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 Anna Knölling at 403-444-3157 or aknolling@jewishcalgary.org.

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 really talking about “not excluding.” That is, many times we make accommodation to ensure the presence of people with disabilities.

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 access to those things. 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.

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
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