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Raised in a Jewish family but with minimal connection to the community, Janice was excited to go on Birthright Israel. The free 10 day Israel experience changed her life. Upon her return, Janice joined Hillel Calgary and quickly connected with other Jewish students. Having that “home away from home” felt good, and strengthening her Jewish identity was gratifying.

Now that Janice is raising her own family, she wants a deeper connection for her children. She wants to teach them Jewish values and she wants to celebrate Jewish holidays at home. But she didn't feel confident doing so. Until she found PJ Library® Calgary. Each month, her child receives a beautifully written and illustrated Jewish content book or a music CD. Reading the books with her child, Janice now has a better understanding of Jewish traditions. The family now lights Shabbat candles every week and is looking into Jewish educational opportunities. PJ Library programs have introduced Janice and her husband to other young Jewish parents – and their circle of friends now celebrates holidays together.

Programs like Birthright Israel, Hillel, and PJ Library connect young Jews to Jewish life. Religious or secular, politically left wing or right, intermarried, young or grey-haired, **everyone counts**. Calgary Jewish Federation provides something for everyone. Please help us make our community strong. Give generously.