

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.

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NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



A MESSAGE FROM BRUCE AND ADAM

As we approach the year-end for 2015-16, we'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on Federation's considerable accomplishments this year. You will also find this message in our Annual Report, available online at www.jewishcalgary.org or through the Federation office. Please check it out to learn more about Federation's programs and services. To note just a few of this year's highlights:

- Campus Plan** – After a lengthy and thorough process of preparation and planning, as well as consultation with neighbouring communities, Calgary Jewish Federation's amended land use application was unanimously approved by Calgary City Council. This important achievement allows us to move forward with future steps for developing the campus lands. We're excited to engage the community in the planning process in the coming years.
- Our UJA Campaign** – Despite the difficult economic situation in Alberta, our Community was and is generous in contributing to the annual campaign, ensuring the provision of services critical to the health and vitality of our Community. We are grateful to our donors and to the tireless UJA volunteers for guaranteeing the continuity of the level of service we have grown to expect.
- The Jewish Day School Education Committee** – This committee has brought together our two Jewish Day Schools and a cross-section of educational professionals in a collaborative effort to address the challenges and opportunities of ensuring the high quality education

of the next generation of Jewish leaders. A significant initiative, which arose from the original Task Force's recommendations, was a collaborative campaign spearheaded by Federation highlighting the benefits of Jewish day School education. Wonderful news: both schools anticipate consistent or increased enrolment for next year.

- Second Generation Holocaust Education Project** – Calgary has a reputation for being innovative, and our Holocaust education program is an example. Thanks to a generous grant from the Alberta Human Rights Commission, we have now completed five presentations where children and grandchildren use video clips of Holocaust survivors to tell their parent's or grandparent's stories. The presentations were showcased at this year's Holocaust Education Symposium to enthusiastic reviews. This project ensures the continuity of our Holocaust Education program when there will no longer be survivors to share their testimony directly.
- PJ Library** – Calgary has the highest penetration of PJ Library in all of North America! We have reached 80% of potential subscribers. We are so proud of our PJ programming, which was expanded this year to include our new PJ Chag Sameach project, funded by Sam and Ida Switzer.
- Fort McMurray Fires** - Once again our Community demonstrated immediate and overwhelming generosity in response to this emergency. We are grateful that we live

in a Community that is always ready to support those in need anywhere in the world.

JCC-Federation Relationship - With the appointment of Adam as CEO of both Federation and the JCC, we have enhanced the seamless relationship between the two agencies. We continue to look for ways to leverage the resources of our Community to maximize service delivery and efficiencies, and anticipate that the further development of this integrated relationship will be significantly beneficial to our Community.

This has been a year of continued progress for Calgary Jewish Federation and for our Jewish Community. We look forward to building on our successes, and to confronting our challenges, together as a unified Community. We thank all the volunteers who make our Jewish Community a priority, we thank our partner agencies who share our vision of success and we thank you – our donors and supporters – for making all this possible.

B'Shalom,

Bruce Libin
President
Calgary Jewish Federation

Adam Silver
CEO
Calgary Jewish Federation



LEADERSHIP SEMINAR IN ISRAEL

I was so honoured to be the delegate from our Jewish Adult Calgary (JAC) Board to attend the week long Keshet 2016 Seminar for Keren Hayesod-UJA Young Leadership in Israel this past May. I was 1 of 2 Canadians to have had the privilege to attend, among participants from over 15 different countries.

I learned a great deal about how other communities function, and gained many leadership skills which I am excited about bringing back to JAC and the Calgary Jewish Community as a whole. Most importantly, I learned that Keren Hayesod is a partner to Jewish Federations across North America that implements many amazing projects in Israel on our behalf.

Being in Israel during Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut was truly enlightening and memorable and helped to solidify my Jewish pride and bond with Israel. Thank you to the Julia Koschitzky family for this amazing experience.

JACLYN SWITZER

Donor Relations and Special Events Assistant

Calgary Jewish Federation is looking for someone who can fulfil a number of roles within our organization. This position requires an outgoing, friendly person who has excellent communication skills and is comfortable speaking to donors both in person and on the phone. Donor relations involves reaching out to thank our donors as well as following up with them in regard to event attendance, special interests, and in some cases, their gifts. Special events coordination will involve assistance in the planning of small to large events. This job requires some evening and weekend work. This is a part-time position, hours dependant on skills of the successful applicant. Experience with Microsoft software, database entry and solid communication skills are required.

Please forward your resume and cover letter to Diana Kalef at dkalef@jewishcalgary.org no later than July 11.



PJ Library®



With story-telling by Morah Amy Goldberg, a lively sing-along with Daniel Birnbaum, nature-inspired crafts and tasty snacks, PJ Library's Chag Sameach Shavuot was another success in the Chag Sameach series generously sponsored by Sam and Ida Switzer. Families learned about Shavuot in a fun way and took away ideas for a meaningful celebration at home.



Popsicles in the Park



A more beautiful day couldn't have been custom-ordered on June 5th for Popsicles in the Park, sponsored by PJ Library Calgary and JAC. Face-painted children bounced in the castle, pet furry creatures, enjoyed blowing bubbles and cooled down with frozen treats. Thank you to the multitude of families who came to the JCC to enjoy this annual event.



See Israel through our Israeli Partners' Eyes!

A Partnership 2Gether Visit

October 28 - November 4

(with an optional extension to attend P2G meetings Nov. 5-8)

Shabbat in Jerusalem | Show solidarity with the people of Sderot
Start Up tour of Tel Aviv | Visit projects supported by Calgary
Meet our Partners in Eitzba Hagalil | And much more...

Cost: **\$3600 USD***
Land costs only
Based on **double occupancy**
Includes **9 nights deluxe accommodation**
Most meals - great Israeli cuisine
Admission to all sites
Gratuities not included. | *Subject to 10% change.

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



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

JDC

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Joint Distribution Committee

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) is the world's leading Jewish humanitarian assistance organization. JDC works in more than 70 countries and in Israel to alleviate hunger and hardship, rescue Jews in danger, create lasting connections to Jewish life, and provide immediate relief and long-term development support for victims of disaster. The JDC is a partner agency of Calgary Jewish Federation and is a recipient of funds raised through the UJA campaign. www.jdc.org

Save The DATES

- MAJOR GIFTS DINNER September 19
- RACE HASHANA September 25
- LION OF JUDAH EVENT September 26
- JAC GALA November 5

Because... Together we are stronger

JAC FIT SUMMER HIKES

POWERED BY FEDERATION

Families and pets welcome

10AM Start

- June 26 - Grassi Lakes, Canmore
- July 10 - Fullerton Loop, Bragg Creek
- August 7 - Sulphur Springs Trail, Bragg Creek
- August 21 - Rawson Lake, Kananaskis

To arrange a carpool, please contact Jordan Waldman at 403-444-3146 or jwaldman@jewishcalgary.org

KESHER KLUB Summer Sizzlers

- July 3rd Kosher Stampede Breakfast
10.00 am | HOJMI
- July 24th Keshet Picnic at the Lake
11.00 am – 4 pm | Lake Midnapore Calgary
- August 7th
10.00am – 4.00pm | Jerusalem Road Market
Selling flower broaches (by donation)

For more information contact Karina Szulc at 403-389-6994 or karinas@jewishcalgary.org

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.

PJ Library Calgary has had a wonderful year.

Thank You

to our generous community donors, Calgary Jewish Federation's UJA and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

523 children receive the gift of Jewish books and music every month. **14** PJ programs.
25 PJ Library Tot Shabbat programs.
Launched PJ Library Chag Sameach.