

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 Aviva Kolotinsky at 403-444-3157 or akolotinsky@jewishcalgary.org.



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NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



A MESSAGE FROM ADAM

Inclusion is the word of the month. February is Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) and as a community, we are giving serious thought to the question of how we can be more welcoming and inclusive to people with disabilities.

Unfortunately, when we speak of inclusion, often we are really talking about “not excluding.” That is, many times we make accommodation to ensure the presence of people with disabilities at an outing or event, but we don’t take the extra step of ensuring that those with physical or developmental disabilities, or those with mental health challenges can be fully immersed in the exercise, whether it be social, functional, or educational. We often even go so far as to segregate within an inclusive environment, meaning that while those who are different are in the room, they are not interwoven into the group.

Calgary Jewish Federation has promoted awareness of inclusion of people with disabilities over the last several years, and as a community, we can commend ourselves for making strides in improving participatory access to events, venues, and initiatives. Still, we have a long way to go. This month, for Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month, many of our Jewish communal organizations and synagogues, will be offering special programming focused

on creating awareness of inclusion and its challenges and opportunities, as well as programming specifically inclusive activities. Please look for our featured community ad in this edition of JFP, and mark on your calendar several event dates in which to participate. Don’t miss our event with Alvin Law on February 7. Alvin is an amazing motivational speaker who demonstrates that being born without arms is no obstacle to fully engaging in life.

This month we are also mindful of another aspect of inclusion – and that is the inclusion of those facing financial challenges, loss of jobs, loss of pride, and loss of ability to support family. In these difficult economic times, many people in Jewish Calgary have lost jobs, had their job loads or salaries reduced, or wake up every day wondering how secure their jobs are. This, in addition to the scores of people who were without work even before the economy turned.

While this is likely to be a slow trudge through difficult times, we are incredibly proud of our community, our donors, and our organizations and schools for doing their very best to make sure Jewish Calgary remains strong, and that those who need scholarships, who benefit from counselling, who need to find a safe place to socialize, exercise, and gather can have access to those things.

Our community is weathering the storm as best it can,

but we need to do more. I would like to appeal to anyone or any organization that has work available, and that would like to assist someone in Jewish Calgary in providing for her / his family, to please share that job information with our amazing partners at Jewish Family Service Calgary (JFSC) – call Kyla Lipsman at 403-287-3510 or email info@jfsc.org.

Also, if you find yourself out of work, and would like to hear about opportunities shared by employers in the Jewish community, please call JFSC at the number above. They will do their best to connect people to appropriate opportunities, and to refer people to additional resources. While there are no guarantees, and while times are tough and there seems to be little end in sight, we are working with our partners and the community at large to try to make a difference in Jewish Calgary. **Because together we are stronger... Because together, we are not alone.**

B'Shalom,



Adam Silver, Chief Executive Officer
Calgary Jewish Federation and Calgary JCC

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One Happy Camper provides grants of up to \$1,000 to children attending Jewish overnight camp for the first time.*

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For information, contact Judy Shapiro at 403.444.3153 or jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org

*Some conditions apply




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New Tribute cards Now available



These beautiful images are now available as tribute cards that can be ordered online or through the Federation office. Every card purchased is a charitable donation that helps support engagement, inclusiveness, continuity and other programs and services in our community.



For information or to purchase by phone, contact Irena Karshenbaum at 403-537-8594.

Integrated Bursary Program



Jewish life is not beyond your reach

If you find it's a financial struggle to participate fully in Jewish life in our community, Calgary Jewish Federation's Integrated Bursary Program can help you.

With one application followed by a discreet, personalized session with a Federation volunteer, you can access subsidies for day schools, summer camp and recreational activities, depending on your need and available community funds. **Applications available February 1** at jewishcalgary.org or at Jewish Family Service Calgary, Akiva Academy, Calgary JCC and The Calgary Jewish Academy.

• • • **Application Deadline: March 31, 2016** • • •

For information contact Judy Shapiro: 403-444-3153 or jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org.



**Shalom Baby Play Group:
 For the Under Twos**

Thursday Mornings
 9:45am - Noon | Calgary JCC

Next Meeting Dates

February 11 March 10
 February 25 March 24

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

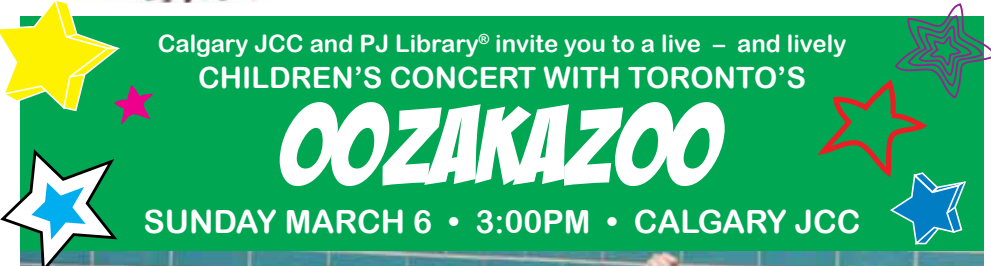


**PJ Library® Tot Shabbat:
 For the Under Threes**

Friday Mornings
 9:45 - 10:30am | Calgary JCC

Next Meeting Dates

February 5 March 4
 February 19 March 18



Young Jewish Canadian Entertainers

TICKETS: In advance: \$25 for family of 4 • \$8 individual tickets
 At the door: \$30 for family of 4 • \$10 individual tickets

Purchase tickets online: www.jewishcalgary.org

For more information and sponsorship opportunities contact:
 Kathie Wainer at 403-537-8592 • kwainer@jewishcalgary.org
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HILLEL'S SHABBAT SHABANG 2016



Hillel students from Calgary, Winnipeg and Edmonton enjoyed a full weekend of activities and making great connections at the annual Shabbat Shabang, hosted in Calgary January 22-24.

FEBRUARY IS

JEWISH DISABILITY AWARENESS AND INCLUSION MONTH

FREE EVENT



ALVIN LAW

STORYTELLER.
 MOTIVATIONAL RABBLE-ROUSER.
 ATTITUDE PROVOCATEUR.



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7

7:00PM • CALGARY JCC
 REGISTER AT WWW.JEWISHCALGARY.ORG

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



COMMUNITY EVENTS

FOR JEWISH DISABILITY AWARENESS AND INCLUSION MONTH:

Feb 1-28
 Inclusive Storytelling
 The Calgary Jewish Academy

Feb 1-14
 Alzheimer Mural Exhibit
 Calgary JCC

Feb 6
 Shabbat Morning Service
 Temple B'nai Tikvah • 10:15am
 Leading an inclusion text study and discussion during the service

Feb 7
 Alvin Law, Storyteller and motivational rabble-rouser
 7:00pm • Calgary JCC

Feb 9
 Inclusive Storytelling
 BabeCare at the JCC

Feb 12
 Welcome Shabbat
 Shabbat L' Kulam
 11:00am • Calgary JCC

Feb 12
 Erev Shabbat Service
 Guest Speaker Minister Kent Hehr
 8:00pm • Temple B'nai Tikvah

Feb 13
 Shabbat Shalem at Chabad

Feb 19
 Tot Shabbat • Shabbat L' Kulam
 9:45am • Calgary JCC

Feb 19-20
 Shabbat Shalem
 A Shabbat of Wholeness
 Temple B'nai Tikvah

Feb 19
 Erev Shabbat • 8:00pm
 Sermon on Disability Awareness and Inclusion

Feb 20
 Shabbat morning • 10:15am
 A service with special attention to maximizing inclusion

Feb 20
 Shabbat Shalem
 House of Jacob Mikveh Israel

Feb 21
 Akiva and Keshet Making Cookies

Feb 25
 Shalom Baby L' Kulam • 10:30am

Feb 25
 Surviving and Thriving with Learning Disabilities and ADHD with Marty Hornstein of JFSC
 6:30pm • Calgary JCC

Feb 27
 Shabbat Shalem • 9:00am
 Beth Tzedec Congregation

Feb 27
 Shabbat Shalem
 9:30am • Kehilat Shalom

PLEASE BRING CANS OF FOOD FOR MIRIAM'S WELL FOOD BANK

See www.jewishcalgary.org/our-community/federation-programs/inclusion for more details.



TODAH RABAH

TO OUR DEDICATED UJA VOLUNTEERS

TO DATE WE'VE RAISED

\$2,814,527

AND WE'RE NOT DONE YET!



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The power of community.



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Donna Riback, Eric Libin, Peter Cohos



Men's Canvasser Event
Harvey Thal, Jeremy Thal

We apologize if we missed any volunteer names