**Employment Opportunities**

**Director of Community Relations and Communications**

The mission of Calgary Jewish Federation (CJF) is to act as the representative body of the Calgary Jewish community in building and sustaining a strong, secure and connected community rooted in Jewish values. Reporting to the CEO of Calgary Jewish Federation (CJF), the Director of Community Relations and Communications is responsible for:

- Working in coordination with the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs and internal CJF committees to promote issues of concern to the Jewish community.
- Developing and implementing communications strategy to promote all CJF programs and services through the use of appropriate communications tools and channels, including print and social media.
- Creating, writing, editing and coordinating newsletters, brochures, news articles, articles, news releases, social media content, video scripts or story boards, web content and activities.

A competitive salary and benefits package will be offered.

Please email detailed cover letter and resume in confidence to: Paula Epelnick at pegelnick@jewishcalgary.org before May 31.

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**A Message from Adam**

Salom friends,

I’ve been thinking a lot about this, lately in our daily lives, many of us say “thank you” as an automatic response to simple things without giving it a second thought and sometimes we say it with true conviction and authenticity. Science now tells us that acknowledging our blessings improves our physical and mental health, lowers stress, and overall makes us feel better. I would argue that it also goes a long way in improving our community’s health and well-being too.

Being thankful is at the very heart of who the Jewish people are and what we believe. The name of Judah comes from the word “vahad,” to give thanks. Through daily prayers and observances, we give thanks for blessings from the large and eternal to the small and seemingly mundane. The Hebrew words for gratitude, Hallelu and Hador, literally mean to recognize the good.

At this time of the year, we don’t have to look hard to find things to be grateful for in Jewish Calgary. IBP is our innovative and unique Integrated Burnout Program. This is the time of year when our volunteer leaders work diligently to support families through IBP and provide Jewish educational and engagement experiences for children. We can all be thankful that we live in a community that treats people with dignity and respect, where we share the belief that each child deserves equal access to Jewish experiences, regardless of a families’ financial situation.

IBP creates a chain of thanks. It begins with the UJA donors who show their gratitude for their own good fortune by contributing to the betterment of community and to the welfare of people they don’t even know. Then there those who run the IBP process – from the counselors who meet individually with each applying family, to the staff who collect the information and ensure it is accurate, to the adjudication committee that considers each and every case’s objective and subjective factors, one thing is clearly evident: all are grateful for being part of such a meaningful process.

Rooted in the values of dignity, anonymity, transparency, respect, and equity, IBP considers the whole scenario of a family’s situation, and not simply a set of documents. The process is personal and includes face-to-face meetings, not just number crunching. And, perhaps most importantly, the system could not function without its three-legged partnership between our UJA and IBP designated donors, several of our community’s organizations and schools/Alma Academy, BRYO, CJA, Camp BB Riback, and JCC, and our IBP supported families, who also show their gratitude for the services offered by financially contributing to the utmost level they are able. I am grateful for our community’s foresight and commitment in establishing such a respectful process to make sure we can all participate in Jewish life.

In Jewish Calgary, everyone counts.

May we continue to work together to share and engage, to appreciate and enjoy our diverse and active community and be thankful that we live in a truly special place.

B’shalom,

Adam Silver, CEO, Calgary Jewish Federation