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# Pomegranate

NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



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## A MESSAGE FROM ADAM

As I write this message, we are approaching our Day of Atonement, *Yom Kippur*, in about a week's time. Each year, sandwiched between the joy of *Rosh HaShana* and the seasonal fun and meaning of *Sukkot*, we take time to reflect on our misgivings, on the things we've left undone, and the people we have wronged – intentionally or unintentionally – throughout the previous year. This Jewish tradition of taking count and seeking to make amends is an opportunity, each and every year, to begin anew. We need not be perfect each year, but simply be better than the year before. And we must be sincere in our efforts to learn from the past and imagine a future that is both meaningful and inspiring. The beauty of human relations is that we can always attempt to make amends and very few transgressions are so severe that they cannot be forgiven. We might choose to be petty about small things that, at the time, seem like big ones but ultimately, very few issues are insurmountable.

So, as the Hebrew year 5780 begins, I am hopeful that we will all choose to appreciate our amazing community and

the energy and care that we can provide to one another. While we might have had differences of opinion last year, let's agree to seek common ground and shared values this year. If we moved just a little bit closer to our Jewish culture and heritage in the past twelve months, let's all try to engage even more, and let's be forgiving of those who are still finding their way.

Our community is rich with programs, services, and opportunities to live Jewishly, and I am hopeful that even more of us will choose to stand up and be counted – to contribute to the UJA campaign and volunteer in an effort to maintain our community, and at the same time, I am equally hopeful that community members will take advantage of all that Jewish Calgary has to offer.

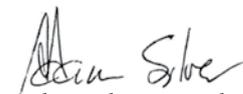
If you have felt wronged in the past, I want to know and I want to clear the slate. If you have experienced moments of joy and assistance, I also want to know and to hear how we might do even more or even better. As our slogan this year goes, *Jewish Calgary is Powered by You* – You are Jewish

Calgary. No statement is closer to the truth – we are only great because we are together, and we only stay great through hard work and honest truth.

As we reflect back on *Yom Kippur* and enter *Sukkot*, let's agree to seal up the past year and move forward into the next one full of energy and hope. There is much work to do and much to appreciate, and while many things in our community are not yet perfect, we do have much to be thankful for and we can be proud to call it ours.

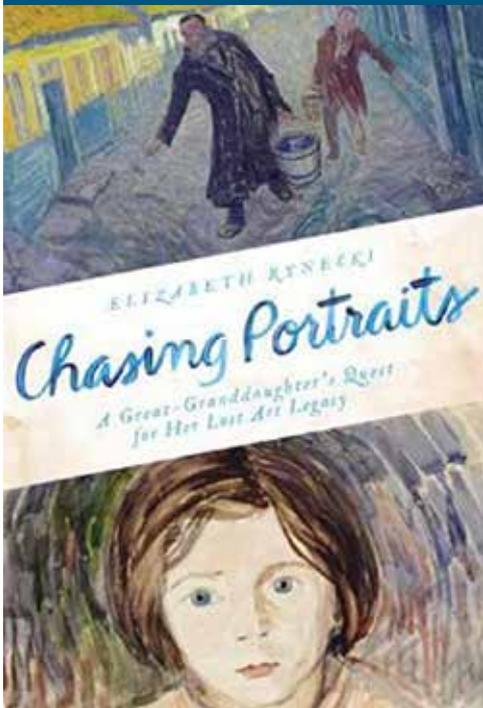
Wishing you and yours continued good health, good fortune, and good times in the year ahead.

*Kol Tuv* – Take Care,

  
Adam Silver, President  
Calgary Jewish Federation



JOIN CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION AND THE BETH TZEDEC JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL FOR THE COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION OF



## Kristallnacht

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10 • 7PM

FEATURING THE SCREENING OF *CHASING PORTRAITS*

THIS SCREENING IS FREE TO VIEW AND OPEN TO ALL.

AUTHOR ELIZABETH RYNECKI WILL BE SIGNING COPIES OF HER BOOK AT THE JCC'S JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL BOOTH.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ILANA AT 403-444-3162 OR VISIT: [BETHTZEDEC.CA/EVENTS/JEWISH-FILM-FESTIVAL](http://BETHTZEDEC.CA/EVENTS/JEWISH-FILM-FESTIVAL)



## REMEMBER AND BE THE LIGHT

*Protest Baseless Hatred*

Calgary Jewish Federation's Holocaust Education Department invites you to participate in this new initiative: *Remember and Be the Light*. On the evening of Sunday, November 10, please light a candle in your window to protest baseless hatred.

For info: Ilana • 403-444-3162 • [ikrygierlapides@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:ikrygierlapides@jewishcalgary.org)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Calgary Jewish Federation is looking for volunteers to assist in the following committees:

• **Curriculum Committee** •

Encourage the Alberta government to include Holocaust Education in the Alberta curriculum.

• **Symposium Committee** •

Create a program to commemorate and celebrate the 'Double-Chai' (36<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of the Holocaust Education Symposium.

Contact Ilana Krygier Lapides at 403-444-3162 or [ikrygierlapides@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:ikrygierlapides@jewishcalgary.org)





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# 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Smoothies in the Sukkah

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20 • 10:30AM - NOON • BETH TZEDEC SUKKAH

JOIN US FOR STORIES, CRAFTS, SNACKS – AND OF COURSE – OUR FAMOUS AND FABULOUS SMOOTHIES!

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS PROGRAM BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED ONLINE AT [JEWISHCALGARY.ORG](http://JEWISHCALGARY.ORG). PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND BY OCTOBER 16 SO WE CAN PREPARE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN.

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: [KWAINER@JEWISHCALGARY.ORG](mailto:KWAINER@JEWISHCALGARY.ORG)



THIS PROGRAM IS SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHT.  
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CONTACT US AND WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MEET YOUR NEEDS.

## INCLUSION

POWERED BY CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION

**Kesher** members and Calgary Jewish Federation's **Inclusion** department would like to express gratitude to Nessie Hollander and Calgary JCC's Golden Age group for the amazing experience of braiding and baking Challah together on **September 8**. The JCC was filled with music, stories, and the aroma of freshly baked challah. This was a wonderful opportunity to make Calgary a welcoming and inclusive community for all!

**Kesher** and **Inclusion** programs are generously funded by Lenny and Faigel Shapiro, the annual UJA Campaign, and donors like you. If you would like to know more about the inclusion of disabilities programs and projects, please contact **Karina Szulc** at 403-444-3158 or [karinas@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:karinas@jewishcalgary.org).



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# UJA 2019 POWERED by YOU



**W**itnessing everyone from young children to seniors come together to reach out to the community this past Super Sunday really brought back memories for me! As a seasoned UJA canvasser, I am always moved by the generosity of our community, and by individual stories of what inspires others to give.

Volunteerism and philanthropy are central parts of my life – particularly in Calgary’s Jewish community, which I have always called home. Aside from serving as a UJA volunteer for the past several years, some of my most fulfilling volunteer experiences include my many years serving on the JCC and CJA Board of Directors. Currently, I am on the Calgary Jewish Federation Board.

For my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, I resolved to take my service to the community even further and become a Lion of Judah! Being part of a world-wide community of over 16,000 female Jewish philanthropists has been one of the most empowering experiences of my life. For me, being a Lion is about knowing that I am doing my best to ensure the future of our community, care for the vulnerable, and strengthen our Jewish identity.

You don’t need to be a Lion to make a difference in the community. Any UJA gift that you can make goes a long way to supporting the vital programs and infrastructures that we all rely on.

If you are interested in learning about how you can get involved this Campaign season or learning more about what it means to be a Lion, please feel free to reach out to me at dsryder@shaw.ca or contact Federation’s Director of Development, Diana Kalef, at dkalef@jewishcalgary.org.

I cannot thank you enough for all you do to support the community, as well as all that you *will* do in the future! Every bit of support makes a difference. YOU are vital to a functioning and thriving Jewish Calgary!

And remember...  
**Jewish Calgary is Powered by YOU – Jewish Calgary is YOU!**

*Debbie Ryder*  
Debbie Ryder  
UJA 2019 Lion of Judah Chair

## Jewish Calgary IS POWERED BY YOU! Jewish Calgary IS YOU!



On September 15, volunteers of all ages, representing our partner agencies, came together to reach out to the community for the annual **Super Sunday Cell-a-thon**. Thanks to generous donors and dedicated volunteers, over \$100,000 was raised to support vital programs and services. This year, the matching incentive program has been a major motivator. On Super Sunday, – and in the days leading up – our Community raised \$53,000 in new and increased donations, all of which will be matched by caring Jewish Calgary philanthropists. Just before *Rosh HaShanah*, the UJA Campaign hit the one-million-dollar mark – a significant milestone made possible by YOU! Visit [jewishcalgary.org](http://jewishcalgary.org) to learn more or to make your UJA donation. *Todah Rabah!*



### SAVE THE DATE!



## Cell-a-thon

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5  
6PM • CALGARY JCC

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING YOUR TIME TO HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

### BE A PART OF LIFE & LEGACY™



CELEBRATING A TOTAL OF

# \$7.919 million

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Each partner organization has a yearly goal to secure letters of intent (LOI). Visit us online to learn more about partner organizations and complete your own LOI today.

[jewishcalgary.org/life-and-legacy](http://jewishcalgary.org/life-and-legacy)

71 FAMILIES IN JEWISH CALGARY HAVE MADE A PROMISE TO LEAVE A LEGACY IN OUR COMMUNITY

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LOI received									
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\*Legacy gifts can be left to any community organization even if they are not listed above.



For more information on how you can ensure our Jewish tomorrows today, contact Director of Development, Diana Kalef at [dkalef@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:dkalef@jewishcalgary.org) 403-444-3154.

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## Bowl-a-fun

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1  
1-4PM • CHINOOK BOWLADROME

RIGHT UP YOUR ALLEY! JOIN US FOR A FAMILY-FUN AFTERNOON HITTING THE PINS