

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 BRUCE



We have a wonderful vibrant Jewish Community. Programs and services; groups and organizations; participants, volunteers and staff – cumulatively add up to create a Jewish Calgary of which, deservedly, we are proud.

Could we do more, do better? Of course. Need we hang our heads? Never.

June is the traditional month for Community evolution. School graduations, annual general meetings, board renewals and changing of the guard. It is not so much a time to say goodbye as to look forward to next rounds, new events, reaching greater heights. These thoughts have me wanting to touch only briefly on the past year, to focus more on where we are going.

The past:

A reasonable UJA Campaign in light of the Calgary economy; ever greater participation in our Community in programs and services, especially programs relating to Israel; a terrific professional staff providing skilled

leadership and motivating volunteers; a much coveted Integrated Bursary Program which helps address Community and individual needs with dignity and respect; volunteers galore – with a special tip of the yarmulke to our dedicated board of directors.

The future:

UJA: Federation's mandate is to support Jewish Calgary, to broaden participation and affiliation. We can do this only with continued generous support for our Community's operating needs through Federation's United Jewish Appeal campaign. Please give generously.

Campus: We have the opportunity and the obligation to move forward with our Campus aspirations. Our Jewish Community Centre is the central address for our Jewish Community – we must preserve and enhance it for the years ahead. At the same time, we have the opportunity to provide more services, including a seniors care centre, seniors independent housing and a Kosher kitchen. *"As my forebears planted*

for me, so am I planting for my children."
– Babylonian Talmud

Please consider the Jewish Community you want for the next many years. Please reach to help support our operating needs and our capital needs.

Leadership: As a Community, we are fortunate to have Yannai Segal take on the role of President of Federation. Yannai and the Federation Board bring energy and enthusiasm to help address our Community's issues and future. I look forward to working with them and of course to the continued professional leadership of Adam Silver and our A-1 team at Federation.

Challenges: With a difficult economy and a somewhat stable Jewish population, we must make the necessary effort to drive ourselves forward. We cannot be complacent – we must not take our wonderful vibrant Jewish Community for granted. I fear for the loss of commitment to a better Community, a Jewish Calgary that will retain our

population and attract Jews from other locations. We must be bold; we must be courageous. *"Courage is not the absence of fear, it's carrying on despite it."* – Mark Twain

I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity our Jewish Community has given me to serve as President these past four years. It is an honour to help lead and to help represent Jewish Calgary and a privilege to work with so many dedicated Community members, lay and professional. I thank Carolyn for her support and encouragement and all of our Community for always striving for a better Jewish Calgary. We may not always agree on tactics; we all have the best interests of our Community in our minds and hearts.

Respectfully,

Bruce Libin
Immediate Past President
Calgary Jewish Federation



Calgary Jewish Federation Shem Tov Awards

The cornerstone of any not-for-profit organization is its volunteers. Kol Hakavod to all these volunteers who are this year's recipients of the Shem Tov Award, presented at the Annual General Meeting of Calgary Jewish Federation on June 21:

William Aizanman – Calgary Chevra Kadisha
Dan Balaban – Calgary JCC
Addi Berard – Kollel
Aaron Bickman – Calgary JNF
Milton Bogoch – Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary
Marnie Bondar – Holocaust and Human Rights Education, Federation
Donna Caplan – Beth Tzedec Congregation
Ken Drabinsky – Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta
Susan Dvorkin – Calgary BBYO
Stan Eisenberg – The Calgary Jewish Academy
Debbie Faingold – Keshet Club, Federation
Mira Feldman – JAC, Federation
Stephanie Flohr and Kayla Goldberg – Hillel Calgary, Federation
Alemayehu (Alex) Gebreselassie – Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta
Jackie Halpern – Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Calgary
Hanit Jacobs – Akiva Academy
Larry Katz – UJA, Federation
Leslie Levant – Kehilat Shalom
Estelle Matthews – House of Jacob Mikveh Israel
Roslyn Mendelson – Temple B'nai Tikvah
Bev Silverstone – Jewish Family Service Calgary
Bev Sklar – B'nai Brith Lodge # 816
Lori Wolf – Na'amat Canada Calgary

Mazel Tov to Hal Joffe being awarded the 2017 President's Award

Todah Rabah! BEA YUFFE



Thank you to Bea Yuffe for making her milestone birthday a tzedakah opportunity. In lieu of gifts, Bea asked her friends to donate to the Yachad Fund at Calgary Jewish Federation.

This fund provides children from families in need with items that help their self-esteem and sense of belonging, everything from a Bar Mitzvah suit to socks and underwear, or even a gift for a birthday party to avoid going empty-handed.

Designating a gift is a wonderful way to make a positive impact on our community and to partake in a mitzvah that's meaningful to the honouree. To find out more about designated gifts, call Diana Kalef at 403-444-3154.



Join in a new summer of JACFIT activities. Watch Facebook for other JACFIT events throughout the summer, or go to jewishcalgary.org/jac for more info.

Have fun and stay JACFIT

JULY 9 - HIKE: BOURGEAU LAKE - 10AM	AUGUST 6 - HIKE: ROCKBOUND LAKE
JULY 23 - HIKE: PLAIN OF SIX GLACIERS	AUGUST 13 - BIKE

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



Made possible by your gifts to Federation's annual UJA campaign

Calgary Jewish Federation's annual UJA campaign is around the corner!



September 17
Major Contributor's Event

October 15
Lion of Judah Event
with Cellist Elad Kabilio

October 22
UJA/Holocaust Education Event
with Bernd Wollschlaeger

September 17
Campaign Launch:
YidLife Crisis – Live!

KESHER AT Telus Spark

Would you lie on a bed of nails? Members and friends of Keshet didn't hesitate, taking in all the unusual and engaging science exhibits at Telus Spark on June 11. Keshet is part of Federation's inclusion initiatives, and provides social and cultural experiences for Jewish adults with disabilities.



SURVIVING AND THRIVING

A lecture series for parents and guardians of children, youth, and adults with disabilities.

TRANSITIONING TO ADULthood

TUES JULY 25 • 6:30PM • CALGARY JCC

Lorna Selig from *The Children's Link* will discuss funding, guardianship, and other issues to consider in planning for the future.

LIVING WITH AUTISM

WED AUG 23 • 6:30PM • CALGARY JCC

Anne Morgan and Maria Vial from *Autism Calgary* will share information to help family, friends, and neighbours better relate to children with autism.

Co-sponsored by



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Popsicles IN THE Park

The weather cooperated on June 4, meaning countless families could enjoy a warm Sunday at Popsicles in the Park, sponsored by PJ Library® Calgary and JAC. Bubbies, babies, bubbles and bouncing, critters and cold popsicles kept families entertained for hours.



ISRAELI MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGH



Almost 110 people came to hear a talk by Dr. Menashe Zaaroor on ground-breaking technology for movement disorders. Dr. Zaaroor, who helped pioneer non-invasive neurosurgery, is the Director of the Department of Neurosurgery at Rambam Health Care Campus in Haifa and Associate Professor of Neurosurgery at the Faculty of Medicine at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

Held on June 7 at the JCC, Dr. Zaaroor spoke about how MRI guided focused ultrasound is now being used to treat various movement disorders, and in the future will be used to treat a myriad of ailments in the body including breast and prostate cancer. Dr. Zaaroor has played a key role in bringing this technology to Calgary, which is now available through the Movement Disorders Clinic at the Foothills Hospital. Thank you to Dr. Zaaroor for your fascinating presentation!

THE SIX DAY WAR

The Six Day War was undoubtedly a seminal event in Israeli and Jewish history. Federation marked the 50th anniversary of that event with a panel discussion on June 5. Dr. David Bercuson and Shaiel Ben-Ephraim explored the military victory and subsequent diplomatic challenges from an academic point of view. David Busheikin and Riki Heilik shared personal reminiscences of the time from a local and Israeli perspective respectively. It proved to be an eye-opening event that shed light on the complexity of that time in the Middle East and its impact on the situation today. Thank you to all the participants.



HILLEL HAD A GREAT YEAR and is planning even better for the next!



Avi Shabbat

Jew-do

Tikkun Olam

Israel Advocacy

Bagel Lunches

ShabbatHop

Jews, Schmooze and Canoes

Shabbat Shabang Regional Conference

If you're going to be on campus next year or if you know someone who will be, contact Jordan Waldman at 403-444-3146 or jwaldman@jewishcalgary.org.