

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 Elliott Steinberg at 403-252-5801 or esteinberg@jewishcalgary.org.

Pomegranate

NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



A MESSAGE FROM BRUCE AND ADAM

Shalom friends. This past year consisted of two parallel narratives: one that is all too familiar for many Albertans as a time of concern, fear and financial struggle; the other — one of passion, pride and achievement in our Jewish Community.

The continuing economic downturn has cost many in our Jewish Community their jobs, causing stress in many households and putting an extra strain on the financial and volunteer resources of our Community. We saw an increase in those who require help to provide their families with meaningful Jewish living through our Community's Integrated Bursary Program. Jewish Family Service Calgary experienced greater demand for its food bank and immediate needs and counselling services. Our United Jewish Appeal yielded a slightly lower result.

However, we also achieved much despite difficult times. This year saw our Community receive approval from the City on our amended land use application, setting the stage for us to advance our Campus planning. We held our first Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month in February, during which almost all of our Community's agencies and congregations joined in raising awareness about and welcoming those with special needs. Our PJ Library® continued to grow, both in its subscription reach and in its programming, providing meaningful Jewish experiences for families of all Jewish backgrounds. And throughout a gruelling financial year, we, as a Community, gave generously to support the UJA campaign, other designated needs and events and programs. Many were compassionate

and stretched themselves to ensure a strong Jewish Calgary, despite uncertainty in their own lives.

This year is shaping up to be similar in terms of challenges and potential. The economy is still uncertain, with no definitive turnaround in sight. At the same time, our Community has growing needs and emerging opportunities. Many will still require assistance through bursaries, and many will lean on our agencies and congregations for support in various ways to get them through tough times. Many of us will also join in building Jewish pride on our university campuses through Hillel; we will develop as future leaders through our young leadership initiative (JAC); we will commemorate the Holocaust, Yom Hazikaron, and other incredibly important and moving times of the year; and we will celebrate together during times of great joy. We will continue to build bridges with other communities, challenge and refute those who want to harm us and watch out for one another. We will continue to focus on security in and for our Community and our institutions, on ensuring that our children and youth are proud Jews who can openly express that pride in ways that resonate with them. And, of course, we will continue to work toward bringing our Community together and we will focus on ensuring that we, as a Jewish Community, are there for those who need us the most.

All of this is only possible through our Community's compassion and generosity. This year, our Community needs you more than ever. Please consider making a meaningful contribution to the

UJA Campaign because your gift will have significant impact. It will ensure that our agencies can continue to provide critical services and important programs for our Community, so our vulnerable can be supported, and we can continue to express our Judaism proudly and inclusively.

Tzedakah, translated as "justice" but typically referring to philanthropic support, is a key tenant of our faith. We are commanded to support one another and to lift each other up in difficult times. Jewish Calgary has been a national leader in its level of engagement and its services and programs; we are certain you will all help us reach even higher. We are grateful to Larry Katz and Yannai Segal, UJA 2016 Campaign Co-Chairs, as well as their cadre of volunteers for leading the charge, and to our Federation Campaign and Program Staff for their dedication.

We are certain 2016-17 will be a special year. Why? Because...we all care. Because...we all want a vibrant Jewish Calgary. Because...together we are stronger!

B'Shalom,

Bruce *Adam*
Bruce Libin, President Adam Silver, CEO



Jewish Journeys

START AT FEDERATION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
NOVEMBER 13-15, 2016
WASHINGTON, D.C.
WWW.GENERALASSEMBLY.ORG

Jewish journeys start at Federation. And at the 2016 GA we are going to take you on a journey. We'll explore how Federation helps shape purposeful Jewish lives. And how our movement has forged a course that continues to touch millions of Jewish lives on every continent. Each journey is personal. Chart your course. Pick your path. **Explore your journey at the 2016 General Assembly**

Contact Adam Silver at 403.444.3151 or asilver@jewishcalgary.org for more information

Engine 23

PJ Library® Kids could barely contain their excitement on a recent outing to the Calgary Public Library's new interactive installation, 'Engine 23'. Kitted out in firefighter jackets & helmets, the kids met real Fighter Mitch, who taught them about fire safety in the home.



Shalom Baby Play Group: For the Under Twos
Thursday Mornings
10:30am - Noon | Calgary JCC

Join our informal Shalom Baby Group. Everyone is welcome to join us to share the joys and oys of motherhood.

Shalom Baby 2016/17 Group Dates

September 15	March 2
November 3	March 16
November 17	March 30
December 1	April 20
December 15	May 4
January 19	May 18
February 2	June 15
February 16	

Tot Shabbat 2016/17 Dates

September 9	February 24
September 23	March 10
October 7	March 24
October 21	April 7
November 11	April 28
November 25	May 12
December 9	May 26
January 11	June 9
January 27	June 23
February 10	

Sign up now at Israelforfree.com

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WINTER 2016/2017

Open to 18-26 year old applicants

Local Calgary Contact | **Jordan Waldman**
403.444.3146 | jwaldman@jewishcalgary.com

Hanna's Suitcase

Sunday, April 30 at 2:00 pm

Join Calgary Jewish Federation and Storybook Theatre for a special presentation of Hana's Suitcase, an inventive, multi-media staging of the true story of a search from Tokyo to Prague to Toronto to uncover the story of Hana Brady and her fate in the Holocaust. Discover a tale of family love and tragedy; a shameful chapter in history, and find a key to tolerance and hope for the future.

Recommended for ages 10+. This performance will be followed by a Q & A session about the play. **\$25 for adults** and **\$18 for children** - Tickets are limited.

For information or to purchase tickets, please contact **Ilana** at **403-444-3162** or email ikrygierlapides@jewishcalgary.org

ROOM AT YOUR TABLE?

Shalom Calgary's Bruchim Habayim Program

Rosh Hashana is coming soon. Do you need a place to go for a holiday dinner? Do you have a place at your table for a guest?

if you answered 'yes' to either of these questions, please contact: Karina Szulc, Shalom Calgary coordinator by September 19th.
403-389-6994 | karinas@jewishcalgary.org

Please consider making another place at your table to make a welcoming start for new Jewish Calgarians.

SHALOM CALGARY Shavuash Tov NEW COMERS Meet & Greet

SEPT. 11 11AM TO 1PM CALGARY JCC FIELD

JOIN US! GAMES, FUN, CONNECTIONS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND MORE! BRING A ROSHER-STYLE PICNIC!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KARINA SZULC AT 403-389-6994 OR KARINAS@JEWISHCALGARY.ORG

If you see something, say something.

Our greatest security is our own eyes and ears. If you see something suspicious, **report immediately to police**. Also report to leadership of the institution involved and contact Judy Shapiro at jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org or 403-444-3153.

Join us for the third of our **Family Holiday Programs** generously sponsored by Sam and Ida Switzer

PJ Library® CHAG SAMEACH Rosh Hashanah

September 18
10-11am for under threes
10:30 to noon 3+ Calgary JCC

Parents with children in both age groups can choose when to attend.

Educator Amy Goldberg and musician Karina Szulc will help answer some of our questions:

1. Why do Jews have their own New Year?
2. Why do we eat sweet things like honey?
3. Why do we blow the Shofar?

There is no charge but registration is required. Contact Kathie Wainer at kwainer@jewishcalgary.org or 403.537.8592. Limited space - register soon to avoid disappointment.

There is no need to register, for more information please contact Kathie Wainer. Email: kwainer@jewishcalgary.org or phone 403-537-8592

KESHER KLUB

September 11
September 25 | UJA
October 9
October 23

For more information contact Karina Szulc at 403-389-6994 or karinas@jewishcalgary.org. Go to Ongoing Programs on jewishcalgary.org for more details.

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 Karina Szulc at 403-389-6994 or karinas@jewishcalgary.org.

All programs on these pages are funded in part by your donation to United Jewish Appeal.



**A Message from
UJA 2016 Campaign Co-chairs
Larry Katz and Yannai Segal**

Shalom friends,

Welcome to UJA 2016! Our "One Hundred Days of Impact" campaign was launched on September 1 and over the next 100 days (and a few more) we will share with you information about the significant impact your donation has on the lives of Jewish people around the world. By now, you should have received a brochure in your homes highlighting the great variety of programs and services offered by our partner agencies which are made possible by your gift to Federation's UJA campaign. This includes everything from seniors programming and Holocaust education, to community kashrut and Shalom Bayit family counselling. UJA funds also provide support for Jewish education, inclusion and special needs, and many other critical services for our community. The Integrated Bursary Program is a unique program that makes a meaningful Jewish life in our community affordable to anyone, through a dignified, anonymous, and effective centralized application process.

The campaign's success is our community's success. Campaign goals of 2000 donors and \$3,000,000 are within our reach, with your help. You are part of a wonderful, caring and positive community, but a community with many needs to be met and with much work to be done. Please be part of the solution, volunteer for the campaign, attend our events, and be counted as a member of Calgary's Jewish community through your donation. Our community needs you.

Because... Together we are stronger.



100 DAYS OF IMPACT

UJA Cell-a-thons

**You can make an impact...
Volunteer for a Cell-a-thon!**

Cell-a-Thons: Sept.7, 12, 14, 20, 22, 28, Oct.6, 27

JAC Cell-a-Thons: Sept.18, 29, Oct.26

All at 6:30pm. A light dinner will be served.

Call Jessica at 403-444-3157
to choose one or more dates.

**The impact
of your gift**

Diana is a shy seventeen year old from Kiryat Shemona who never really integrated into Israeli life after immigrating as a child from the FSU.

Her parents work long hours and they also struggle to navigate an unfamiliar social system. A poor student, Diana performed badly on the IDF's psychometric exams, exempting her from placement in Israel's defense forces. Diana's self-esteem plummeted, because for Israelis, exclusion from service can have a negative social and economic impact later in life.



Diana is one of many children helped by Hafuch al Hafuch, a project funded by Calgary Jewish Federation's Partnership 2Gether program. The Hafuch centre reaches out to teens like Diana who find themselves on the margins of Israeli society. With guidance, counselling and friendship, the staff there helped Diana find her voice, gain confidence, and build new relationships. Knowing her true potential, they tutored her and arranged a re-evaluation with the IDF. Ultimately Diana was accepted into a special IDF program for marginalized citizens.

Calgary Jewish Federation's partners in Israel and around the world provide services that ensure that Jewish people everywhere are supported.



Annual Campaign

100 DAYS OF IMPACT

**Save
the Date!**

Sept. 19 | Major Contributors' Dinner
with Gil Troy and Israeli
Ambassador Rafael Barak

Sept. 25 | Amazing Race Hashana
FREE Family event

Sept. 26 | Lion of Judah Evening
with Julia Berger Reitman

Nov. 5 | JAC Campaign Gala

Calgary Jewish Federation is planning to raise an estimated \$3,000,000 this year through the annual United Jewish Appeal Campaign. Estimated campaign costs are 12 percent of funds raised. UJA charitable gifts will be allocated to programs described in Federation publications including our Annual Report, Pomegranate, E-Pom and www.jewishcalgary.org. For more information, contact Diana Kalif at 403-444-3154. Our address is Jerusalem Road, 1607 - 90 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2V 4V7. We are incorporated in the Province of Alberta.



**CALGARY
JEWISH FEDERATION**

**THE AMAZING
RACE
HASHANA
UJA CAMPAIGN LAUNCH
FREE FAMILY EVENT 09-25-16**

**11:00am
Sunday Sept. 25
Calgary JCC**

Everyone is welcome to take on the challenge of UJA's Amazing Race Hashana! Get your passport, and earn your stamps at the Mitzvah Stations. Prizes and snacks too!

For more information contact
Jessica Miller Switzer at
403-444-3157 or jswitzer@jewishcalgary.org

New donor? Make your gift by Sept. 18 to be entered in a draw to win a night for 2 with breakfast at *Hotel Arts*.

Already a donor? Increase your gift by Sept. 18 to be entered in a draw to win a *Fairmont Palliser* Gold gift certificate.

**DAY
18**

**UJA
Plus Giving**

When you increase your Federation UJA Campaign gift, you may designate 50% of the increase to one of our partner agencies or funded programs. Ask your canvasser or see the online donation form at: www.jewishcalgary.org/waystogive, and click on "give now".

**Live Generously
Donate Now**

Support your community by giving generously to the 2015 UJA campaign.

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**What's your
IMPACT?**

Email us to share how you help make Jewish Calgary better!

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Calgary Jewish Federation and UJA Partner Agencies

