

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

Shalom friends,
It will come as no surprise to any of you that Alberta is experiencing difficult financial times, and a wave of depleting morale. Jewish Calgary unfortunately, is not immune to the challenges facing all Albertans. However, the strength and vibrancy of our community is demonstrated through a virtually flat \$2.8M United Jewish Appeal (UJA) campaign, and through the innovative, critical, and welcoming programming and services of many partner agencies and synagogues. That being said, individually we cannot escape the current reality. Perhaps we are experiencing financial challenges, or we might know a family member or friend who lives daily with concerns of job security, food availability, or for whom the stress of managing her / his household during this downturn is taking a toll on family, on health, and on confidence.

It's inspiring to me to witness us working together to weather the storm, continuing to celebrate all that is amazing about being Jewish.

Now that the annual UJA campaign is done, Calgary Jewish Federation's board and committees begin to focus on distributions of funds raised to support the many programs and services that assist Calgary families in living Jewish lives. Although our campaign brought in slightly less in donations than last year, we are determined to make the funds stretch in order to maintain the level of service we are proud to provide.

Two committees in particular will be hard at work in the coming weeks. The community's Integrated Bursary

Program (IBP) provides subsidies for school tuition, summer camp and JCC membership. Allocations to vital programs provided by our dedicated partner organizations is a process adjudicated through our volunteer run Programs and Allocations Committee (PAC). In both cases, IBP and PAC, the process is volunteer led, and strives to be dignified, responsible, transparent, and collaborative.

From the outside, the processes may appear to be smooth and easy, however, in fact they are anything but. IBP and PAC involve dedicated teams of volunteers contributing hours of preparation and meetings, and holding the responsibility of making very challenging, and in some cases heart-wrenching, decisions. There is love, and there is accountability applied to their efforts, and the community is incredibly fortunate to benefit from their time, talent, and compassion. This year, we will be striving to maintain flat levels of distributions to support families that require bursaries and to programs and services that make Jewish Calgary such a wonderful Jewish place. We are also working toward providing two year funding commitments to our partner agencies, so they can plan for future years, and be bold in their service and program delivery knowing they have the backing of our community.

It is, perhaps, not coincidental that we recently read the *parashah Pekudei* which examines an "accounting" of the building of the *mishkan* (Tabernacle - a portable structure that traveled with the Israelites in the desert). If G-d provided the specifications, and Moses supervised the work, why then was there need to account for each piece of

gold, silver, and copper? Some scholars reason that even though the people revered Moses as a leader and might blindly trust him, he felt great responsibility in providing transparency and in being seen to operate honestly and with integrity. In line with that example, Calgary Jewish Federation's efforts in making allocations and distributing bursaries are not conducted lightly. The trust that donors and the community as a whole have shared with us is incredibly important and weighs heavily into the processes we have developed, and the hard work our volunteers do in stewarding limited resources toward their most impactful uses. *Pekudei* can be translated in various ways - accounts, records, remembrances. In all that we do, Calgary Jewish Federation will account for its actions, share records of its collaborative and effective achievements with partners, and remember the generosity and/or need of all the members of Jewish Calgary. We recognize that some tough times are behind us, and that we likely have more ahead, but together, diverse but as one, we will persevere and emerge stronger than ever.

Kol Hakavod to our volunteers, and *B'hatzlacha* to all of us. Because, together we are Jewish Calgary.

B'Shalom,

Adam Silver
CEO, Calgary Jewish Federation

★ OZAKAZOO CONCERT FUN ★

Oozakazoo (Joshua Skye Engel and Noah Aiken-Klar) were here from Toronto to entertain over 150 people at the JCC on March 6. The room was buzzing with energy as children danced with abandon in front of the stage. Max Switzer won the draw to sing with the duo on stage.

Thanks to all sponsors and supporters of PJ Library® and the JCC Children's Programs for making this concert a great success!

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Sam Olschewski - Remax First

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And our generous concert supporters



A TRADITION OF SUMMER FUN



AN AMAZING SUMMER AND LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIPS

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

Visit OneHappyCamper.org to find your camp and apply.

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

*Some conditions apply



The first of our Family Holiday Programming generously sponsored by Sam and Ida Switzer

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

PJ Library® CHAG SAMEACH Pesach

Sunday April 3
10:30am • Calgary JCC

Educator Amy Goldberg and musician Karina Szulc will answer **Four Pesach Questions:**

1. What is the story of Pesach?
2. What are the Four Questions?
3. What are some Pesach songs?
4. What do we eat on Pesach?



Free event suitable for children under eight years old, their parents, and grandparents.

Please register with Kathie Wainer at 403-537-8592 or kwainer@jewishcalgary.org

Attention Israeli Citizens

The Israeli consul will come to Calgary again when there is sufficient demand for service.

If you need to renew passports for children, change marital status, or anything else that requires a personal appearance, please email Judy Shapiro at jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org with the following information: full names of children or other applicant, teudat zehut numbers, phone and email contact info, and reason you are requesting a meeting.



All programs on these pages are funded in part by your donation to United Jewish Appeal.



JAC Shabbat



Hosting a Shabbat Dinner for JAC aged friends and family?

Make sure to contact us for all your Shabbat essentials.

The Shabbat Concierge

will deliver shabbat boxes to your office or home to help you have a great evening!

Email JAC@jewishcalgary.com for more information

Shabbat Dinner

Fifty community members came together on January 15 for an excellent Shabbat dinner. Services were held, great discussion was had and delicious food was eaten.

Join us on April 15 for a Shabbat chametz fest.

PJ - JAC CHALLAH

There were a lot of doughy "snakes" and flour-dusted clothes as students at Akiva Academy and The Calgary Jewish Academy were joined by children from PJ Library® Calgary in making challah for Shabbat. Volunteers from JAC helped with the rolling and braiding, delivering fresh-baked mini-loaves back to their respective creators.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our community organizations, synagogues and volunteers for making **Calgary Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month 2016**, an outstanding success!



Akiva students joined the Keshet Klub in making delicious cookies as part of JDAIM.

- Akiva Academy
- Arliss Levine
- BabeCare at the JCC
- Benji Weizman
- Beth Price
- Beth Tzedec Congregation
- Calgary Foundation
- Calgary JCC
- Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta
- Hanit Tzur
- Harold Elman
- House of Jacob Mikveh Israel
- Hillel Calgary
- Ilana Krygier Lapides
- Inclusion Alberta
- JAC - Jewish Adult Calgary

- Jewish Family Service Calgary
- Kehilat Shalom
- Keshet Klub
- Leonard Cohen
- Marilyn Samuels
- Marty Hornstein
- Orly Shalev
- Perla Gankin
- PJ Library®
- Rabbi T. Appleby
- Rabbi C. Greenwald
- Rabbi M. Matusof
- Rabbi Y. Miller
- Rabbi S. Osadchey
- Rhona Shore

- Robin Slater
- Rochel Matusof
- Sandra Morton Weizman
- Temple B'nai Tikvah
- The Calgary Jewish Academy
- Zuli Mashiah



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 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.

Come fly the **Union JAC** and join us for this year's **Purim Party**

Sat March 19

BRITISH INVASION

Prizes for best costume



1153 Kensington Crescent NW

Price at the door: **\$25**
Doors open: **8:00PM**
Trivia from **8:30-9:45PM**



APRIL 10
3 TO 5PM
CALGARY JCC

SHALOM CALGARY
NEW COMERS
Meet & Greet

JOIN US!
• INFO FAIR
• TOYS & GAMES
• JFSC PRESENTATION
• MUSIC & MORE

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UJA Scottsdale / Palm Springs

Beautiful desert settings, Jewish networking, and engaging speaker Irwin Cotler made for two great events to thank our UJA donors living in warmer climates. Four western Federations and the Atlantic Jewish Council joined forces to engage their respective community members with congenial and thought-provoking programs. Many thanks to Jody and Harvey Dales in Scottsdale and Sydney and Bob Kalef and Sam and Ida Switzer in Palm Springs for hosting.



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 403-444-3158 or karinas@jewishcalgary.org.