Survivor Henri Mydlarski and family faced economic challenges as all people in the region. From the region increases the risk of harassment of all minorities, Gendin said that the overall financial instability of the region, as well as the Chabad rabbi fleeing Crimea for New York—taking the Torah scrolls with him.

The Chairman of the Community of Progressive Judaism, a member of the Progressive movement in Kiev and Ukraine for 15 years, earlier this month, Gennady Kernes, the Jewish mayor of Ukraine—taking the Torah scrolls with him.

While the Jewish community has not been specifically targeted in the current unrest, there is concern that rising nationalism could result in rising antisemitism.

There have been some troubling incidents, however, and overall, Gendin and Kernes, the mayor of the Ukrainian second largest city, were shocked and deeply concerned in an assassination attempt. Kernes is currently recovering in Haifa.

Rabbi Alexander Dukhovny, who has served the Progressive movement in Kiev and Ukraine for 15 years, noted that Kiev is always a threat of future antinomian incidents. Ananyi Gordin, Chairman of the Association of Jewish Organizations and Communities of Crimea and the Crimea region, in the statement of the Chairman of the Progressive Union, who has expressed concern over the local Reform Rabbi leaving the region, as well as the Chabad rabbi facing Crimea for New York—taking the Torah scrolls with him.

Gendin said that the overall financial instability of the region increases the risk of harassment of all minorities, including Jews.

Of course, the Jewish community suffers the same economic challenges as all people in the region. From February 1 through the beginning of April, the price of gas has increased 26%. Prices for the 25 most frequently purchased machines have increased up to 77% since mid-January. Food prices have increased as much as 55%. Job layoffs abound and continue to grow throughout the Ukraine.

In Crimea, Ukrainian banks and ATM machines are shut down. There is growing anxiety among individuals, of whom have started to receive their pensions in Russian rubles. Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) staff confirm that the lines for cashing pension checks are very long and there are insufficient funds to cash the checks.

Workers with the JDC’s Hesed centers report that clients are suffering increased psychological stress due to the current situation and the uncertainty of the future.

Stepping in

With the outbreak of the conflict in the Ukraine, it became clear that immediate attention and support was required to assist our fellow Jews as they are weathering the physical, financial and emotional burdens of this highly unpredictable and potentially dire situation.

So despite the difficulties and very real dangers of working in the area, our partners, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the JDC, are providing essential humanitarian assistance and a lifeline of Jewish identity and history to the Jewish population in that region.

With the hagalah for each of our fellow Jews in the Ukraine on this Shabbat, we cannot afford to overlook.

B’Shalom,

Drew Stadenberg, CEO, Calgary Jewish Federation

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KESHEL KLUB

IS READY FOR SUMMER!

Kesher Klub – the social, cultural and recreational program for Jewish adults (18+) — is planning programs for the summer. This fun-filled club meets on the first and third Sundays of each month.

In the summer, Kesher Klub will:

• Go to the beach in July and August
• Enjoy a Stampede kosher breakfast in July and an outing to Butterfield Acres Petting Zoo
• Enjoy a night of mini-golf, obstacle courses and of course, free popsicles!

For more information contact our newly appointed coordinator of Shalom Calgary and Inclusion Programs, Karina Szulc, at 403-389-6994 or karinas@jewishcalgary.org.

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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday September 21

SheM Tov Awards For Community Leadership Will Be Presented

At 6pm at the Calgary JCC

Jewish adults (18+) with disabilities – is planning programs for the summer. This fun-filled club brings participants together on the first and third Sundays of each month.

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Bruchim Habaim… Welcoming Newcomers to Calgary

Calgary Jewish Federation’s Shalem Calgary is launching a new initiative to welcome newcomers to our community and ease their transition into a new city.

Bruchim Habaim, as the program is called, is looking for volunteers who will invite newly-arrived individuals to family gatherings and help them settle in to their new community.

Bruchim Habaim is modeled after the successful the Jewish value of inviting guests into your home and creating a welcoming environment for newly-arrived individuals. A number of programs have been implemented at several Jewish institutions in the Ukraine, and Crimea.

In order to assist with this important need, contact Irena Karshenbaum at 403-537-8594 or irena@jewishcalgary.org.

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The 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.

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Casino Volunteers Needed!

Calgary Jewish Federation has the opportunity to access much needed casino hours to fund our critical services and programs. And we need volunteers! Calgary Jewish Federation’s casino will be held on Sunday August 17 and Monday August 18 at the Deerfoot Inn and Casino, at 1500-33rd Street SE. Shirts are from 10:00am to 8:00pm, 7:30pm to 3:45pm, or 6:30pm to 3:45pm. For more information or to volunteer, contact Irena Karshenbaum at 403-537-8594 or irena@jewishcalgary.org.

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