

community calendar

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A MESSAGE FROM YANNAI

Although we are in for a few more months of Calgary winter, we can take inspiration from Tu B'Shevat and the promise of a sweet and fruitful outcome from our hard work and patience. Just as the rains now falling all over Israel will surely lead to a lush, green and flowering month of Nissan, we can be assured that today's contributions and efforts are cultivating our community's future potential. As we weather the storm of Calgary's economic downturn, the Federation, along with its agencies and partners, are working hard to bring much needed help and sunshine to those in need. Thank you to all of you who have already contributed to the annual UJA campaign and to the volunteers who have worked so hard to bring the harvest.

If you have not yet contributed, there is still a chance to help achieve a bumper crop that can meet the many needs of all those within our Jewish community.

LIFE & LEGACY™, a collaboration between Calgary Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary, is a new and exciting community initiative. This program, sponsored by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (of PJ Library® fame), will coach and guide our many community agencies and organizations to work together cooperatively to promote and develop after-lifetime giving through bequests and endowments. We are proud to be the first Canadian city to undertake the LIFE & LEGACY program, which has proven to be a major success in communities across America. Nature shows

us how the smallest seed, over time, can grow into a mighty forest, and this program will allow those who have been tending to our community's needs ensure that the roots they have nurtured continue to grow and bear fruit for generations to come.

In Calgary we are so blessed with strong tree trunks tended by the most generous gardeners. In recent months, we have been fortunate to see both the Paperny family gift to the JCC and the Halpern family gift to Akiva Academy. These generous endowments will sustain and strengthen two of our great community institutions. These gifts hold up our community and are a testament to the vision of these two visionary families.

I am reminded of the blessing our sages instructing us to say over the springtime

blossoms of fruit trees: *Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, Who has made nothing lacking in His world, and created in it goodly creatures and goodly trees to give mankind pleasure.* The reason we thank God for giving us pleasure, is that God could have chosen any way to create fruit for our sustenance, but the one he chose – a beautiful flower – provides us with maximum beauty and appreciation for His work.

B'Shalom,

Yannai Segal
President

Calgary Jewish Federation

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

SUNDAY JANUARY 27
5:00PM | CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

FREE LECTURE BY **DR. SCOTT MURRAY** OF MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY FOLLOWED BY A SCREENING OF **WHO WILL WRITE OUR HISTORY**

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION: ACHIEVING QUALITY

INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5 | 6:30 - 9:00PM | TEMPLE B'NAI TIKVAH
FOR INFORMATION: KARINAS@JEWISHCALGARY.ORG OR 403-389-6994

GUEST SPEAKER
DONNA BARRET

SHANGHAI EXHIBIT
A REFUGE DURING THE HOLOCAUST

OPEN FOR PUBLIC VIEWING • FREE OF CHARGE

FEBRUARY 11 - 24 • CALGARY CHINESE CULTURAL CENTRE
FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 15 • CALGARY JCC

Calgary Jewish Federation and the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre invite you to join us for a special cross-cultural program – a fascinating exhibit on loan from the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre, *Shanghai: A Refuge During the Holocaust*. It chronicles the little-known story of the thousands of Jews who sought and found refuge in wartime Shanghai. Based on the oral histories of Shanghai-landers, the exhibit tells their stories through the use of documents and photographs.



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CIJA

Grassroots Consultation

2019 Your Voice Counts!

Wednesday, January 30
7PM | Location TBA

This is a vital opportunity to ask us anything, tell us what's on your mind, and help shape our advocacy priorities for the year ahead. Be part of our work. Make your voice heard. Space is limited. Register at jewishcalgary.org and secure your spot at CIJA's Grassroots Consultation. For more information, contact Ilana at ikrygierlapides@jewishcalgary.org or 403-444-3162.

CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION CASINO
WEDNESDAY JUNE 12 • THURSDAY JUNE 13

Please consider volunteering for just one shift at our upcoming casino. Funds raised support programs such as our Holocaust Education Symposium, Yom HaShoah commemorations, and ensuring our community mikveh is available for use.

Contact Jessica at jswitzer@jewishcalgary.org or 403-444-3157 to lend your time to this important fundraising cause.



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IMAGINE IF YOU COULD PROVIDE A GIFT TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY THAT WOULD LAST FOREVER



LIFE & LEGACY™ is an endowment program designed to help you create permanent legacy gifts, demonstrating your belief in the continuity of Jewish life in Calgary for generations to come.

Calgary LIFE & LEGACY™ Partners



I found a fruitful world, because my ancestors planted it for me. Likewise, I am planting for future generations. – Talmud, Tannit 23a

To learn more about how to create your Jewish legacy, contact Diana Kalef at 403-444-3154 or dkalef@jewishcalgary.org.



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