A MESSAGE FROM ADAM

Chaverim,

Many of you may know that Calgary has a very special relationship with Etzba HaGalil (the Galilee Panhandle) through our Coast to Coast Partnership 2Gether program. Six Canadian communities (Calgary, Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Ottawa, and Atlantic Canada) and five Israeli cities and municipalities (Kiryat Shmona, Metula, Vesvod HaMa'ala, Galil Elyon, and Mevo'ot HaHermon) comprise something that is much stronger than a professional partnership, and much more like mishpacha, family. Etzba HaGalil is a beautiful part of the country; but it is also significantly underserviced, and can be very tense at times as it is on the borders of Syria and Lebanon.

At our November meetings in Israel, we were fortunate to dedicate a number of programs and scholarships in specific organizations and institutions. And, while these decisions were meant to recognize Calgary’s commitment and generosity, they ended up cementing emotional bonds and confirming the many reasons we enjoy a truly special partnership.

Over the course of our travels, we spent time visiting with beneficiaries and scholarship recipients from:

• Uziel School in Kiryat Shmona, where the generosity of Cathy and Marty Cole and many of their family and friends provided core funding for the redevelopment of the school’s dilapidated computer lab. Uziel is a bridge school with our own Akiva Academy, and having a much improved computer set-up will enable even better communication between the two schools. We arrived to great fanfare, with students singing and playing drums outside, and with Mayor Nissim Malka and Uziel administration meeting us;

• Etzionibi Day Care in Metula, described by Mayor David Azulai as the heart of the city, where Calgary and Atlantic Jewish Council collaborated on refurbishing the day care and replenishing its equipment and toys. There is much more work to be done, but this was an amazing start, and we could see the joy our support has brought to the staff and children there;

• Yachad Day Center, where adults with special needs, in many cases quite severe, find opportunities to engage in meaningful work, to interact with one another and with other kibbutz residents, and to receive residential care. Jewish Calgary is a proud co-supporter of the Center alongside Vancouver and Edmonton;

• Tel Hai College, where we met the recipients of five scholarships Calgary supported this year. One was a mother of three who, at thirty-nine years old, completes her assignments each night at the same table where her children do their elementary school homework. Another is a post-IDF lone soldier from Argentina, who now studies psychology and special needs care with the intention of staying to work in Kiryat Shmona one day. The aforementioned projects are only a small example of what Calgary Jewish Federation contributes partially through an allocation of the UJA Campaign, and of the total impact 2G makes in the region. All projects are vetted by our Jewish Federations of Canada – United Israel Appeal team in Israel, and we do not invest in projects unless they will be efficient, effective, and make a real difference.

The people-to-people connections are equally important, and our CJAHarVagai mishpashim are an example of that living bridge. But another example is our partnership with professionals and volunteers from Israel and across Canada who work together to build lifelong, authentic relationships, while strengthening Israel’s periphery for the future. Not one participant wanted to part ways at the end of the meetings, and when it was time to leave, we did not say goodbye, we said ‘H’ithuat’ – until next time.

Some good news is that the Canadian meetings are being hosted by Calgary in late May. We will be welcoming forty extended family members from 2G and there is opportunity for volunteering and participating if you are interested in joining the effort. Please email me at asilver@jewishcalgary.org if you want to help out and want to meet some incredible people. It is truly a remarkable partnership. Because... when people meet people, they form everlasting bonds. Because... we are proud to partner in building all parts of Israel. Because... together we are stronger.

B’Shalom,

Adam Silver, CEO

PARTNERSHIP 2GETHER IN ISRAEL

A delegation from Calgary comprised of Cathy Cole (chair of P2G), Jim and Elissa Meadowes, Penina Rubensohn, and Federation CEO Adam Silver visited a few of our community’s projects in our sister region of Etzba HaGalil. This included the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the generous purchase of computers for Uziel school by Cathy and Marty Cole and their family & friends.

Meeting the students of Uziel School

Visiting scholarship recipients at Tel Hai College

Up to $1000 off Jewish Camp

THE PERFECT CHANUKAH GIFT

A Summer of Fun and Friendship

One Happy Camper and Calgary Jewish Federation provide grants of up to $1,000* to children attending Jewish overnight camp for the first time.

*some conditions apply

For more information, contact Judy Shapiro at 403.444.3153 or jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org

Drinks After Work

Getting together with friends, new and old, is the reason for JAC’s “Drinks After Work” every first Thursday of the month at different watering holes around Calgary. JAC is a social, philanthropic and ‘Tikkun Olam’ group for those 25-45 years old.

Next Drinks is on January 5 at Goro + Gun 245-225 7 Ave SW

For more information, contact Jordan Waldman at 403-444-3146 or jwaldman@jewishcalgary.org

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Jewish Calgary is a proud supporter of the “Centres Permanents des Jeunes” Network and the Tel Haitz Periphery Initiative.
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.

Calgary Jewish Federation and Temple B’nai Tikvah invite you to save the date for “SARA’S VOICE sotto voce”, a theatrical violin concert 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

Tickets: $18 | Unwaged & students: $10
Purchase at www.jewishcalgary.org

For more information, contact Jordan Waldman at 403-444-3146 or jwaldman@jewishcalgary.org

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This is a
free event
Contributions gratefully accepted at the door.

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For more information, contact Kathie Wainer at 403-537-8592 or kwainer@jewishcalgary.org
The impact of your gift

Dana is a young woman who wants to make her mark in the world – and she undoubtedly will thanks to Kav Hazinuk, an Israeli leadership training program supported by Calgary Jewish Federation. The program is designed to develop the next generation of leaders in Calgary’s Partnership with the Etzba HaGalil (Galilee Panhandle) region of Israel.

Dana has just finished year three of her 10-year commitment to Kav Hazinuk, where she says she “received tools for life, and was exposed to issues of the Upper Galilee, Israeli society, and the world. This program encourages me to become an active citizen in society, to act towards environmental preservation, and to develop creative ideas and solutions.”

Along with its partners from Canadian communities and volunteers and professionals in Israel, Calgarians are making a real difference in improving education, social services and capacity of the Etzba HaGalil region. Together, we work towards building and maintaining strong leadership for a strong Israel.

Because... Together we are stronger.

Matching Donations

Thanks to the generosity of Lenny and Faigel Shapiro, we can match* any new donations or increases, until Dec. 31.

Congratulations! Melanie Trossman for winning the UJA draw prize of two tickets to a Flames game!

Picture of Dana

100 DAYS OF IMPACT

December 31

Charitable tax receipts can only be issued for donations received before end of day on December 31, 2016. Make your gift in person, by phone at 403-444-3157 or online at www.jewishcalgary.org. Click on “Donate Now.”

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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 canvassor or see the online donation form at: www.jewishcalgary.org/waystogive, and click on “Give now.”

Calgary Jewish Federation and UJA Partner Agencies

Message from Larry Katz and Yannai Segal

UJA2016 Campaign Co-Chairs

By the time you read this, the “100 Days of Impact” campaign for Federation’s United Jewish Appeal will have been completed for a week or more. However, at the saying goes, “It Ain’t Over ‘Till it’s Over,” meaning you have until the end of this calendar year to make your gift to our community and still receive a 2016 charitable tax receipt. Best of all, your new gift or increase will be matched, thanks to the generosity of Lenny and Faigel Shapiro.

In addition, you’ll know that you made an impact. Your “return on investment” is in supporting Jews in need, enriching the lives of seniors, allowing all of us to revel in the splendor of our culture, honouring righteous Jews with commemoration and remembrance, introducing Jewish life to young families, and ensuring every Jew is welcome. Your impact is in the hallways of our schools, the smiles at our summer camps and the warm embrace of our community centre. Your imprint will be all over the greater Jewish community, because that’s what Federation’s United Jewish Appeal campaign is about: working together to keep our community vibrant and vital.

Each and every donation to UJA is an affirmation of Jewish life in Calgary and a confirmation of our mantle “Atot Israel Arevim Ze l’Ze” – we Jews take care of one another, here, in Israel, and around the world. For that, especially in these difficult times, thank you. We all benefit in one way or another from your generosity.

However, the effort required to keep Jewish Calgary going and growing is never done, and in light of Alberta’s economy at this time, more effort than ever is needed to ensure we can maintain the vital programs and services we’ve all come to expect. Let’s pull together in these last couple of weeks to make sure that ours is a welcoming, caring and exciting Jewish community.

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as of December 9, 2016