

### 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](mailto:esteinberg@jewishcalgary.org).

# Pomegranate

NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



## A MESSAGE FROM BETH PRICE

Shalom friends.

Living in Alberta, not a day goes by without hearing more bad news about the economy, layoffs, and the rise in unemployment. Although some may know people who have been impacted by low oil prices, many of us don't regularly come face to face with people facing financial challenges (with the notable exception of the staff of Jewish Family Service Calgary). Over the past few months, those of us involved in Federation's Integrated Bursary Program were presented with a real glimpse into what is happening in our province. And that made this year's IBP process particularly heart-wrenching.

We heard about people who were attracted to Alberta by an abundance of jobs in construction and now find themselves out of work. People who were comfortably employed facing cuts in salary, or worse, losing their high-paying jobs. People fearful of what the future holds.

There has always been poverty in our community – that's why the Integrated Bursary Program was started. But this year is different. This year the applicants aren't only new immigrants, they aren't only people facing health challenges or those in minimum wage jobs. This year, there are many people whose financial circumstances have changed drastically...and for the first time, they needed to turn to their community for help.

IBP does not serve only the most vulnerable. Living a full Jewish life is very expensive – and middle class families

also find the costs of school and camp a challenge. Recognizing that educating Jewish children and making sure they enjoy Jewish experiences requires a sacrifice on behalf of parents, IBP does the best it can to spread limited dollars as far as possible.

So far, we have reviewed 85 applications for funding this year. Eighty-five families, with 155 children, applying for financial support for Jewish day school, summer camp, and JCC membership. The board of Calgary Jewish Federation allocated \$445,000 to IBP – the same amount as last year, double what was allocated when the program began 7 years ago.

As the chair of the Integrated Bursary Program, I am incredibly proud that our community has a compassionate and dignified process for accessing community support. Our IBP program is unique in many ways:

- Because it is a one-stop shop, where families can apply for multiple services at once
- Because it is a confidential, equitable and dignified process
- Because it is truly a community program, where Federation, the schools, the JCC, and Camp BB-Riback all work together to meet the needs of families.

Our job as a community is to maximize participation in Jewish life, and IBP guarantees that no one is shut out because of lack of resources. When times are tough, it's even more important that our community reaches out and connects with those who are struggling.

No program is perfect, and there are always challenges. With ever-increasing demand, we will have to consider how to better manage limited funds. We will have to determine how much the various agencies can absorb and still remain viable and what percentage of the UJA campaign should be allocated to the bursary process.

Still, I am grateful that our community pulls together to open our doors to as many people as possible. On behalf of the board of Calgary Jewish Federation, I wish to thank the counselors, who make time to meet with every applicant and understand the family's situation; the adjudication committee, who make the difficult decisions to equitably divide up limited resources; Akiva Academy, Calgary Jewish Academy, Camp BB-Riback and the Calgary JCC, who are our partners in funding subsidized families; and to the donors to Federation's UJA campaign who make this program possible.

Together we are indeed stronger – and the families who require subsidies to participate in Jewish life thank you for being there when needed.

B'shalom,

*Beth S. Price*

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Vice-President, Calgary Jewish Federation  
Chair, Integrated Bursary Program

## U.S.A. VISA REQUIREMENTS: AN INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday May 31, 6:30pm | Calgary JCC

A representative of the American Consulate will present information on visa requirements to enter the United States. This information is of particular interest to those residing in Canada who are not yet citizens. Contact Judy Shapiro at Calgary Jewish Federation or Robyn Winograd at Jewish Family Service for more information.

## COOKING WITH KESHER

Kesher members whipped up a great meal of pizza, pasta and brownies under the guidance of chef extraordinaire Rabbi Shaul Osadchey of Beth Tzedec Congregation. Thank you Rabbi for once again sharing your time and expertise.



## KESHER PICNIC WITH THE BIRDS

Next Kesher activity: June 19, 1-4pm

Birdwatching is the next activity for Kesher at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, followed by a picnic (weather permitting). For more information, and registration, please contact Karina Szulc at [karinas@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:karinas@jewishcalgary.org)

Kesher Klub is a social and recreational club for adults with a disability, which meets twice a month for Jewish-themed activities



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](mailto:karinas@jewishcalgary.org).

## Ft. McMurray Fire Fund



Thank you to all who donated!

Your generosity toward the people of Fort McMurray will help many, when they need our help the most. So far, we have raised **\$20,667 from 183 donors**. In addition, \$25,000 from the Calgary Jewish Federation emergency fund has already been donated to the Red Cross.

**Donations are still being accepted. Go to:**

[www.jewishcalgary.org](http://www.jewishcalgary.org)

and scroll down to the donation link, or contact Irena Karshenbaum at 403-537-8594

# CRC

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Community Relations Committee of Calgary Jewish Federation  
The Community Relations Committee of Calgary Jewish Federation plays an active and ongoing role in external, interfaith, ethno-cultural and government relations and takes a leadership role in the Calgary community in the priority areas of advocating on issues of concern to the Jewish community and fighting anti-semitism. For more information please visit our website at [jewishcalgary.org](http://jewishcalgary.org).



# UNDERSTANDING RADICALIZATION

Thursday, June 16 | 7pm, Calgary JCC



Dr. Michael Zekulin is a Political Science Professor at University of Calgary. A nationally and internationally recognized terrorism expert, he is frequently sought out by media outlets for commentary. He has published many articles and presents around the world on the subjects of terrorism, counter-terrorism, and radicalization. For more information, please contact Judy Shapiro at 403-444-3153 or [jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org)



## 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](http://OneHappyCamper.org) to find your camp and apply.

For information, contact Judy Shapiro at 403.444.3153 or [jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org)

\*Some conditions apply



## Annual Holocaust Symposium

In its 32nd year, a record 3300 high school students attended this year's Holocaust Education Symposium. Both survivors and descendants of survivors conveyed the experiences of the Holocaust and the important message that everyone has a responsibility to speak out against discrimination, injustice and racism.

Thank you to Mount Royal University, Calgary Jewish Federation's Symposium partner, for providing space, technical support and security.

Thank you to the army of volunteers who made this enormous undertaking possible.

And a very special thank you to the Holocaust survivors and Second Voice presenters for making Holocaust education impactful and meaningful.



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*Celebrate Sunshine*  
with friends and family

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# SEVENTH ANNUAL Popsicles Park

IN THE

**FREE FAMILY EVENT**

**SUNDAY JUNE 5 • 11:00AM - 2:00PM • CALGARY JCC**

*Pleasing Polar Popsicles*  
(Kosher, of course!)

*Cuddle the Critters*  
(from Butterfield Acres Petting Zoo)

• <i>Blow some bubbles</i>	• <i>Paint your punim (face)</i>
• <i>Pack a pateve picnic</i>	• <i>Bounce &amp; bound &amp; bellow!</i>



**For more information:**  
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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY JUNE 22  
CALGARY JCC 1607 90 AVENUE SW

6:45PM – CALGARY JCC AGM  
7:15PM – CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION AGM



- AGENDA FOR FEDERATION AGM WILL INCLUDE:
  - ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS
  - PASSAGE OF BYLAW AMENDMENTS  
(copies available online at [jewishcalgary.org](http://jewishcalgary.org) or by request from Federation office)
  - COMMUNITY UPDATES
  - SHEM TOV AWARDS