

community calendar

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A MESSAGE FROM ADAM

We are currently immersed in Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, one of my favourite times 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 suppose 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 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 our Jewishness and to build a Jewish life in challenging times, and we also dream of the opportunities in front of us to grow our affiliation with, and connection to, our amazing community. All of this is rooted in the past, with a bold eye to the future.

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 offer all that makes a Jewish community strong – Jewish education, ritual services, denominational synagogue choices, cultural programs, mikvah, kashrut, 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 Jewish organizations in your estate plans and would like us to know, please contact Diana Kalef at

dkalef@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 though, our community must build it – TOGETHER. I would like to invite community members to be part of the excitement; please be in touch with me at

asilver@jewishcalgary.org or 403-444-3151 if you would like to learn more.

And, finally, our UJA Campaign 2018 is the operational lifeblood of many programs in our community and needs your generous and ongoing support. A good number of donors have contributed and have asked their families and peers to do the same. I am hopeful that everyone who finds meaning in our community will count themselves in. You will note that we have several very exciting things happening in the coming years, and we hope you will be part of our collective success. Only when we form community together can we be sure that **Everyone Counts!**

Wishing you and yours a **Chag Urim Sameach!**

Adam Silver
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Chief Executive Officer
Calgary Jewish Federation



KESHER JEWISH ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

PAINT LIKE CHAGALL

SPECIAL CHANUKAH PROGRAM
WITH ARTIST AND FACILITATOR SANDY BLASS
SUNDAY DECEMBER 2 • 1-3PM • CALGARY JCC
\$10 PER PERSON

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 27 TO KARINAS@JEWISHCALGARY.ORG

CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION
SECOND BIENNIAL
HOLOCAUST EDUCATION
TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

TOPICAL RELEVANCE AND
ENGAGEMENT IN THE CLASSROOM

FRIDAY DECEMBER 14
9:30AM - 4:00PM | CALGARY JCC
TEACHERS: \$25 | STUDENT TEACHERS: \$10

FOR INFO CALL ILANA AT 403-444-3162 OR
REGISTER ONLINE AT JEWISHCALGARY.ORG

NOVEMBER WAS ART MONTH WITH **PJ Library**
JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES & SONGS FOR FAMILIES

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.

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MONDAY DECEMBER 24
8PM • BROKEN CITY SOCIAL HOUSE • 13 11 AVE SW • \$10

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Chanukah Fun WITH **PJ Library**
JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES & SONGS FOR FAMILIES

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

Drinks
- AFTER -
Work

THURSDAY DEC 06 | TROLLEY 5 5:30PM

FOR JEWISH ADULTS UP TO 40
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Spin WITH **JAC FIT**
POWERED BY FEDERATION

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16
11AM • CALGARY JCC

Join JAC as we spin off the holiday oil with an **exhilarating spin class!**

Registration is \$5 at jewishcalgary.org
Email for info at jac@jewishcalgary.org

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The **strength** of a people.
The **power** of community.

UJA
United Jewish Appeal

81
FAMILIES
(140 CHILDREN)
NEEDING ASSISTANCE
TO ATTEND JEWISH
SCHOOLS AND CAMPS

3 MILLION
CAMPAIGN GOAL ENSURING A
VIBRANT JEWISH COMMUNITY

225
JEWISH PEOPLE
RECEIVING MUCH-NEEDED SUPPORT

MAKE YOUR DONATION TODAY

BECAUSE YOUR GIFT TO UJA HELPS CREATE A COMPELLING AND CARING COMMUNITY FOR TODAY AND BUILD FOR A STRONGER ONE TOMORROW.

YOU HELP BRING US TOGETHER AND ENSURE THAT, NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, **EVERYONE COUNTS** IN JEWISH CALGARY.

THINK ABOUT HOW YOU WILL COUNT YOURSELF IN

500
CHILDREN
ENJOY JEWISH BOOKS FROM
PJ LIBRARY® AT HOME, OR
PARTICIPATE IN A SHABBAT
OR HOLIDAY PROGRAM

17
JEWISH DAY
SCHOOL
STUDENTS
TURN THEIR STUDIES OF ISRAEL
INTO REALITY THROUGH A
GRADE 9 TRIP TO VISIT THEIR
GESHER CHAI PENPALS

150
YOUNG
JEWISH
ADULTS
VOLUNTEER, MAKE CONNECTIONS,
AND BUILD JEWISH LIVES, BECAUSE
YOU SUPPORT OUR NEXT GENERATION

WAYS TO DONATE

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Our campaign goal is \$3,000,000. Approximately 12% of funds raised are for operational expenses.