

avi shabbat

friday february 23

\$10

for young adults and students

6:00pm
temple b'nai tikvah
900 47 avenue sw

register online at jewishcalgary.org

Join us for excellent food and even better discussion. This is our signature event every year!

Avi Shabbats are held in cooperation with either a campus Hillel, other Jewish campus organization, or other faith-based campus organization at colleges and universities across North America. The Avi Shabbat offers an opportunity to bring together people from a wide range of political, religious, and identity divides to share a communal Shabbat meal and conversation focused on fostering interfaith understanding and cross-cultural encounters.

Avi Shabbats are student-driven and led with support from staff. This is intended to be an opportunity to empower students to take charge, lead, and create a positive experience on their campus.



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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.

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A MESSAGE FROM ADAM

Shalom friends,
Building community, addressing social issues, caring for vulnerable people, inspiring our youth, and forging Jewish identity are not isolated acts, and are not acts to be performed alone. That is, in a holistically supportive and thriving community, all of the above areas of focus intersect. Furthermore, no one person or group can, or should, be left alone to work on any particular issue. Yes, we require leadership and strategy, but the hard work can and should be shared. Some of us will lend our talents and resources to making our community better; all of us will benefit from a strong and vibrant Jewish community, one that cares for those who need help, and cultivates a legacy of knowledgeable and engaged families.

We recently read Parsha Yitro in the book of Shemot. Yitro, or Jethro, was Moses' father-in-law and had witnessed the path of Moses including his ascension to leader of the Jewish People, and the impact that role was having on his son-in-law. At one point, Jethro comments that Moses is taking on too much, that he sits alone and has separated

himself from the community, serving as the interpreter of G-d's commandments and acting as a judge between humans. Jethro, wisely, tells Moses that he is doing the wrong thing:

And Moses' father-in-law said unto him: "The thing that thou doest is not good. Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee; for the thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone." (Exodus XVIII)

Jethro's point is that the work must be shared. We hold collective responsibility for all that we enjoy in Jewish Calgary. Together, we worked to achieve a \$2.67M UJA campaign that is not only a slight increase from campaigns of the last few years, but will ensure that important services and programs will continue to be offered. When concerns of security or anti-Semitism surface, we bond as a community to stand strong in the face of adversity. When families or individuals in our community need help, we collectively offer a hand of friendship and connection.

We are doing some very good things together. In some areas though, we have

more work to do. One such area is domestic violence – we have work to do in how we recognize and address it, and how we provide support to those impacted. Recently, I moderated a panel discussion on "Domestic Violence in the Jewish Communities of the Prairie Provinces" where results from a 2016 study and its implications for our community were shared. The program also included a brave testimonial from a survivor of domestic violence, and reporting on available support services in our community and beyond. The discussion was sensitive, informative, and eye opening. I came away with the firm conviction that we need to do better. We need to listen and observe more. We need to validate the feelings and experiences of those touched by domestic violence. And, we need to work more strategically to break the cycle.

One thing was clear from that evening: in cases of domestic violence – whether it is physical, emotional or financial – community and connection matter. Those who have a non-judgemental outlet for sharing fare much better through scenarios of domestic violence than those who are missing critical

support. We can do better, we must do better.

It is my intention to keep this on our community's radar, and to consult with internal and external stakeholders about incremental and larger steps we can take to make a difference. I implore you to join me. Our community and its UJA Campaign supports Jewish Family Service Calgary's Shalom Bayit program focused on domestic violence pro-active education and intervention and response services. If you are aware of any potential situations, or would like more information about programs, education, and services related to domestic violence, please be in touch with them at 403-287-3510.

In Jewish Calgary, we care for our most vulnerable, we celebrate our Jewish heritage and culture, and we build for our future. In Jewish Calgary, **Everyone Counts.**

B'Shalom,

Adam Silver
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CEO, Calgary Jewish Federation



Embrace Winter with JACfit: Nordic!

Don't hide from the cold! Make the most of the outdoors!
JACfit Nordic is a great opportunity to have fun on the snow (or ice) and get some exercise:

February 18 Cross Country Skiing at the Canmore Nordic Centre, 1:00pm
March 11 Snowshoe at Rummel Lake, time TBD
March 25 Cross Country Skiing at the Canmore Nordic Centre, time TBD

Please dress appropriately for the sport and weather.
Dates may change or be cancelled due to weather.

Questions? Contact Jordan at jac@jewishcalgary.org or 403-444-3146



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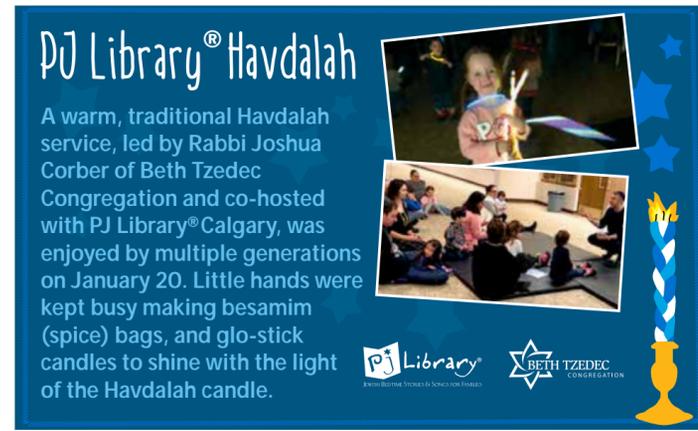
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