Everyone COUNTS

Friends,

I’m writing this in early October as we’ve wrapped up another busy Jewish High Holiday fall season. Having passed through the inspirational new year’s optimism of the Rosh HaShanah, the solemn self-reflection and Yom Kippur, and the joyful harvest celebration of Sukkot, we prepare to enter the Jewish month of Cheshvan. Cheshvan, also known as Marcheshvan, is the only month of the Jewish calendar with no holiday, celebration, or even fast day of any sort. While the multiple holiday-filled (and even multiple fast-filled) month of Tishrei inspires us through intense spiritual immersion and activity, the calm of Cheshvan teaches us a different lesson. While moments of inspiration are critical to help us live meaningful lives, the real effort and bulk of personal growth occurs in the mundane full between moments of excitement — in the day-to-day grind, in quiet activities and interactions, in overcoming life’s constant challenges and in seeking regular opportunities to do good. It’s what we do during ‘normal life’ that really counts.

The same is true for our UJA campaign. September was packed with launch events, amazing evenings with standup comic and inclusion activist Pamela Schuller and with journalist Jeff Goldman, and our Super Mitzvah Sunday which brought in over $100,000 for all the good work Federation and its agencies do in the community. But now we move on to the real work of raising the full $3 million campaign goal to make sure all the important work in the community. And the staff and volunteers of Federation and our community agencies move on to the hard work of planning and implementing all of the ongoing programs and services that make Jewish Calgary such a wonderful place.

So when you find yourselves with a quiet moment, take the opportunity to go to jewishcalgary.org or call the UJA office to make your pledge and maybe even inquire about helping out as a campaign volunteer.

Yannai Segal, President, Calgary Jewish Federation

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ON SUPER SUNDAY

Sunday, September 16 was indeed a Super Mitzvah Sunday. Beginning at 10:00am, volunteers gathered at the Calgary JCC to fundraise for the 2018 UJA campaign. By 4:00pm — and with the help of over 40 volunteers — over $100,000 had been raised.

Later that day, the community gathered at Temple B’nai Tikvah for an evening with Jeff Goldman. Our guest speaker shared his insider’s stories about being a part of six presidential terms beginning with Ronald Reagan and ending with Donald Trump’s inauguration. From his journeys on Air Force One, to spending months in war-torn regions, Jeff’s presentation was not only intriguing, but entertaining as well.

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Our campaign goal is $3,000,000. Approximately 12% of funds raised are for operational expenses.
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