A MESSAGE FROM BRUCE AND DREW

S halom friends,

This summer, our Community responded generously to the Israel Emergency campaign, demonstrating as always, that Jewish Calgarians identity deeply with the State of Israel and always come forward with care to help in situations of need.

Our annual United Jewish Appeal campaign is about caring, about need. It’s about caring about the day to day realities of living a Jewish life in Calgary, about responding to the needs of our Community.

• It’s about making sure that no child is deprived of a Jewish education or camp experience because of financial circumstances.
• It’s about making sure that our Community has a place to meet, to schmooze, to share Jewish experiences.
• It’s about making sure that the poorest among us – those in need of counseling, food or housing – can be helped in an environment sensitive to their Jewish requirements.
• It’s about maintaining our respected place in the general Calgary community through our interactions with politicians, decision makers, police and other cultural groups.
• It’s about providing our community with opportunities to express support for Israel, to celebrate together and to cry together at meaningful commemorations.
• It’s about supporting social service programs in Israel.
• It’s about making sure that people of all ages and abilities are included, supported and welcomed.
• It’s about ensuring that our children are exposed to a richness of Jewish experiences.
• It’s about preserving our legacy and building on it.

Thank you to all our partner agencies – Akiva Academy, The Calgary Jewish Academy, Jewish Family Service Calgary, Calgary JCC, Kollol and Camp BB Ribback for working together with us. And thank you to the UJA leadership and volunteers for working so hard to make sure our Community has the funds it needs to thrive.

The theme of this year’s campaign is Words to Live By and features inspiring quotes from famous Jewish people. Let us end with one of the most well-known quotes of one of Judaism’s greatest sages, Rabbi Hillel: “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am not for others, what am I? And if not now, when?”

If we do not contribute to our own Jewish life, who will do it for us? If we do not help those who are more vulnerable and are in need of help, what kind of people are we? And if we don’t support our Community now, every day, what will be left for us?

If you haven’t yet contributed, please consider increasing your gift by our target of 12%. For those who have pledged, thank you – and please think about it one more time.

Our Community needs you, needs each of us. Our Community thanks you.

L’Shalom,

Bruce Libin
President
Calgary Jewish Federation

Drew Staffenberg
CEO
Calgary Jewish Federation

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We’re sad to see them go… But say good-bye we must

Calgary Jewish Federation invites the community to say l’hitraot to Drew and Ronnie Staffenberg

Sunday November 23
7pm • Beth Tzedec Congregation
We’ll honour Drew, catch the last night of the Beth Tzedec Calgary Jewish Film Festival, and enjoy a dessert reception.

For more information, contact Judy Shapiro at 403-444-3153 or jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org

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PJ TOT SHABBAT
Get Ready for Shabbat with PJ Library®

Next class Friday November 21
9:45-10:30am • Calgary JCC

Our free half hour class will focus on the festive feeling of Shabbat and holidays through songs, stories, blessings and dance. At the end of the class we will join the regular JCC Shabbat Program. This program will be offered every other Friday.

There is no charge but please contact Kathie at kwainer@jewishcalgary.org or 403-537-8592 and let her know if you are planning to come.

This class is suitable for tots three years and under, together with parents / grandparents / caregivers.

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