

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.



Pomegranate

NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



A MESSAGE FROM ADAM

Chaverim, *Mishpacha* (family) is a word that transcends bloodlines, one that we often use when we refer to friends with whom we have deep connections and emotional ties. From May 13-15, Calgary welcomed our *mishpacha* of close to 50 Partnership 2Gether (P2G) representatives from across Canada and *Etzba Hagalil* (the Galilee Panhandle) – comprised of six Canadian communities and five municipalities in northern Israel.

As a community, we provided warm Calgary hospitality, including: fun dinners hosted by Cathy and Marty Cole and Barb Atnikov and Albert Rosengarten, complete with square dancing, klezmer music, fiddlers, and good schmoozing; a visit to The Little Synagogue at Heritage Park complete with a guided tour by Irena Karshenbaum; opportunities to meet some community leadership; and a visit to the mountains. We also rolled up our sleeves during the meetings to wrestle with difficult challenges both in Israel and Canada – many of which we share, and we engaged in important dialogue about the partnership and specific initiatives.

Whether someone was a veteran member of the partnership or new to it altogether, what struck everyone was the feeling of family, of *mishpacha*. Yes, we were together to do important and meaningful work, but we were also living and breathing *gesher chai* (Living Bridge) throughout all of the business and all of the hospitality events. It was interesting to observe the love and caring in the group – at one point hearing from a representative from Ottawa who broke down in tears when she shared how meaningful support and messages were provided by partner communities in Israel when Ottawa recently experienced some disturbing anti-Semitic graffiti incidents.

With P2G, Jewish Calgary is part of something very special, something that is best felt rather than read. I encourage anyone going to Israel or, for that matter, traveling to any of Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Ottawa, or the Atlantic Provinces to be in touch with me so that I can ensure that you are welcomed warmly, and that you have an opportunity to meet our P2G friends and colleagues, our *mishpacha* during your travels. Please contact me at asilver@jewishcalgary.org or 403-444-3151

to learn more about this opportunity or more about P2G.

While I just commented on our Canada/Israel P2G partnership and the meaningful work we do collectively, I want to say a word about the important efforts being made over the last months, and certainly the last weeks, related to our signature Integrated Bursary Program (IBP). The program is a consolidated and dignified process enabling families to request financial assistance for educational programming for their children. Jewish Day School, Camp BB Riback and JCC camp, BBYO participation, and JCC membership are valuable, constructive, but expensive commitments. Many families find these important experiences to be beyond their reach.

IBP has been recognized by Jewish Federations of North America for its creativity and innovation, as well as its dignified, anonymous approach, and has provided access to Jewish camp, youth, and educational experiences for hundreds of children in Jewish Calgary since it started in 2009. We are very fortunate to have Beth Price as IBP's passionate, dedicated Chair,

and several equally passionate and dedicated volunteers serving as counselors to applicants, and adjudicators making very difficult and very inspiring recommendations throughout the process.

IBP is a jewel in the crown of this community and, while not perfect, it continues to live up to its intended purpose of ensuring that no member of the Jewish community be denied a Jewish educational, social, or cultural experience, and operating with core values of Dignity, Anonymity, and Equity. With thanks to Federation's UJA Campaign and donations from generous donors, IBP and those who benefit from its support continue to thrive. We end up with more children participating more deeply in a broader number of Jewish experiences. Ultimately, Jewish Calgary and global Jewry benefit.

Because...Together we can achieve more. Because...Together should include everyone. Because...Together we are stronger.

B'Shalom,

Adam Silver, CEO, Calgary Jewish Federation

EVERYONE WELCOME




CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION IS HONOURED TO PRESENT

DR. MENASHE ZAAROOR

Director of Department of Neurosurgery
Rambam Health Care Campus, Haifa

FREE
EVENT

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

7:00PM | Calgary JCC

Ground-breaking technology in Neurosurgery coming to Calgary. MR guided focused ultrasound can treat Movement Disorders such as Essential Tremor and Parkinson's Disease. Meet Dr. Zaaroor, an expert in the field.

Parkinson Alberta Members welcome

For more information, contact Irena Karshenbaum, Resource Development Associate at 403-537-8594 or ikarshenbaum@jewishcalgary.org

THE SIX DAY WAR

50TH



A panel discussion of the military victory and political implications of this important period in Israeli history.

ANNIVERSARY

MONDAY JUNE 5 7:00PM | Calgary JCC

For more Information contact Judy Shapiro
403-444-3153 or jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY JUNE 21

CALGARY JCC 1607 90 AVENUE SW

6:45PM

CALGARY JCC AGM

7:15PM

CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION AGM



FEDERATION AGM AGENDA INCLUDES ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS, COMMUNITY UPDATES, AND SHEM TOV AWARDS.

Journey of Discovery

PRESENTED BY IZAK PAUL



WEDNESDAY

JUNE 14

7:30PM

CALGARY JCC

In his illustrated presentation, Izak will share the fascinating story of how a vacation trip to Prague and Vienna five years ago developed into an emotional journey of discovery as he learned the fate of his paternal grandparents and great-grandparents who were murdered in the Holocaust. This is an updated version of his presentation given several months ago to the Jewish Historical Society. For information contact Ilana at ikrygierlapides@jewishcalgary.org or 403-444-3162.

PJ LIBRARY® AND JAC INVITE YOU TO OUR

8TH ANNUAL Popsicles IN THE Park

Sunday June 4 11AM - 2PM
at Calgary JCC

FREE FAMILY EVENT - NO NEED TO REGISTER
Face painting • Jumpy house
Obstacle course • Bubbles
And lots of other fun family activities

FREE KOSHER POPSICLES

Bring your own picnic and enjoy a day in the sun with family and friends!

BUTTERFIELD ACRES PETTING ZOO

Contact Kathie at kwainer@jewishcalgary.org or Jordan at jwaldman@jewishcalgary.org for more information





PJ LIBRARY WANTS YOU TO GET TOGETHER WITH YOUR FRIENDS THIS SUMMER... AND WE WILL PAY YOU!

IT'S EASY!

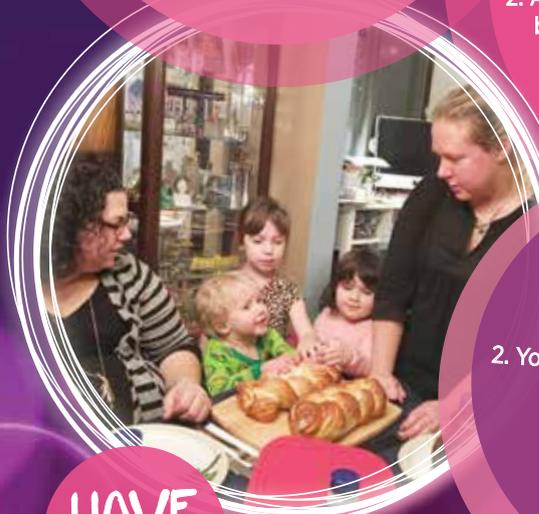
1. Think about something fun and Jewish that you would like to do. Be creative! Try something new!
2. Apply at pjlibrary.org/gettogether before June 30. You will hear back from us within two weeks.
3. Host your Get Together by August 30.

THE RULES ARE:

1. You must be an active PJ Library subscriber.
2. Your Get Together should include two or more other families raising Jewish children.
3. Fill out a quick report and your cheque for up to US\$150 will be on its way.

HAVE FUN!

Any questions or need ideas?
Contact Kathie at kwainer@jewishcalgary.org or 403-537-8592

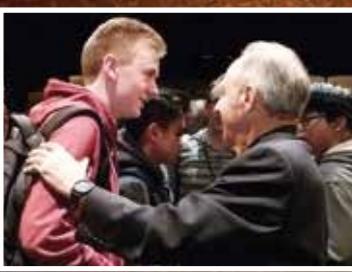



Holocaust

EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

Close to 3,000 high school students attended Federation's annual Holocaust Education symposium on May 9, 10 and 11. The students heard from historians and watched a film about the rise of the Nazis. But as always, the most significant part of the program was hearing the difficult and personal survivor testimonies. The message delivered by all the survivors was: don't be a bystander if you witness antisemitism, racism, bigotry or bullying. Thank you to our partners at Mount Royal University, without whom the symposium would not be possible and to the many volunteers who make sure the symposium runs like a well-oiled machine. And our sincere gratitude to the survivors and second and third generation presenters who make the symposium meaningful and emotional.





LIVING THE LIVING BRIDGE




Forty-five people from six Canadian communities and five Israeli municipalities recently experienced the true meaning of "gesher chai" (living bridge), when they gathered in Calgary for the Joint Steering Committee meetings of the Partnership 2Gether (P2G) program May 13-15 in Calgary. Highlights included an hilarious welcome from Calgary's Mayor Naheed Nenshi, a guided tour of the Little Synagogue at Heritage Park, and more.

Calgary Jewish Federation is one of the partners in P2G, which links Diaspora Jewish communities with cities or regions in Israel. Along with all the Canadian communities outside Toronto and Montreal, we are partnered with Etzba Hagalil, the Galilee Panhandle, which is the northernmost region of Israel.

The steering committee of P2G meets twice a year – once in Israel and once in one of the Canadian communities – to discuss our investment in projects in the region and our Geshar Chai programming which encourages person-to-person relationships between Canadians and Israelis. An example of Calgary's Geshar Chai programming is the twinning of Akiva Academy with Uziel School and of The Calgary Jewish Academy with both HaGomeh and Har Vagai Schools. The younger students at the schools exchange letters and information, CJA and HaGomeh together study the Friends Across the Sea curriculum and of course the CJA Grade 9s develop deep relationships with their peers at Har Vagai in reciprocal student exchanges (mifgashim).

On the philanthropic front, the Partnership supports a range of youth, education, and capacity-building projects in the region. Federation CEO Adam Silver and local P2G Chair Cathy Cole would be happy to tell you more about the specific projects and the impact we are having on the region!

Special thanks to Cathy and Marty Cole and Barb Atnikov and Albert Rosengarten for opening their homes to the Joint Steering Committee and additional friends, and to all the Calgary P2G committee for their help with driving and welcoming our guests in true Calgary spirit.

JACFIT
POWERED BY FEDERATION

Get ready to roll into a new summer of JACFIT activities. Watch Facebook for other JACFIT events throughout the summer, or go to jewishcalgary.org for more info.

Have fun and stay JACFIT

JUNE 11 - BIKE: AROUND GLENMORE RESEVOIR AUGUST 6 - HIKE: ROCKBOUND LAKE
JULY 9 - HIKE: BORGEAU LAKE AUGUST 13 - BIKE
JULY 23 - HIKE: PLAIN OF SIX GLACIERS

Questions or carpool? Contact Jordan: jac@jewishcalgary.org | 403-444-3146

