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 avikalotinsky@jewishcalgary.org.

A MESSAGE FROM BRUCE AND ADAM

Shalom friends,

We often find out “what we are made of” during difficult or challenging times. Such is the case with this year’s UJA Campaign. In what is shaping up to be a time of economic unsettlement for many Calgarians, our volunteer and professional leadership teams rolled up their sleeves and put their collective passion and talent to work for the good of Jewish Calgary. Through capable planning and tireless effort, the campaign team and all of our canvassers worked to ensure, with you – our donors, that the important services provided directly by Calgary Jewish Federation and its partner agencies can continue to be offered without interruption.

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goal of our campaign and its achievement, especially in today’s economic climate. We are very grateful to our 1639 donors – the Community thanks you for your commitment and generosity. Because of you, members of our Jewish Community will feel supported, will feel proud, and will be able to live Jewish lives. Because of you, our Israeli partners and peers will know we care, will know they are not alone. Because of you, our children will learn to carry on our traditions, our Holocaust Survivors will share their stories and inspire the next generation, and our young families will carve out time in their busy schedules to enjoy PJ Library® books together, celebrating their Jewish roots in ways which are comfortable for them.

Without a Community that cares, Jewish Calgary could not be all that it is, and all that it aspires to be. On behalf of the Board and Staff team of Calgary Jewish Federation, and on behalf of the Jewish Community of Calgary, we express our utmost gratitude and appreciation – Todah Rabah!

B’Shalom,

Bruce Libin
President
Calgary Jewish Federation

Adam Silver
CEO
Calgary Jewish Federation

In Recognition

Calgary Jewish Federation gratefully acknowledges a generous bequest from the estate of Stephen Blitz*. Mr. Blitz was a loyal supporter of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) campaign and of the Jewish community. In later years, he shared his experiences as a Holocaust survivor with young leaders at Dor L’Dor events. We are proud to honour Mr. Blitz’s legacy by continuing his contribution to the programs and services which make Calgary a vibrant Jewish community.

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

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

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Integrated Bursary Program

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.

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

All programs on these pages are funded in part by your donation to United Jewish Appeal.
PJ TU B’SHEVAT

Tu B’Shevat – the New Year for Trees – was celebrated with a lively seder jointly hosted by PJ Library® and Temple B’Nai Tikvah on January 24. The 35 families enjoyed the traditional seven species of Israel fruit, four glasses of grape juice and the story of Honi and the Carob tree, which brought home the message that what we plant today is appreciated by generations to come. Looking to the future, the children planted parsley seeds which should bear fruit in time for Pesach seders. Special thanks to Temple School Principal Jenny Laing and the talented Katie Baker for leading the seder and making Tu B’Shevat a truly special PJ occasion!

Domestic Violence in the Jewish Community: A Survey

The University of Calgary and Jewish Family Service Calgary have teamed together to create a survey in order to better understand domestic violence in the Jewish communities of the Prairie Provinces (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba).

In order to obtain this important information and improve the services in our community, members of the Jewish community are asked to complete a 15-30 minute survey. If you would like to participate, please find the survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DomesticViolenceJewishCommunity

JEWISH DISABILITY AWARENESS AND INCLUSION MONTH

Inspiring, Funny, Irreverent, Fascinating. These are all words to describe Alvin Law’s opening of Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month on Sunday, February 7. A Thalidomide survivor, Alvin was born without arms and with the support of adoptive parents and others, learned to face life head on and overcome all obstacles.

A talented professional speaker, Alvin’s mission is to spark a worldwide “Attitude Revolution.” By telling his story and demonstrating his musical abilities, he sends the message that every person has challenges, and the overriding determinant of success is a positive attitude. If his impact on the 150 people in the audience is any indication, Alvin’s revolution is sure to triumph!

Thank you to the Calgary Foundation for its support of this program.

Alvin Law’s presentation was the launch of Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month, a month-long series of events coordinated by Calgary Jewish Federation with the collaboration of all the synagogues, JFSC and the JCC (see community events listed to the right). The goal is to raise awareness and champion the rights of all Jews to be included and to participate in all aspects of Jewish life.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 Kesher 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


Surviving and Thriving with Learning Disabilities and ADHD

Presented by Marty Hornstein Jewish Family Service Calgary
Thursday February 25 • 6:30pm • Calgary JCC

Marty Hornstein is the Executive Director of Jewish Family Service Calgary and previously served as Executive Director of the Learning Disabilities Association of Calgary. This presentation will focus on the identification of and accommodations for people with Learning Disabilities (LD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

To register, contact JFSC at 403-287-3510 or info@jfsc.org
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