

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.



A MESSAGE FROM ADAM

Shalom friends,
It is a goal of Calgary Jewish Federation, and my personal goal, to share more and more information with the community. Our intention is to keep you, our constituents, informed about Federation's programmatic highlights, community challenges and successes, allocations to partner agencies, and opportunities to engage with our national partners. Pomegranate, of course, is the primary vehicle for conveying this information, but we are using social media more effectively as well. Be sure to follow us on facebook, instagram and twitter.

Hopefully you've noticed our recent promotional ads which highlight the many acronyms we use when referring to programs, initiatives, committees and other entities. We expect that this campaign will shed light on some of Calgary Jewish Federation's most frequently used terms.

One such 'short form' is PAC – Program Allocations Committee. The critically important role of this committee is to recommend the allocation of funds raised through the United Jewish Appeal campaign to various programs and services offered by our partner agencies.

To that end, the committee conducts due diligence on program funding applications from the agencies, ensuring maximum impact, and the delivery of programs and services which align with current and emerging needs of Jewish Calgary. This committee requires of volunteers a significant investment of time, and draws on their talent, wisdom, and will to make very difficult decisions.

This year, Chairperson Alex Linetsky, and committee volunteers Cathy Cole, Michael Ghert, Kim Nagan, and Harrison Zivot, spent hours preparing for three evenings of presentations by our funded partner organizations (Akiva Academy, Camp BB-Riback, Calgary Jewish Academy,

Calgary JCC, Jewish Family Service Calgary, and Kolle,) as well as considering many programs delivered directly by Calgary Jewish Federation. Then, an entire evening of additional deliberations takes place, to arrive at allocations that support our growing community needs.

The dedication of these hard working volunteers should not be underestimated or taken for granted. PAC regards its job very seriously – as stewards of United Jewish Appeal campaign funds generously provided by donors, PAC works to ensure funds are put to good, impactful use, and enable our community partners to continue the important work they do to the benefit of our community. Committee members ask thoughtful questions about service delivery, secular partnerships, efficiencies, demands for current and new services, board and staff strength, succession planning, and collaborations. Once PAC has deliberated, a summary of funding and program recommendation is placed before the Calgary Jewish Federation Board of Directors, and even more tough decisions are made.

As part of Federation's continuing efforts to improve all that it does, and to be even more collaborative, all partners were engaged in advance of the process to discuss PAC's expectations, the necessary information to submit, the format of the presentation and other pertinent details. The agencies were asked to identify what has worked in the past and what has not.

Perhaps one of the most important changes this year was the unveiling of a two year funding cycle. In past years, PAC allocated funds on a one year basis. In consultation with our partners, we reached the conclusion that multi-year funding would provide much desired budgetary and planning consistency, and would allow all of us to collaboratively focus on measurement of the impact of our community's

programs and services. All of us are very excited about this change, and we will continue to work together to ensure that we raise the necessary funds needed to support the two-year commitments, in partnership with all of you, our amazing and generous community supporters.

PAC wants to thank our partner agencies for working hand in hand in the best interests of Jewish Calgary, and for ensuring that we serve the vulnerable, we provide identity building programs and services, we educate the Jewish and broader communities about the Holocaust and the dangers of human rights infractions, we engage young families in Jewish living, we support our schools in serving diverse student needs, we strengthen our beloved Israel through advocacy and support of social service and educational programs... the list goes on and on.

PAC is a very good example of our community at its best. It demonstrates the collaboration that is necessary to administer a thriving community, and operate a range of programs that touch on all our lives. On behalf of the board of Calgary Jewish Federation, I thank the members of PAC for their diligence and hard work in stewarding community funds and for their thoughtfulness in maximizing the effectiveness of our resources.

Because...together we are stronger.

B'shalom,

CEO, Calgary Jewish Federation and Calgary JCC

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



A Partnership 2Gether Visit

See Israel through our Israeli Partners' Eyes!

Save the Date

October 28 - November 4
(with an optional extension to attend P2G meetings Nov. 5-8)

Visit Calgary's projects in Etzba Hagalil and meet our Israeli partners. Also see Jerusalem, Sderot, and Tel Aviv. Watch for more details.

For more information, contact Judy Shapiro at jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org or 403-444-3153.

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 to find your camp and apply.

For information, contact Judy Shapiro at 403.444.3153 or jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org

Ft. McMurray Fire Fund

Thank you to everyone who donated to help the citizens of Fort McMurray. Together we have raised \$22,825, in addition to \$25,000 that Calgary Jewish Federation immediately allocated to the Red Cross. The funds raised through your generosity will be distributed according to need as the recovery and rebuilding process evolves.

KESHER PICNIC WITH THE BIRDS

June 19, 1-4pm

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

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

IBP [eye-bee-pea]

Integration Bursary Program of Calgary Jewish Federation

A one-stop shop for subsidies for education, summer camp and Jewish experiences operating with the values of dignity, respect, anonymity, effectiveness and fairness. For more information, visit www.jewishcalgary.org/ibp-making-jewish-life-more-affordable



Asper Human Rights and Holocaust Studies Program

“Before the [Asper] trip I had no idea what I wanted to strive to become, and now after listening and learning everything, I have inched closer to having an idea — and that is being a human rights lawyer/activist.”

Those are the words of one of the participants in this year's Asper Human Rights and Holocaust Education program, offered by Calgary Jewish Federation. This was the first year that the program concluded with a trip to Winnipeg to tour the newly-opened Canadian Human Rights Museum. Through the day-and-a-half spent at the museum, and the 20 hours of education that preceded the trip, the 12 students gained a significant understanding of the importance of protecting human rights. They learned about the Holocaust and other instances of human rights violations, especially the Canadian experiences of First Nations people and others. At the graduation ceremony on May 25, program participants signed a Memorandum of Personal Responsibility, promising to stand up to injustice. As one student said:

“We need to make sure that we speak out against human rights infringements in the future. We need to value life and protect others, even if we don't know them. It doesn't matter if they're of a different race or religion, it's all the same.”



March OF THE LIVING

“Arbeit Macht Frei” is written on the gates of Auschwitz, which Calgary March of the Living students passed through on their walk to the iconic train tracks of Birkenau. They began the walk in silence, with 10,000 other Jewish teenagers and their chaperones, arm in arm with the Holocaust Survivors that accompanied them on this difficult journey. Weeks of education culminated with tours in Poland of what is left of the Warsaw ghetto, cemeteries, railway platforms where Jews were transported to camps, the haunting emptiness of a Synagogue in Tykocin, and the surreal stillness of forests that house mass graves. Approaching the gates of Birkenau surrounded by a sea of blue and white, students held on tight to their Survivors, waved their Israeli flags and as one voice, began to sing “Am Israel Chai”.

After Poland, the second week of the program takes place in Israel, where students experienced Israel's Independence Day, and echoed the March as they walked through the Old City of Jerusalem to the Kotel. The Israel component of the trip also included a hike up Masada, a beach visit to Tel Aviv, a visit to a Kibbutz in the north and a big celebration of life. Such moving and meaningful moments are the essence of the March of the Living – a program for Jewish High School students that runs biannually. Mark your calendars for spring 2018 and don't miss the opportunity to send your teen on this vital program.



All programs on these pages are funded in part by your donation to United Jewish Appeal.

SHALOM BABY

Calgary Jewish Federation

Shalom Baby Play Group: For the Under Twos

Thursday Mornings
9:45am - Noon | Calgary JCC

Last Meeting Dates before Summer
June 16 June 30

PJ Library®

tot Shabbat

Funded by Lion of Judah in honour of Jenny Belzberg, Myra Paperny & Faith Riback

PJ Library® Tot Shabbat: For the Under Threes

Friday Mornings
9:45 - 10:30am | Calgary JCC

Last Meeting Dates before Summer
June 10 June 24

For information, contact Kathie at kwainer@jewishcalgary.org or 403-537-8592

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.

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 or by request from Federation office)
- COMMUNITY UPDATES
- SHEM TOV AWARDS