

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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NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



A MESSAGE FROM ADAM

Chaverim,
As we all know, the world is a different place today than it was ten years, five years, even one year ago. Threats to civil and harmonious existence are greater and seem closer than ever before, and the spreading and sharing of news is broader and quicker than history has ever experienced. We know this because we live it every day. Recently, our community felt this firsthand as our Calgary JCC received a phoned in bomb threat, and became a statistic as one of over one hundred threats issued to JCCs, Jewish Day Schools, and other Jewish organizations across North America.

JCC and Federation staff immediately addressed the issue and followed practiced protocols for the situation, and Calgary Police Service was on the scene in minutes to provide guidance and to assess the level of legitimacy involved with the threat. As a precautionary measure, members and visitors were asked to leave the premises, and the building was quickly closed. Staff and police then continued to assess if there was any level of credible threat, and it was determined that we had been part of the spate of hoax threats which you have likely seen in the news in recent months. I commend our staff teams (JCC and Federation) for remaining calm and vigilant under the circumstances, as well as those who were present at the JCC that night and followed our requests and instructions without challenge,

ensuring our response to the issued threat was timely and focused.

It is important to state two things: We take each threat, no matter where it is issued and no matter how credible it seems, as a serious concern and, we also refuse to live in fear. The purpose of these threats is to instill fear – and the response must be to demonstrate by our actions that the campaign is a failure. The response must be to PARTICIPATE more, not less, and to ATTEND events, REGISTER for programs, and SPEND TIME in our Jewish organizations. Our community is a proud one, a vibrant one – and one that will not fall victim to a strategy aimed at disrupting our day to day functioning.

Again, make no mistake, Federation and all of our Jewish institutions hold security and safety as primary concerns, and are continuously working on physical and procedural modifications to ensure increased levels of protection and response, should they be necessary. And you can play a part in our security – keep an eye out for anything or anyone that is out of place and report anything suspicious to staff. If you see something, say something.

On another topic, this year Calgary Jewish Federation's Program Allocations Committee (PAC) has been working diligently to ensure that funds raised through our community's UJA campaign continue to be effectively and efficiently used by our community's organizations, and to

confirm that those funds are creating positive impact. Last year PAC initiated a two year funding cycle, in an effort to provide greater stability to essential community programs. As part of this process, our PAC committee has been meeting with funded partners to collaborate with them on establishing measureable criteria related to the impact of their programming, as well as to learn about trends they are experiencing. The meetings have been very positive, and PAC is looking forward to continuing to refine its best practices and to share news of the impact your UJA dollars are making on a daily and person-by-person basis.

The theme of my message this week is intended to be one of participation and engagement – in difficult times, we must be even more active, even more present, even more engaged. And, yes, we must be even more vigilant. Fear, however, cannot weigh into the equation. Fear will paralyze us. Hope and pride will inspire us. Let us all live inspired Jewish lives, inspired community lives.

Because... Together we are braver. Because... Together we are one. Because... Together we are stronger.

B'Shalom,


Adam Silver, CEO, Calgary Jewish Federation



Up to \$1000 off Jewish Camp FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CAMP one happy camper

**A TRADITION OF SUMMER FUN
A SUMMER OF FUN AND FRIENDSHIP**

One Happy Camper and Calgary Jewish Federation provide grants of up to \$1,000* to children attending Jewish overnight camp for the first time.
**some conditions apply*

Visit OneHappyCamper.org to find your camp and apply.

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

Calgary Jewish Federation's Integrated Bursary Program

Deadline: March 31, 2017

IBP
opens doors

If you find it's a financial struggle to participate fully in Jewish life in our community, we can help!

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.

Application forms now available at jewishcalgary.org or at Jewish Family Service Calgary, Akiva Academy, Calgary JCC and The Calgary Jewish Academy.

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



Join us in welcoming the new
Israeli Consul General Galit Baram

Tuesday, April 4 • Calgary JCC
6:00-7:00PM – דוברי עברית (in Hebrew only)
7:00-9:30PM – Open to the public

Consul-General Galit Baram was born in Jerusalem in 1969. Ms. Baram took up her current position serving Toronto and Western Canada in August 2016. Before that, she served as Director of the Department for Palestinian Affairs and Regional Cooperation (2013-2016). She has also held international postings in Washington DC, Cairo, and Moscow. Her academic background includes a Bachelor's Degree in Archeology and English from Tel Aviv University followed by a Master's Degree in American Studies from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She speaks Hebrew, English, and Russian. Ms. Baram is married to a fellow diplomat and has two children.

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



JAC
PRESENTS AN EVENING OF
SCOTCH

Join JAC for Whiskey from Around the World!
You and your friends can learn about and enjoy the flavours of an amazing variety of Scotch whiskeys, and savour delicious appetizers by the award-winning chefs of Alloy.

Price: \$50 per person* - Includes five scotch tastings, hors d'ouvres (Kosher Style)
Register online: jewishcalgary.org - Spots are limited for this special event, so don't miss out.
*Additional drinks / tastings available for purchase

JAC For information contact **Jordan**: 403.444.3146 | jac@jewishcalgary.org

THURSDAY MARCH 23 | 7:30pm | ALLOY - 220 42 AVENUE SE



From your gifts to Federation's annual UJA campaign

Join us for the sixth of our Family Holiday Programs
generously sponsored by Sam and Ida Switzer

Everything you need to know for a
meaningful Pesach / Passover celebration.

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CHAG SAMEACH
..... Pesach



Sunday April 2

10:30am & 2:00pm | Calgary JCC

Educator Amy Goldberg will delight us with
Pesach stories, songs, crafts and special treats
as we learn and celebrate together.

JEWISH COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION OF CALGARY
The Sam & Ida Switzer Fund

PJ Library®
JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES & SONGS FOR FAMILIES

There are now two program times for you to choose from – 10:30am or 2:00pm.
There is no charge but registration is required as space is limited. Contact:
kwainer@jewishcalgary.org or 403-537-8592 to register or for more information.

PJ Preschool Seder
Wednesday April 5 @ 10:30am

Join PJ Library® at
The Calgary Jewish Academy
as we celebrate Passover
with students in their annual
Preschool Passover Seder.



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The Calgary Jewish Academy

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JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES & SONGS FOR FAMILIES

There is no charge but registration is required by March 31.
Contact contact Kathie Waiter at 403-537-8592 or kwainer@jewishcalgary.org

2016 UJA CAMPAIGN
United Jewish Appeal

KOL HAKAVOD & THANK YOU
to Larry Katz and Yannai Segal

For making an impact and chairing Federation's successful
UJA 2016 campaign. Their continuing hard work and
leadership has benefitted Jewish Calgary many times over.



The 2016 campaign culminated in our annual Western Canada
appreciation event, jointly hosted in Palm Springs by the
Jewish Federations of Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Vancouver.



UJA donors in the Coachella Valley were treated to an informative
and engaging presentation by Mort Naiman – Senior Vice President
of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI).

Room at Your Table?
PASSOVER IS AROUND THE CORNER!

DO YOU NEED A PLACE TO GO FOR A PESACH SEDER?
DO YOU HAVE A PLACE AT YOUR TABLE FOR A GUEST?

If you answered 'yes' to either of
these questions, contact Karina Szulc,
Shalom Calgary Coordinator
before **Saturday April 1** at:
403-389-6994 or karinas@jewishcalgary.org



The Israeli consul is coming
to Calgary on June 4. If you
need to see the consul for
matters requiring a personal
appearance, for example,
renewing a child's passport,
please contact Judy Shapiro at
jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org to
get on the appointment list.

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YOUR
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If you haven't been receiving emails
from Calgary Jewish Federation, it
isn't because we aren't sending any!
Please let us know if you've changed
your email address so we can stay
in touch with you. Contact Elliott at
esteinberg@jewishcalgary.org.

JDAIM 2017

FOR THE SECOND YEAR, CALGARY'S JEWISH
COMMUNITY ENTHUSIASTICALLY EMBRACED
JEWISH DISABILITY AWARENESS AND
INCLUSION MONTH IN FEBRUARY.

Calgary Jewish Federation would like to thank the following individuals
and organizations for helping make **JDAIM 2017** more inclusive than ever!

- Akiva Academy
- Beth Tzedec Congregation
- Betzalel Arts
- Babecare Daycare
- Calgary JCC Children's Department
- Calgary JCC Seniors Programs
- Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta
- Richard Bronstein – Jewish Free Press
- Jewish Family Service Calgary
- Kate McGee
- Kehilat Shalom
- Rabbi Yisroel Miller
- Temple B'nai Tikvah
- The Calgary Jewish Academy



JDAIM 2017 wouldn't have been possible
without the support of these sponsors:

- Autism Calgary
- Harry and Martha Cohen Foundation
- Inclusion Alberta
- Lenny and Faigel Shapiro Family
- Temple B'nai Tikvah



Calgary Jewish Federation welcomes and supports children and adults with special needs.
If you or a loved one needs special accommodations to participate in any of our events,
please contact Karina Szulc at 403-389-6994 or karinas@jewishcalgary.org.