

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 Aviva Kolotinsky at 403-444-3157 or akolotinsky@jewishcalgary.org.



Pomegranate

NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



A MESSAGE FROM ADAM

*The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking.
It cannot be changed without changing our thinking.*
– Albert Einstein

As November begins, we're heading into a time of change – the change from fall to winter, a change in our Federal government, and Jewish Calgary is also undergoing change. Although sometimes disconcerting, change always provides opportunities for growth, for new relationships, and better engagement. It is understandable if some members of our community are uncertain about the transition in government, considering the unprecedented support by former Prime Minister Stephen Harper for Israel. However, we have confidence that the relationships built with MPs of all stripes by our national advocacy agency, The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA), will bode well for the future.

Locally, visitors to our community are always impressed by the array of infrastructure and activities offered, which are more robust than what is found in communities double our size. The vibrancy of our community is a result of the adaptability and creativity of those who came before us. What they built provides the foundation for what will come next and, for that, great *kavod* is due. That being said, one of the keys to staying current is to adapt. Sometimes we

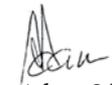
make small adjustments, other times we initiate large swooping adjustments. Whether large or small, the desired outcome of adaptation is to create something better, more constructive, more engaging.

Many of you reading this article will have heard that the boards of the Calgary Jewish Community Centre (JCC) and Calgary Jewish Federation (CJF) have appointed me as Chief Executive Officer of both organizations, and Lynne Preston as the permanent Executive Director of the Calgary JCC. Both Lynne and I are very humbled by this move, and equally inspired to work even harder for the community. These appointments are part of a thoughtful process, one that is focused on achieving more; even better services and programs for all stakeholders, more sensible alignment of the organizations, and maximizing the community's use of finances and talent, both lay and professional. We are not interested in replicating the joint model that existed in the past. We are, however, very interested in identifying areas for strategic integration – some of which you might notice, other small tweaks that will be barely noticeable.

Over the next several months, the JCC and CJF boards, committees, staff, members, and the community at large will help shape what our future looks like. We will be looking to engage Jewish Calgary in innovative, different ways, continuing

to serve our current members and active stakeholders, while also working diligently to ensure that anyone wanting to participate in community events, programs, or services knows about them, and feels comfortable accessing them. These are exciting times... times of change, times of new models of thinking and operating, with the future only limited by the limits we self-impose. I would value hearing constructive feedback or suggestions, and will be pleased to respond to email messages to asilver@jewishcalgary.org or meet with you to hear your thoughts. Please consider being part of the change, part of Jewish Calgary's future planning process. The future will be shaped by all of us who care, who demand more, and who dream. Let's dream, together, about where we have come from, and all that we can be. Let's not change our commitment but, rather, change the way we think about that commitment. I know we will accomplish great things together.

B'Shalom



Adam Silver, CEO
Calgary Jewish Federation and Calgary JCC



Kristallnacht

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10

7:00PM • BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION

A screening of the film *Nicky's Family*.

Special guest Nick Winton

Son of Sir Nicholas Winton, who saved over 600 Jewish children from perishing in the Holocaust.

FREE EVENT



“My eyes have been opened to how important life, hope and courage can be.”



The Asper Foundation
Human Rights and
Holocaust Studies Program

Information Session for Grade 9s
Wednesday November 25 • 7PM • JCC

The objective of the program is to promote respect for others and sensitize students to the consequences of racism.

For information contact Ilana Krygier Lapidés at 403-444-3162 or ikrygierlapides@jewishcalgary.org

Beautiful and New

Tribute cards now available



These beautiful images are now available as tribute cards that can be ordered online or through the Federation office. Every card purchased is a charitable donation that helps support engagement, inclusiveness, continuity and other programs and services in our community.



For information or to purchase by phone, contact Irena Karshenbaum at 403-537-8594.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION IS LOOKING FOR A **PRESCHOOL EDUCATOR** TO DEVELOP PLANS AND MATERIALS FOR A NEW PJ LIBRARY® INITIATIVE. Beginning in January 2016, this opportunity involves approximately 100 hours preparation time and eight hours of program delivery. **The successful candidate will have:**

- Teaching experience, preferably with children from 0-8 years,
- A familiarity with Jewish traditions, particularly holiday rituals,
- A pluralistic approach to Jewish education,
- Be available some Sundays.

SALARY COMMENSURATE WITH EXPERIENCE.

PLEASE SUBMIT A **RESUME** AND **COVER LETTER** TO **PAULA EGELNICK** AT PEGELNICK@JEWISHCALGARY.ORG








JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF CALGARY

FROM THE KNESSET TO THE PAGES OF THE JERUSALEM POST:

GIL HOFFMAN

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015 - 7PM
 JCC 1607-90TH AVENUE SW

Gil Hoffman is the Chief political correspondent and analyst for The Jerusalem Post. He has interviewed every major figure across the Israeli political spectrum and has been called "the most optimistic man in Israel". Hoffman's writing, television appearances and numerous speaking engagements provide a behind the scenes look at the intrigue and humor in the Israeli political arena. For more information please contact:

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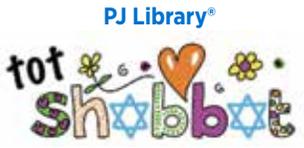
**GIL WILL ALSO BE SPEAKING AT THE U OF C CAMPUS
 AT NOON • THE EMPTY SPACE, MAC HALL**



Calgary Jewish Federation

**Shalom Baby Play Group:
 For the Under Twos**
 Thursday Mornings
 9:45am - Noon | Calgary JCC

Next Meeting Date
 December 10



PJ Library®

Funded by Lion of Judah in honour of
 Jenny Belzberg, Myra Paperny & Faith Riback

**PJ Library® Tot Shabbat:
 For the Under Threes**
 Friday Mornings
 9:45 - 10:30am | Calgary JCC

Next Meeting Dates
 December 4 December 18

For information, contact Kathie at kwainer@jewishcalgary.org or 403-537-8592

Attention Israeli Citizens



The Israeli Consulate in Toronto is sending a representative to Calgary in November to provide services which cannot be completed through the mail and where the applicant must appear in person.

If you are interested in scheduling a meeting, please contact Judy Shapiro at jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org or 403-444-3153.



2015 UJA Campaign



A Message from UJA 2015 Volunteers Stan Mayer and Marty Hornstein



Because... all of Israel is responsible for one another.
Because... a caring community takes care of its most vulnerable.

A child wakes up and immediately starts wondering where he will sleep tonight. Will he have any meals today? Will he go to school?

An 81 year old woman sits alone at her kitchen table. She has not seen nor spoken to another individual in a week.

A family of four visits Miriam's Well to receive groceries and grocery gift cards. Their car is not insured, nor has it been maintained in over a year.

Vulnerable children, isolated seniors, food insecurity and poverty. These are but three examples of the challenges that some members of our Jewish community face every day. Jewish Family Service Calgary (JFSC) is proud to be the organization funded by Calgary Jewish Federation to maintain a strong social safety net for those living in underprivileged situations. JFSC is our community's response to those requiring social support with basic needs such as food and shelter. Guiding our work are the Jewish values of compassion and social justice.

JFSC reaches out to the aging, feeds the poor and strives to secure shelter for those in need within the Jewish community and the community at large. Our dedicated staff and volunteers are able to fulfill our mission with the generous support of our community through the United Jewish Appeal (UJA), which is one of our largest donors. We are pleased to be a recipient of UJA funding, as this partnership enables us to care for our indigent, our sick and our poor as the Torah commands us.

Last year JFSC provided direct service and supports to approximately 900 persons and families. The organization provides English as a Second Language (ESL) programs to older immigrants. We engage our seniors with a community choir and sponsor outings and field trips. Staff support seniors in isolation and help Holocaust survivors navigate the complexities of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany. We help settle new immigrants and provide preliminary vocational assistance with

resumes and job interviews. JFSC's Shalom Bayit program is dedicated to providing services to Jewish families suffering domestic violence. At any one time, a dozen families and/or individuals are in this program receiving counselling services, legal assistance and basic needs. JFSC registered psychologists and social workers provide counselling services to persons struggling with mental illness. These programs are not possible without UJA dollars.

Our statistics reveal that 800 members of our Jewish Community are living in poverty of which 400 are living in extreme poverty. Unfortunately our "business" is growing given our current provincial economy and will continue to grow as our population ages.

Calgary has a vibrant Jewish community because of the generous caring and giving of individuals and businesses. We at Jewish Family Service Calgary strive to help the vulnerable in our community become self-reliant and engaged. We do so with dignity and respect. We are confident that we will be able to meet the challenges of supporting those in need within our community because you care and you support UJA.

When called upon by the dedicated volunteers of UJA please consider the members of our community that need our assistance.

Thank you for your support.

Stan Mayer
Chair, Calgary Jewish Family Service

Marty Hornstein,
Executive Director, Calgary Jewish Family Service



JAC presents

Gold&BlackGala

Saturday December 5
Doors open at 7:30PM

Penthouse at
International Hotel

JAC invites you to get dressed to the nines and join in this elegant casino soiree to support UJA.

Gamble for a good cause!

\$36 Early Bird Admission • \$45 at door

Register at www.jewishcalgary.org

JAC CALGARY UJA

For info contact Jordan Waldman at 403-444-3146.

The value of a dollar

Because... for the price of these new shoes four children could be subscribed to PJ Library®.

Because... giving your time is a mitzvah.

When it comes to Cell-a-Thon, we don't discriminate any cell can sell!

Cell-a-Thon

Please volunteer your time
Wednesday November 18
6:30pm • Calgary JCC

Questions? Contact Irena Karshenbaum
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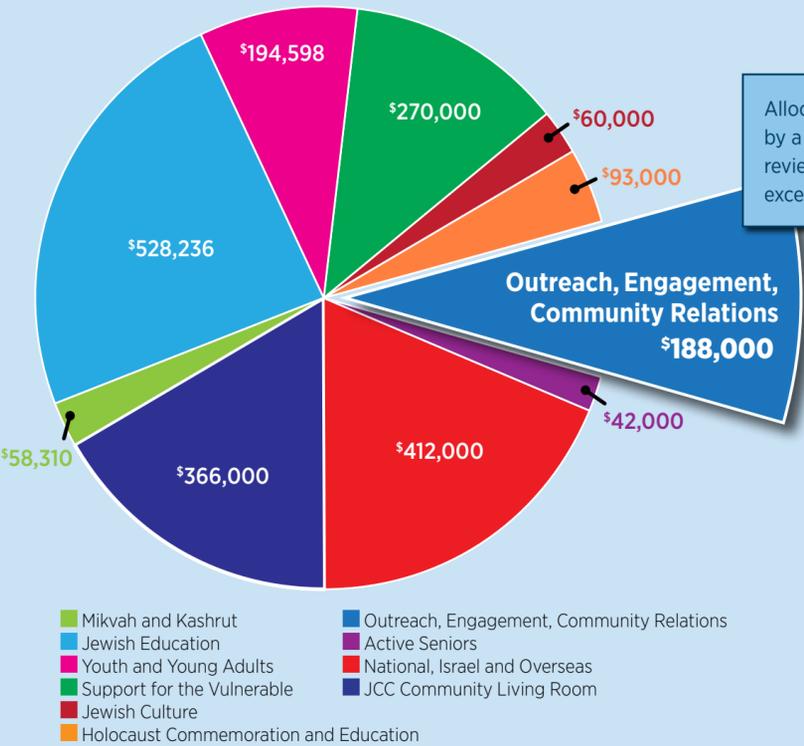
Because... Jewish continuity begins at home.



Every month, the Samchek children wait with excited anticipation for the PJ Library® envelope that arrives in their mailbox without fail. They are among the 500 children in our community who enjoy the PJ Library® program, supported by donors to Calgary Jewish Federation and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. In addition to the distribution of Jewish themed books and CDs on a monthly basis to subscribers age six months to eight years, PJ Library® offers opportunities for parents to meet and engage their children in monthly Jewish-themed programs.

As Monica Samchek says: "Every month my children await with great joy another exciting adventure or a funny story to help grow their Jewish values in a clever and easy to understand way. Through PJ Library® they develop their sense of social responsibility and expand their imaginations to a world where everything could be possible when we work together. My daughter Moriah is even using PJ Library® materials for her Bat Mitzvah project working with young children. I want to express my gratitude for your dedication running PJ Library®."

Your donation to Federation's UJA campaign ensures that the wonderful childhood experience of storytime becomes a powerful Jewish experience.



2015-16 Allocation of Funds

Allocations are recommended to the Federation board by a committee of community volunteers who carefully review applications for funding. Requests always far exceed available funds.

UJA Update

\$1.7MILLION

792 donors

Help our community reach **\$3,000,000** and **2,000 donors!**



Major Contributors Support UJA

Over 80 of Calgary UJA's most generous supporters attended an inspirational dinner on October 15. Included in the audience were several multi-generational families whose continuous support of our community guarantees the success of the annual fund-raising campaign. A highlight of the program was a presentation by Dr. Ronen Hoffman, an Israeli academic and politician, whose optimistic assessment of the current political situation was well-received.

UJA campaign co-chairs Larry Katz, Debbie Ryder and Yannai Segal presented a positive "case for giving" and thanked the donors for their generosity.



Live Generously Donate Now

Support your community by giving generously to the 2015 UJA campaign.

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Calgary Jewish Federation is planning to raise an estimated \$3,000,000 this year through the annual United Jewish Appeal Campaign. Estimated campaign costs are 12 percent of funds raised. UJA charitable gifts will be allocated to programs described in Federation publications including our Annual Report, Pomegranate, EPam and www.jewishcalgary.org. For more information, contact Diana Kalef at 403-444-3154. Our address is Jerusalem Road, 1607 90 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2V 4V7. We are incorporated in the Province of Alberta.

Calgary Jewish Federation and UJA Partner Agencies