

**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 Elliott Steinberg at 403-252-5801 or [esteinberg@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:esteinberg@jewishcalgary.org).



# Pomegranate

NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



## A MESSAGE FROM ADAM

Shalom friends,  
We recently completed our reading of the entire Torah, culminating on Simchat Torah, and started all over again with the reading of Parshat Bereisheet – “In the beginning...” Symbolically, completing all of the readings throughout the year, and beginning anew, can be associated with understanding and accepting what has transpired over the year in our lives, but also recognizing that sometimes we must refresh or rethink how we approach the months to come.

The renewed Torah cycle brings me to reflect on our communal year and the one ahead. In my last few articles, I’ve shared thoughts about how fortunate we are to live in a Jewish community that is rich in activities, wealthy in volunteer dedication and talent, and which offers a breadth in variety of program and services that many other places cannot imagine, let alone match.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Jewish Calgary for welcoming my family and me just over two years ago. November 2nd was my professional anniversary, and December 25th will be my family’s “move” anniversary. We have grown to love Calgary, and continue to be amazed by what Jewish Calgary, especially, has to offer. I am very proud of what we are building together – as a community of volunteers, professionals, donors, and participants. We have come so far...but have much more to do.

You might recall that approximately one year ago I

was appointed in a dual CEO role, at that point adding leadership and supervisory responsibilities for the Calgary JCC to my portfolio. The year saw the JCC move forward with the planning of, and beginning steps for, a locker room and other facility renovations. Despite enduring a problematic water event over the summer, the year resulted in solid membership subscriptions and program enrolment; and was, overall, a success. At the same time, Federation was very busy with the UJA campaign, with special project fundraising and programming, planning for potential campus expansion, many Community Relations items, a renewed Program Allocations Committee process which now provides a two year commitment to funded programs\*, and increased need and demand for our community’s internationally recognized Integrated Bursary Program.

To be able to properly, and successfully, deliver on all of the above and more, and after exploring the benefits and impacts of the last year’s dual CEO role experiment, the Boards of Federation and the JCC have mutually agreed (with my input and support) that I should continue to serve as CEO of Federation, and that Lynne Preston will be the top leadership professional at the JCC, serving as Executive Director. Lynne has a wonderful team surrounding her, and I am confident she (and they) will continue to work for the benefit of Jewish Calgary, and as strong partners of Calgary Jewish Federation. Beginning November 1st, I will be refocusing on the many opportunities and challenges in front of our community, and will be able to allocate

100% of my time to do so. I would like to take an opportunity to share my admiration for the JCC’s staff and volunteers, and to express my appreciation for a wonderful year. I would also like to thank the Federation staff team and volunteers for their ongoing support during this time, for continuing to lend their passions and talents for the good of community, and for their patience with me when I was not able to provide them with 100% of my attention.

My third year in Calgary begins with renewed energy, renewed vision, and excitement about what the year holds for all of us. As always, I encourage you to be in touch with me with concerns or ideas, I appeal to you to support our amazing community through the UJA campaign and through volunteering, and I assure you that Calgary Jewish Federation will continue to work tirelessly to serve you and the community at large. **Because...together we can do more. Because...together we support one another. Because...together we are stronger.**

B’Shalom,

Adam Silver, CEO

\*Provided enough funds are raised each year to support any commitments made.



## Sara's Voice

A Violin Concerto




Save the Date

Calgary Jewish Federation and Temple B’nai Tikvah invite you to save the date for the violin concerto, “Sara’s Voice Sotto Voce”, a spoken and musical performance with special guests, Calgary’s Diana Cohen on violin, Israel’s Roman Rabinovich on piano, and Deborah Shelkan Remis narrating the story of her father’s 1st wife’s life and sad death during the Holocaust.

January 15, 2017



Due to circumstances beyond our control, the children’s concert with Sonshine & Broccoli has been cancelled. Refunds will be issued. We hope to reschedule in 2017. We apologize for any inconvenience.



## Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month

February 2017

Key note speaker  
**Arthur Fleischmann**  
Author of *Carly’s Voice: Breaking through Autism*  
(Father of Carly Fleischmann)

Register online at [www.jewishcalgary.org](http://www.jewishcalgary.org)  
Limited seating available.

[www.carlysvoice.com](http://www.carlysvoice.com)

Sponsors:  
Inclusion Alberta  
Autism Calgary  
Temple B’nai Tikvah  
Lenny & Faigel Shapiro Family  
Harry and Martha Cohen Foundation



This is a free event  
Contributions gratefully accepted.

**February 26th, 2017**  
**7.00pm**  
Temple B’nai Tikvah

For more information please contact Karina Szulc at [karinas@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:karinas@jewishcalgary.org) or 403-389-6994

## Holocaust and Human Rights Washington Program

Gr 9 & 10 students of all backgrounds and ethnicities are invited to the parent information evening for **Federation’s Washington DC Holocaust and Human Rights studies program**. The program includes education sessions followed by a May trip to Washington DC.



**Wednesday, Nov. 30th | 7pm | Calgary JCC**  
**1607 90 Ave SW, Calgary**

All programs on these pages are funded in part by your donation to United Jewish Appeal.

Join us for the fourth of our Family Holiday Programming  
generously sponsored by Sam and Ida Switzer

PJ Library®  
**CHAG SAMEACH**  
.....Chanukah

**Sunday Dec 11**  
10:30am • Calgary JCC

Educator Amy Goldberg will answer some of our questions:

1. Why do we light candles every night of Chanukah?
2. Why do we eat oily foods?
3. Who were the Maccabees?



There is no charge but registration is required. Contact Kathie Wainer at [kwainer@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:kwainer@jewishcalgary.org) or 403-537-8592.

JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CALGARY  
The Sam & Ida Switzer Fund



PJ Library®  
JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES & SONGS FOR FAMILIES

**We're celebrating Family!**

**Sunday November 20th | 10:30am - Noon | Calgary JCC**

Bring your bobbies and zaides, aunties, uncles, favourite adults for a fun morning of songs with Karina, stories and crafts.

Please register: Email [kwainer@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:kwainer@jewishcalgary.org) or phone 403-537-8592



*Israeli Wine* MEETS *Canadian Cheese*

Eight intrepid Calgarians made the journey to Edmonton on November 1 for a Wine and Cheese reception for MLAs and staff, hosted by Calgary Jewish Federation, Edmonton Jewish Federation, CIJA and CJPAC. The reception was a great success with MLAs from all parties attending, including several party leaders and cabinet ministers.

In the photos:

1. Wildrose Party and Official Opposition Leader Brian Jean with CJPAC's Eleanor Miller
2. Alberta Party leader Greg Clark with Federation VP Beth Price and Community Relations Committee Chair Jeff Smith
3. MLA Anam Kasim with Federation CEO Adam Silver and JFSC board member Max Feldman
4. Liberal Party leader Dr. David Swann with CIJA's Judy Zelikowitz and JFSC's Robyn Winograd
5. Minister of Culture Ricardo Miranda with Federation's Judy Shapiro and CRC member David Busheikin
6. Premier's Principal Secretary Anne McGrath with CIJA board member Carol Ryder and Adam Silver



**Do you need to see the Israeli consul?**

To renew a child's passport, record a name change, apply for army exemption? The Israeli Consul is coming to Calgary on December 6.



To get on the list to see the consul, email Judy Shapiro at [jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org)



*Sukkot in the Sukkah* KESHER KLUB

On October 23rd, Kesher celebrated Sukkot in the beautiful JCC Sukkah with Rabbi Groner. There were Brachot and Lulav shaking, and songs and snacks to round out the festivities.



Calgary Jewish Federation is proud to co-sponsor the following film at the Beth Tzedec Jewish Film Festival

**Germans and Jews - Sunday, November 27, 3pm**  
(This film will be followed by a panel discussion)

Film Festival passes available at [www.calgaryjewishfilmfestival.com](http://www.calgaryjewishfilmfestival.com) or at the Beth Tzedec office 403-255-8688. Individual tickets available at the door.

**Insights on CIJA's Advocacy Strategy**  
- and How Canadian Jewry Can Win the Battle for Israel's Image

Guest Speaker: **Steve McDonald**  
CIJA's Deputy Director of Communications and Public Affairs

**CIJA**

The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) is the national advocacy agent of Calgary Jewish Federation and all federations across Canada. This is an opportunity to ask questions about CIJA's work, how CIJA strives to represent us, and how to get involved in advocacy.

**Tuesday, November 15 | Calgary JCC | 7pm**

For more information, contact Judy Shapiro at 403-444-3153 or [jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org).

Calgary Jewish Federation welcomes and supports children and adults with special needs. If you or a loved one needs special accommodations to participate in any of our events, please contact Karina Szulc at 403-389-6994 or [karinas@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:karinas@jewishcalgary.org).



### Message from Beth Price

Vice President, Calgary Jewish Federation

Shalom,

One of the primary goals of Calgary Jewish Federation is to ensure that every Jewish person feels at home in our community, regardless of religious affiliation, abilities, or financial situation.

During this ongoing UJA campaign, we turn collective philanthropy into focused, effective funding of our community's vital programs and services. I'd like to tell you about just a few programs which address two sides of the same coin: inclusion and outreach. Inclusion is about removing obstacles to participating in Jewish life. Federation's inclusion awareness initiative encourages all community agencies to ensure that Jewish adults and children of all physical and cognitive abilities can live Jewishly. Our Kesher Klub program gives adults with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy Jewish experiences, socialize, and grow as individuals, in an environment where they feel comfortable, respected, and accepted. Programs like these would not be possible without your gifts to the campaign.

Another critical community program addresses the inclusion of those with financial challenges. Living a full Jewish life is expensive and it is our goal, as a community, that no child be deprived of the experiences that build strong Jewish identities just because of financial constraints. Through Federation's Integrated Bursary Program (IBP), your donation to the UJA campaign provides subsidies for JCC membership, bursaries for enrollment at one of our Jewish Day Schools, and opportunities for kids to enjoy a sense of belonging at a Jewish summer camp. This is where the future of community is built, and we must commit - personally and financially - to ensuring that access to Jewish life has few barriers and is open to everyone.

Inclusion also means reaching out to those looking for the doorway into our community. Our PJ Library® program engages young families by offering free Jewish-themed books and music to children, as well as family programs like Tot Shabbat and the Chag Sameach series that provide communal celebrations and ideas, songs and stories to help enrich observances at home. Shalom Calgary welcomes newcomers, helps them meet new friends and make connections, and find their place in Jewish Calgary. Shalom Baby welcomes our little ones and reinforces the importance of nurturing each new Jewish life to keep Jewish identity relevant and strong. These are the bonds that fortify Jewish life in Calgary.

Just as on Yom Kippur we take collective responsibility for our transgressions, the responsibility is ours, yours and mine, to keep the doors of our community open to everyone. We all benefit from having a healthy, vibrant community where every Jew can participate. Please give generously to this year's campaign.

*Because... Together we are stronger.*



Annual Campaign



CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION

### Lions of Judah

September 26 was an inspiring evening for the Lions of Judah at the home of Gail Sidorsky together with co-host Wynne Thal. Jackie Halpern was welcomed as the newest Lion, bringing Calgary's total to 71. Robyn Winograd spoke on behalf of the Lion of Judah Yachad Fund, which supports families by addressing their children's needs so they can feel included, whether it be a bathing suit for camp, a gift for a birthday party or a suit for a bar mitzvah. Guest speakers Julia Berger Reitman, chair of Jewish Federations of Canada-UJA and Linda Kislowicz, CEO at the same organization, discussed issues involving our communities in Canada and the role JFC-UJA plays.

### The impact of your gift

For Leon Gelt, Kesher is a much loved pathway to Jewish experiences. One of the earliest members of Calgary Jewish Federation's social and recreational club for Jewish adults with disabilities, Leon enjoys the warm and inclusive environment, surrounded by newfound friends.

"It's beautiful, it's great, they're respectful and they treat me nicely," says Leon. His parents, Ida and Lev Gelt, say that while he is often resistant to outside activities, Leon always wants to go to Kesher. For Leon, Kesher is about more than the planned activities. It's about being part of a community that welcomes him, about celebrating Jewishness, and about being part of the greater Jewish community.

Calgary Jewish Federation works to ensure that nobody is excluded from living Jewishly, because of age, ability or economic status. Your gift to Federation's annual UJA campaign helps ensure that Jewish continuity involves everyone in our community.



Linda Kislowicz, Julia Berger Reitman, Gail Sidorsky, Wynne Thal



Wynne Thal, Sheila Gurevitch, Ruth Dvorkin



Donna Riback, Lil Faider



Harriet Libin

Gay Libin



Gail Sidorsky introduces guest speakers



Faigel Shapiro, Robin Murphy



Jenny Belzberg, Beth Price, Myra Paperny



Adam Silver, Riki Heilik



Wynne Thal, Jackie Halpern, Diana Kalef

### Calgary Jewish Federation supports engagement and inclusion:

- Kesher
- Inclusion Awareness Programs
- Community Chaplain
- PJ Library
- Tot Shabbat
- Chag Sameach
- Shalom Baby
- Shalom Calgary

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# 100 DAYS OF IMPACT

1112 donors

\*as of November 3, 2016

### Prizes:

Any increase of \$18 or more to the 2016 UJA campaign, made before November 30th enters donors into a draw for a set of Calgary Flames tickets.

### Live Generously Donate Now

Support your community by giving generously to the 2016 UJA campaign.

Online - [www.jewishcalgary.org](http://www.jewishcalgary.org)

In person - Jessica Miller Switzer at the Federation Office

Mail - Calgary Jewish Federation / UJA  
1607 90 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2V 4V7

Phone - 403-444-3157

### UJA Plus Giving

When you increase your Federation UJA Campaign gift, you may designate 50% of the increase to one of our partner agencies or funded programs. Ask your canvasser or see the online donation form at: [www.jewishcalgary.org/waystogive](http://www.jewishcalgary.org/waystogive), and click on "give now".

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, E-Pom and [www.jewishcalgary.org](http://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

