

**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](mailto:akolotinsky@jewishcalgary.org).



**A MESSAGE FROM ADAM**



**S**halom friends!  
Commemorations bring a community together like few other events. There is something about shared history, even if viewed from different perspectives with subtle or overt nuances, that unifies people from varied backgrounds, observance levels, and from across the political spectrum. It is through commemorations that Jews around the world share common experiences; remember together, mourn together, derive hope together.

Last week, we marked Yom HaShoah, and this week, Yom HaZikaron, and Yom HaAtzmaut – two commemorations and one celebration, taking us from the worst atrocities our people have experienced to the most celebratory achievements in our rich and everlasting history. We recall the Shoah, during which millions upon millions of our ancestors perished through systematic extermination, but through which many builders of the Jewish future survived and shone. Even in the face of great evil, hope was reborn, and small but mighty, we vowed “Never Again.”

We then remember the bravest of the brave, the men, women, and young adults who have been killed while ensuring

that the State of Israel remains vibrant, safe, and free. These soldiers literally gave their lives to ensure that globally, Jews will always have a homeland to call their own. Yom HaZikaron, while solemn, acknowledges the dedication and bravery of the soldiers on whom Israel relies, and reinforces the value that Israel and Judaism assign to human life.

From great sorrow to great joy, we move swiftly to Yom HaAtzmaut, celebrating, against all odds, the creation of the State of Israel and its enduring success. We acknowledge the strength, the pride, and the feeling of security that Israel provides for the Jewish People. We think about the evolution of the country, and all of the fruit (literal and figurative) that it has yielded. We plan for next year, the year after that, and the many years after that. Yom HaAtzmaut is the manifestation of our eternal hope for peace, acceptance, and endurance for Israel in the Middle East, while allowing us, at the same time, to reflect on the many challenges and horrors that are inextricably tied to her birth.

The strength of a community comes from the differences of its population, even more than the similarities. As a community, Jewish Calgary has breadth and depth that is

disproportionate to its absolute size. Since its earliest days, the community has grieved together, grown together, commemorated together, and celebrated... together. As we reflect back on this year’s “Yoms” let us acknowledge that, indeed, our strength comes from the many different viewpoints, political beliefs, places of origin, denominational practices, and self-defined Judaism which constitutes the community. Let us be proud that no matter his or her background, each community member can stand side by side with fellow Jews and remember the past, celebrate the present, and plan for the future. Together we will continue to remember and honour our ancestors, and ensure that all Jews will have a place – here in Calgary, across Canada, in Israel, and around the globe – where they can feel safe, proud, and Jewish.

L’Chaim,

Adam Silver, CEO, Calgary Jewish Federation

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ON THE  
**YLD WEBSITE**

[www.jewishcalgary.org/calgary-yld-the-young-leadership-division](http://www.jewishcalgary.org/calgary-yld-the-young-leadership-division)

**Canmore • JUNE 12-14**

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**  
Calgary Jewish Federation / UJA Tribute Cards

Calgary Jewish Federation invites submissions from visual artists! We are designing new tribute cards and want to showcase works by talented community artists willing to volunteer cover art. We are looking for a variety of images (original paintings, photographs, etc.). Preference is for Jewish themes, particularly if they are local or regional.

For details visit [www.jewishcalgary.org](http://www.jewishcalgary.org). For more information contact Irena Karshenbaum at [ikarshenbaum@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:ikarshenbaum@jewishcalgary.org) or 403-537-8594.

**NEW DUE DATE - MAY 14**

Calgary Jewish Federation tribute cards can be purchased online at [www.jewishcalgary.org](http://www.jewishcalgary.org) or by contacting Irena Karshenbaum at 403-537-8594 or [ikarshenbaum@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:ikarshenbaum@jewishcalgary.org). Minimum donation: \$18.

**CJA ISRAEL EXPERIENCE**

The Calgary Jewish Academy grade nines with their Har Vagai friends in Northern Israel.

The CJA Israel Experience is supported by Federation as part of Partnership 2Gether.

**ALL PARTY PROVINCIAL ELECTION FORUM**  
THURSDAY, APRIL 30 | 7:00PM | CALGARY JCC

Each of the parties have been invited to send a representative to the Provincial Election Forum. This is your opportunity to hear from candidates in advance of the upcoming election.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
Contact Judy Shapiro at 403-444-3153 or [jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org).

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 Judy Shapiro at 403-444-3153 or [jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org).

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**Our Words Matter**

**A Sack Full of Feathers**

SUNDAY MAY 3 • 10:30AM - 12:00PM  
JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE CALGARY

Educator Andrea Silverstone from Jewish Family Service Calgary will teach children about ‘Lashon HaRah’ (hurtful speech) and the importance of minding what we say. There is no charge for this event, but registration is requested. Please bring a can of food for donation.

For more information please contact Kathie Wainer at 403-537-8592 or [kwainer@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:kwainer@jewishcalgary.org).

**ATTENTION ISRAELI PASSPORT HOLDERS**

The Israeli Consul is coming May 31 and June 1. Appointments will be made only for matters that require a meeting in person. To book an appointment contact **Judy Shapiro** at [jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org) or 403-444-3153.

**Deadline for booking appointments: Thursday May 21**