A M E S S A G E F R O M B R U C E A N D A D A M

As we approach the year-end and 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 proposed land-use amendment was unanimously approved by Calgary City Council. This important achievement allows us to move forward with features designed for the campus landscape. We’re excited to engage the community in this planning in the coming years.

• Our UJA Campaign – While we are always grateful for our donors and to the provision of services critical to the health and vitality of our Community, we are grateful for our donors and to the level of service we have grown to expect.

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 parents or grandparents’ 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 overarching 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 in 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.

Shalom,

Bruce Libin
President
Calgary Jewish Federation

Adam Silver
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 Kesher 2016 Seminar for Keren Hayesod-UIA. Young Leadership in Israel (the paid part) was 1 of 2 Communities to have the privilege to attend, among participants from over 12 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. A highlight was when we learned that Keren Hayesod is a partner with 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 JAC and the Shalom family for this amazing experience.

JACLYN SWITZER

Donor Relations and Special Events Assistant
Calgary Jewish Federation is looking for someone who can fulfill 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, 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 Kalif at dkalif@jewishcalgary.org no later than July 11.

PJ Library Calgary has had a wonderful year.

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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.

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