The Chief Program Officer is a key member of the senior leadership team of Calgary Jewish Federation, overseeing most of the organization’s program and service delivery and assuming responsibility for the Community Relations, Security and Advocacy portfolios. The CFO supervises a number of program staff and reports directly to the CEO. This role is ideal for candidates looking to make a difference in Jewish and broader Calgary, with a focus on ensuring that programs and services address diverse community needs, build Jewish identity and pride, advocate on behalf of Jewish and human rights concerns, and build relationships with key stakeholders including local law enforcement and politicians. This is a full-time, senior management position. For details visit jewishcalgary.org/about-us-careers.

Shalom Baby and PJ Library® Program Assistant

The Shalom Baby and PJ Library® Program Assistant will support Calgary Jewish Federation’s Shalom Baby program and aid in the delivery of PJ Library programs. This is a part-time position (maximum 15 hours per week). Salary commensurate with experience. Send your cover letter and resume in confidence to Paula Egelnick at pegelnick@jewishcalgary.org by October 16, 2017.

A MESSaGE FrOM ADAM

I love autumn. I love this time of the year when the chagim arrive, when the leaves change, the weather is still sunny but crisp, and the school year starts anew. Oh, and my birthday comes and goes. Each year I marvel at the year that has just passed and, at the same time, get inspired for the year ahead. While very few things are actually entirely new beginnings, for many of us the weeks after Rosh HaShana, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot seem like a refreshed time during which we aspire to be even better versions of ourselves. We plan to do more good things for even more people, and kvetch less. We think about working out more, eating better, volunteering more, giving more tzedakah, and spending more quality time with family and friends.

Rosh HaShana and the sounding of the shofar are meant to inspire us from our slumber, to motivate us to be thoughtful and intentional. Yom Kippur is meant as a time of reflection, a time of making amends, and of planning the coming weeks and months. The challenge, of course, once the chagim are over, is not to fall back into old habits. Still, the weeks that follow provide us with runway to test our new aspirations, plan our successes, and figure out how to be better versions of ourselves, better community members, and better global citizens. Just as the chagim are a time of personal reflection, so too is this season a time of communal renewal and reflection. It is a time to recommit to our communal responsibilities and raise the funds needed to provide services to all Jewish Calgarians.

This year’s UJA Campaign slogan – “Everyone Counts” – not only applies to everyone in our community and around the world who benefits from services or programs funded by Calgary Jewish Federation, but equally so to those who volunteer who provide constructive feedback, and to those who serve our community and beyond with passion, talent, and ingenuity. There is a saying in Judaism that “when one saves an individual, it is as if she saved the entire world” – perhaps that is orienting our UJA and Federation goal – but we are guided by the spirit of that phrase when we set out each individual count.

We have had challenging campaigns and many ups and downs over the last two years. We weathered a difficult local economy; we became even more connected with community security; and we saw many in our community pass away. But as a community, with the contribution of all agencies and shuls, we also continued to provide programs and services positively disproportionate to our small size of 8,500 Jews. We continue to see Jewish day school enrollment climb while many communities are flailing and shuttering their schools. We saw our seniors benefit from amazing programs and supports, and we saw a renewal of commitment on many of our community’s boards and professional teams, positioning Jewish Calgary as a community on solid ground and in good hands. Over the last two years, we truly saw that “Everyone Counts.” I have had a meaningful few years working alongside our Past President Bruce Libin, and I am looking forward to working with current President Yvonne Legol, our board and dedicated staff team to continue the good work we have all begun. As we move forward into the next year, I want to invite each and all of you to live our UJA slogan – to share your thoughts, to volunteer, to give generously and relentlessly, and to make sure that we are the best Jewish Calgary we can be. In that version of ourselves, Everyone is valued, Everyone contributes, Everyone is integral...Everyone Counts.

Wishing you and yours a Shana Tova – may 5778 be our best year, yet.

Adam Silver, CEO
Calgary Jewish Federation

A Sweet New Year Begins at PJ Library® Calgary

The PJ Library season got off to a sweet start on September 17 with three – yes three! – programs all in one day. Our holiday learning program, PJ Library Chag Sameach, has proven to be so popular with families with young children that our Chag Sameach High Holy Days program was held twice to accommodate all the little ones. Over 45 children with their parents and grandparents enjoyed new stories, songs, crafts and lots of sweet treats. Thank you to educator Amy Goldberg and musician Daniel Birnbaum for another excellent holiday celebration!

September 17 also saw the beginning of PJ Calgary’s latest initiative – a series of programs specifically for Russian-speaking families funded by the Genesis Foundation. Eighteen families enjoyed an outing to the Chinkoo Honey Farm, where they learned about bee keeping and honey-making. A sweet lead-in to a meaningful Rosh HaShana.

Thank You

Many thanks to all the volunteers at our fundraising casino on September 10 and 11. Calgary Jewish Federation appreciates your support.
In Kiryat Shmona, far in the northern “panhandle” of Israel, Yael, 15, lives with her mother and younger brother in a small apartment. Her father was killed in a terrorist attack when she was five, so her mother works two low-paying jobs to support her family. The kids are left on their own a lot, but Yael prefers hanging out with her friends anyways. They often meet behind the local Makolet (convenience store) to smoke and drink cola. While some of their peers prepare for the Bagrut (matriculation exams) and talk about getting into a good position in the army, Yael’s friends know that their future will be very different. The problem is, Yael isn’t very interested in school – she would say she’s no good at it. Without decent grades and basic skills, Yael will probably be excused from the army – and everyone knows that a good posting in the army can set you up for post-service life.

Life was looking pretty bleak for Yael until she contacted the Hafuch al Hafuch centre in Kiryat Shmona. Counsellors at the centre help teens like Yael make the most of their talents and develop skills that will help them succeed after high school and find a fulfilling place in Israeli society. Hafuch al Hafuch is one organization supported by your gift to Federation’s UJA campaign. When it comes to the worldwide Jewish community, everyone counts. Make your gift count.

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186
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The Calgary Jewish Academy (CJA) is pleased to partner with Calgary Jewish Federation’s United Jewish Appeal (UJA) to further the goal of Jewish education and empowering Jewish youth in Calgary. UJA is a key contributor to the Gifted and Identified Needs Program at The CJA for those students who need extra learning supports and enrichment. In addition, UJA assists with a contribution in funding students who otherwise would be unable to attend The CJA. We encourage everyone to support this year’s UJA campaign, as it supports our community. A strong school builds a strong community, and supporting UJA supports The CJA.

what our partners say

Randy S. Shapiro – Chair
The Calgary Jewish Academy

The Calgary Jewish Academy helps them see what’s next.

The strength of a people. The power of community.
Everyone counts

Great UJA Launch Event

This year’s UJA launch event was an evening to remember! It started with the Major Contributor’s dinner - a chance to talk about philanthropy now and for our community’s future. That was followed by the main event, a side-splitting and thought-provoking presentation by Eli Batlion and Jamie Elman of YidLife Crisis. Their edgy, yiddishy humour had the hundreds in attendance laughing endlessly. Many thanks to our local entertainment, Zeev Berger and the Schmoozers for pleasing music, and Linda Gutman and Joy Feldman of Lipshtik, warming up our funnybones as Yenta and Shmenta.

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