

YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY



Our community commemorated Yom HaShoah on the evening of April 11.

The theme *Hidden Children of the Holocaust* was conveyed with a historical background by Dr. Scott Murray of Mount Royal University, and the personal story of Irene Ross. Irene's daughter Katharine and husband Stuart added to her very moving narrative of being a hidden child in Holland.



The program paid tribute to Wim and Leertje Hos, who have been declared *Righteous Among the Nations* by Yad Vashem for their courage in sheltering Irene.



A MESSAGE FROM ADAM

Chaverim, This time of the year is especially emotional and meaningful as we reflect on our past and our future in the days that some of us refer to as the Yoms – Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron, and Yom HaAtzmaut. In a contracted timeframe, we experience despair, sorrow, pain, and sacrifice, followed by pride, celebration, and pure joy. The contrast between these days make them all the more moving.

This year, on Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), we remembered those murdered in the Shoah, and renewed our commitment to ensuring that the memory of the atrocities and the lessons of the Holocaust are not lost. We also acknowledged our dear Survivors, with a special focus on hidden children – and those righteous gentiles who put themselves in potential peril to save others. We heard the moving story of Irene Ross and the Dutch family that

saved her, learning that some goodness was present, even in the darkest of times.

The next week, we commemorated Yom HaZikaron, mourning our Fallen Soldiers of Israel and Victims of Terror. We remembered those who fell in the line of duty and those taken by the violence of terrorism. We revisited and acknowledged that Israel's very existence 70 years later cannot be taken for granted and does not come without extreme pain and sacrifice, which impacts many families directly, as well as *Klal Yisrael* – all of Israel, including those of us in the Diaspora.

We then entered Yom HaAtzmaut – Israel Independence Day, and celebrated 70 years of innovation, tenacity, and existence. Israel is our homeland, our beacon of hope, and our *Or Igoyim* – light unto the nations. We take pride in all that Israel has become, in all the ways it has led the world in innovation and compassion. We celebrate Israel's

accomplishments and we mourn its (and our) losses. We share with Israelis the hope for a bright, peaceful future and we share their fears during challenging times. Israel is more than a country, it is our home.

This year, I am personally even more emotional as my oldest daughter participated in March of the Living, an international program for high school students that is supported by many Federations, including ours. The program sees students visit Poland and its death fields and concentration camps for a week, followed by a transition to Israel for a week. Knowing that my fourth generation Survivor daughter visited the very place where her great-grandparents struggled to stay alive and where many of our family members perished is gut wrenching. And it is inspiring to know that after a week of immense loss and remembrance, she was able to experience Israel, our

amazing homeland.

Although the Yoms have passed for this year, let us renew our commitment to Israel, to remembering and teaching about the Shoah, to being a just and compassionate people, and to being a caring Jewish community. To get to where we are as a global Jewish community, many sacrifices have been made. We are duty bound to honour those sacrifices and to carry the work forward. Each person's sacrifice and each person's success counts. Each contribution and show of kindness counts. In Jewish Calgary, everyone counts.

B'shalom,

Adam Silver
CEO, Calgary Jewish Federation



EVERY FIRST THURSDAY AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS | MAY 3 | 5:30 TO 7:30PM | ROSE AND CROWN 1503 4 STREET SW

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community calendar

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Check out the Community Calendar at jewishcalgary.org.

Have an event?

Click on "Suggest an Event" to add it to the calendar.

ISRAEL@70 October 17-24, 2018

Save
the
Date!

More information
coming soon.

This fall, celebrate Israel's anniversary with a mission culminating at the General Assembly (GA) in Tel Aviv. The GA is the Jewish Federation movement's premiere leadership gathering. Witness first hand the impact our work has on the country we helped establish.

ATLANTIC CANADA, CALGARY, OTTAWA, AND HAMILTON
ARE GOING TO ISRAEL TOGETHER!



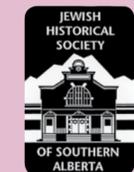
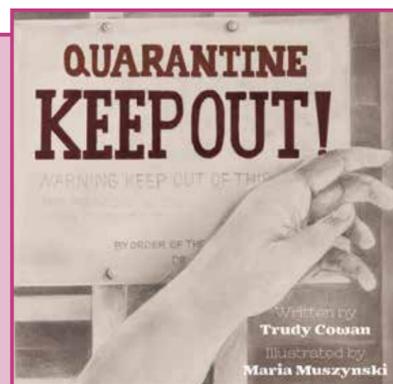
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DO YOU NEED TO MEET WITH AN ISRAELI CONSUL?

THE ISRAELI CONSUL IS COMING ON MAY 16!
If you need to see the consul, for example, to renew children's passports, army deferral, life certificate, etc., email Judy Shapiro as soon as possible at jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org. To get on the appointment list, she will need the name, teudat zehut number, phone number, and reason for needing an appointment.



BOOK LAUNCH MAY 7 | 7PM | CALGARY JCC

Come and hear Trudy Cowan's talk about the "Spanish Flu" epidemic of 100 years ago. The event will launch her new young people's book, *QUARANTINE: Keep Out!*, beautifully illustrated by Maria Muszynski. The book is based on the true story of the children of one Jewish family trying to maintain their home life, and a proper Shabbos, while Mama was ill and quarantined at the Montefiore Institute, the historic synagogue now at Heritage Park.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT JHSSA
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Calgary Jewish Federation is pleased to announce that Wynne and Harvey Thal have once again volunteered to chair the UJA campaign! Todah Rabah to the Thals for their commitment to Jewish life in Calgary.

We look forward to the 2018 campaign, and to building on the success of last year.



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The mission of Calgary Jewish Federation (CJF) is to act as the representative body of the Calgary Jewish community in building and sustaining a strong, secure and connected community rooted in Jewish values. Reporting to the CEO of Calgary Jewish Federation (CJF), the Director of Community Relations and Communications is responsible for:

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Working in coordination with the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs and internal CJF committees to promote issues of concern to the Jewish community;
- Building relationships with government, academia, police services, interfaith, and other cultural groups;
- Serving as the primary contact for crisis management, security concerns, issues of antisemitism and additional risk management;
- Developing and implementing communications strategy to promote all CJF programs and services through the use of appropriate communications tools and channels, including print and social media.

A competitive salary and benefits package will be offered.

Please email detailed cover letter and resume in confidence to: Paula Egelnick at pegelnick@jewishcalgary.org before May 15.

JAC COORDINATOR

Calgary Jewish Federation seeks a dynamic, motivated JAC (Jewish Adults of Calgary) professional to serve adults under 40. The part-time Coordinator will be an experienced relationship builder and have a strong understanding of young adult engagement and philanthropy as they relate to the Jewish community.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work with the JAC Board and Chair on initiatives including but not limited to programs, events, fundraising and leadership development;
- Empower and develop current and potential volunteer leaders to be advocates for Federation and Federation's mission;
- Build relationships with Jewish partner agencies, synagogues, staff and volunteer leadership;
- Develop young adult giving (under 40) for the Annual Campaign and identify potential donors;
- Support Federation community-wide programming in addition to JAC programs and events.

Please email detailed cover letter and resume in confidence to: Ilana Krygier Lapides at ikrygierlapides@jewishcalgary.org before May 30.

Full job descriptions for the above positions, including required qualifications, are available at jewishcalgary.org/about-us/careers.

Hand In Hand

Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel
יד ביד: המרכז לחינוך יהודי ערבי בישראל (ע"ר)
ידא ביד: مركز التربية العربي اليهودي في اسرائيل



Guest Speaker
LEE GORDON, CO-FOUNDER OF HAND IN HAND

THURSDAY MAY 10 • 7PM • JCC

Hand in Hand brings together thousands of Jewish and Arab students in six schools and communities throughout Israel in a unique co-teaching model that promotes inclusion and equality for all Israeli citizens. Mr. Gordon will speak about Jewish-Arab relations in Israel, about challenges in education, and about innovative models of integration.

FREE
EVENT



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