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NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



A MESSAGE FROM YANNAI

In my spring letter, written three months ago, I referred to the imminent budding warmth of spring. Although I was optimistic by a few weeks, we are now entering summer vacation season enjoying Calgary's long days of warm sunshine and just enough rain to keep our lawns and gardens green. In our Jewish tradition we set aside three weeks of our glorious summer, bookended by the fast days of the 17th of Tammuz and the 9th of Av, as a period of mourning for many tragedies throughout our history including the sin of the spies and resulting forty years of wandering in the wilderness, the destruction of both the First and Second Temples, and many anti-Semitic edicts, expulsions, pogroms and massacres over thousands of years of exile. In contemplating the tragedies, trials and tribulations that our ancestors faced over thousands of years, it is inspiring to think of every generation that persevered, recovered, rebuilt. Unlike so many

cultures and civilizations, Am Yisrael Chai, the Jewish people continue on in their mission of Tikkun Olam.

In May I had the opportunity to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the State of Israel at a special event hosted by the Israeli Government at the United Nations. Sitting in the General Assembly Hall of the United Nations Secretariat Building with the Canadian JFC-UJA delegation and hundreds of prominent supporters of Israel from across the US was truly an amazing experience. The theme of the evening was Israeli Innovation, but the deeper message of the evening was the Jewish People's ability to turn challenge and tragedy into opportunity and success. One of the keynote speakers was Ran Maidan, CEO of drip and micro-irrigation innovator Netafim, who spoke about how Israel is not only making the Negev and Sinai deserts bloom, but how Israeli technologies

are revolutionizing agriculture in India and around the Third World. Brigadier General Dr. Dani Gold, the maverick behind the Iron Dome missile defense system, spoke not only about the development of the technology but about the impact on Israeli day-to-day lives. A cell phone video from a few years ago of a rocket attack during a Bar Mitzva showed terrified guests running for cover in the fifteen second between the first sound warning sirens and a hail of explosions nearby. A similar video taken last year showed guests at an outdoor wedding nonchalantly enjoying impromptu fireworks as the Iron Dome system spectacularly and perfectly took out a salvo of over thirty rockets across the Be'er Sheva skyline.

depressed economy, a challenging UJA campaign, construction traffic at the corner of 14th Street and 90th Avenue – in the big picture these are speed bumps and not mountains to overcome. Individual needs will always exist, good work will always need to be done, thoughtful planning will always be necessary. But, we can be confident that as a community, if we have the will, then we also have the capacity to achieve our goals in building a strong and vibrant Jewish community for ourselves, for each other, and for our children.

Happy Summer,

Yannai Segal

Yannai Segal
President, Calgary Jewish Federation

Thinking about the challenges faced by and overcome by our ancestors and our brothers and sisters in Israel helps to put our own problems into perspective. A temporarily

SUMMER EDITION - POWERED BY CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION

JEWISH NEWCOMERS

MEET + GREET

SUNDAY AUGUST 12 • 11-4PM
AT A COMMUNITY LAKE IN SOUTH CALGARY - LOCATION TBA

PACK A PICNIC LUNCH AND JOIN US FOR FUN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND NEW FRIENDSHIPS!
MEET AND WELCOME NEW JEWISH FAMILIES IN CALGARY
THIS IS A FREE PROGRAM, BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS (BABIES TOO)

SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTER BEFORE AUGUST 7
CONTACT KARINA SZULC TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
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ISRAEL@70

October 17 - 24, 2018

REGISTER NOW!

This fall, celebrate Israel's anniversary with a mission culminating at the General Assembly (GA) in Tel Aviv. This trip will include two days in our partner region meeting dignitaries and exploring the projects that you fund. 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.

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

For info contact Diana Kalef at 403-444-3154 or dkalef@jewishcalgary.org

PERPETRATOR PHYSICIANS

As part of ongoing Holocaust Education, University of Calgary graduate student Jessica Tannenbaum presented her research about the doctors at Flossenburg concentration camp. Originally from Germany, Dr. Tannenbaum has worked as a museum docent at Flossenburg. She completed a medical doctorate thesis in 2016 at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (Germany) on Perpetrator Physicians at the camp. Dr. Tannenbaum also addressed the fate of the medical officers in post-war Germany. The audience appreciated this unusual and interesting topic.

SAVE THE DATE

UJA 2018

Thursday September 13 **WOMEN'S EVENT**
Sunday September 16 **SUPER SUNDAY**
Thursday October 11 **MEN'S POKER NIGHT**
Date TBD **JAC GALA**

Popsicles IN THE Park

Rain couldn't dampen the high spirits of children free to bounce and play – indoors – at our annual Popsicles in the Park, co-hosted by PJ Library® Calgary and JAC (adults under 40), on June 10. Face painting, a petting zoo, AcroYoga, and brightly coloured kosher popsicles kept young ones happy for hours.

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