday December 9
2:00 – 4:00pm | Calgary JCC
Join us for this free and fun family event

For info contact Kathie at kwainer@jewishcalgary.org or 403-537-8592

Celebrate Chanukah with PJ Library

Paint Like Chagall

Special Chanukah Program
With artist and facilitator Sandy Blass
Sunday December 2 • 1-3pm • Calgary JCC
RSVP by November 27 to karinas@jewishcalgary.org

Chag Urim Sameach
Wishing you and yours a joyful Chanukah as we spin off the holiday with an exhilarating spin class!

Spin with JAC

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16
5:30 pm • CALGARY JCC
Join JAC as we spin off the holiday oil with an exhilarating spin class!
Registration is $5 at jewishcalgary.org

Contact Danielle Braitman • DBRAITMAN@JEWISHCALGARY.ORG • 403.444.3146

Drinks After Work

Thursday Dec 6 • Trolley’s 8:30 pm
FOR JEWISH ADULTS UP TO 40
jac@jewishcalgary.org • 403-444-3146

Celebrate the Festivos
For the rest of us
Hillel’s Annual Jewdu
Monday December 24
8 pm • Broken City Social House • 13 11 Ave SW • $10
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