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A MESSAGE FROM ADAM SILVER

Jewish Calgary – we are an amazing community. For our size, and despite our size, we continue to punch well above our weight. We are active, we are generous, and we are caring. And, make no mistake, we continue to grow in our diversity. While many might want to paint our Jewish community with one brush, we are diverse in our demographics, our political alignment, our financial means, our places of origin, our denominational Jewish practices, our relationships with Israel, our intersectional communities, and in many more ways.

Our diversity is what makes us special and what keeps us thriving. There is so much that each of us can bring to Jewish Calgary and to Calgary at large... if we dare, and if safe and accepting conditions are cultivated to let us do so. If we see one another's differences as strengths as opposed to barriers, we can create exponentially greater impact. My sense is this starts with knowing ourselves, each of us committing to be better – to do better. Only then can we be confident and comfortable engaging with and embracing others.

As I sat in *shul* on *Yom Kippur*, I found myself reading and rereading the *Al Chet* prayer during which we lament and repent for all of our potential (and actual) transgressions. As you likely know, it is a very long list

and many of the items seem irrelevant, archaic, or even silly. However, many are very accurate, and others cause one to pause and think. My personal favourite that I noticed this year was "...we have sinned against you by succumbing to confusion." I paused and even giggled at first. Then I gave it some deeper thought. My ultimate takeaway was that claiming ignorance or abstaining from seeking clarity is not an excuse for doing, or not doing something. If we choose to judge someone or something without seeking knowledge, or if we stand idly by while a transgression occurs and say that we did not understand or identify its ramifications, ignorance cannot be claimed as fair reason. It is incumbent upon us as humans, as caring community members, to elevate our thinking and to seek answers and consider varying perspectives. Initiating and maintaining this practice will better enable us to embrace the differences we see in others as strengths and will ensure Jewish Calgary continues to move forward and upward!

As we approach *Sukkot* – one of my favourite *chagim* (holidays) – we look to the metaphor of the the four species: the date palm (*lulav*), myrtle bough (*hadass*), willow branch (*aravah*), and the citron (*etrog*) which combine to make one of Judaism's most recognizable symbols. Each, on its own, is certainly valuable and

interesting, but when bound together, the four items create something iconic. So, too, is Jewish Calgary built through combining families and individuals from different backgrounds, with varied religious and cultural observances, resulting in our amazing and resilient community. The *lulav* and *etrog* are not complete if even one of the species is missing, and Jewish Calgary is only complete through its breadth of inclusion and diversity.

In the coming year, I wish for us all to come together like the *lulav* and *etrog*, adding value and combining together to be so much more than our individual parts. Only then can we truly be the amazing community that is my – and our – Jewish Calgary. **My Jewish Calgary** is diverse. **My Jewish Calgary** is caring. **My Jewish Calgary** has infinite potential!

G'mar Chatima Tova and *Chag Sukkot Sameach* – may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a wonderful year ahead!

B'Shalom,

Adam Silver
CEO, Calgary Jewish Federation

Building an inclusive community is a priority. Contact us and we will make every effort to meet your needs.

Kristallnacht

VIRTUAL: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 | 6:45PM



Join Calgary Jewish Federation at 6:45PM for our **KRISTALLNACHT** commemoration of *The Night of Broken Glass*. Following our virtual presentation, join us for the Calgary Jewish Film Festival screening of **RECKONINGS** at 7:00PM – a film featuring a group of German and Jewish leaders, under the threat of violence and six years after the Holocaust, who pushed for reparations as a step towards healing.



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BEN M. FREEMAN THE ENEMY FROM WITHIN: THE IMPACT OF INTERNALIZED RACISM

7PM | LIVE AT CENTRAL LIBRARY

FOR YEARS, JEWS HAVE BEEN GASLIT INTO DENYING THE TRAUMA THAT THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF PERSECUTION HAS LEFT AS ITS LEGACY. JOIN **BEN M. FREEMAN**, AUTHOR AND HOLOCAUST EDUCATOR, AS WE LEARN HOW TO IDENTIFY INTERNALIZED OPPRESSION, WHY JEWS REPRESENT THE CANARY IN THE COAL MINE, AND HOW TO COMBAT THE SELF-LOATHING AND OPPRESSION THAT WE MUST ALL FACE.



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Reclaiming our Story: The Pursuit of Jewish Pride is the second installment of world-renowned educator Ben M. Freeman's seminal manifesto of the modern Jewish Pride movement that has revolutionized the Jewish world.

SHABBAT DINNER WITH BEN M. FREEMAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 • 6PM • BETH TZEDEC

Join us for an evening with Ben M. Freeman as he educates, inspires, and empowers the younger members of our Jewish community to look inside ourselves –with empathy and without shame– to identify our own experiences with internalized anti-Jewishness so we can reclaim our Jewish stories, ultimately moving from prejudice to pride.

\$36 FOR DINNER AND CONVERSATION WITH BEN OR \$54 FOR DINNER, CONVERSATION, AND A SIGNED COPY OF HIS BOOK, RECLAIMING OUR STORY



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THIS IS MY JEWISH CALGARY

On September 18, over 150 people came out to celebrate our community and support the 2022 United Jewish Appeal Campaign at the launch event - My Jewish Calgary Community Celebration: Back in Stride!

With the blow of the *shofar*, by Darryl Gurevitch, the day kicked off with an uplifting 5km walk led by the Balaban Family. After the walk, even more community members joined in for a fun-filled carnival featuring live music from the talented Heebros and Friends. *Todah rabah* to everyone who came out and made this day so incredible! Special thanks to our title sponsors, the Balaban Family, as well as our other sponsors: Nitzanim Community Foundation, Safeway Glenmore Landing, Sobey's Bridlewood, 1600 World Bier Haus, Running Room Glenmore Landing, 4Imprint, and Grumans Britannia. Also, thank you to our partner agencies, and our many volunteers, including BBYO - we couldn't have done it without you!



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JEWISH CALGARY REMEMBERS

Thanks to you, Calgary has become a leader in Holocaust education throughout Alberta; engaging with thousands of students across the province, leaders and community builders, and those in the broader community. The **Annual Holocaust Education Symposium**, in-person and virtual classroom presentations with survivors and their descendants, and the **Here to Tell: Faces of Holocaust Survivors** project, are just a few examples of the many Holocaust education programs and services made possible through your UJA dollars. In addition, your gift directly serves our community by providing community commemorations, such as **Yom HaShoah** and **Kristallnacht**; outreach to survivors, and youth/young adult opportunities such as **March of the Living**. **My Jewish Calgary remembers! What does Jewish Calgary mean to you?**



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JEWISH CALGARY UPLIFTS THE NEXT GENERATION

Thanks to you, the next generation of Jewish Calgarians are thriving! Through UJA funding, Calgary has a robust local **Hillel** chapter on both University of Calgary and Mount Royal University campuses where opportunities for leadership, friendship, cultural connections, and advocacy are being built. Our emerging leaders are being welcomed into the **JAC** (Jewish Adult Calgary) program for ages 25 to 40, which is also funded through your UJA dollars. Through JAC, participants remain engaged in Jewish life, cement lifelong friendships, and play a pivotal role in community service and leadership. **My Jewish Calgary uplifts the next generation! What does Jewish Calgary mean to you?**



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