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NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



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A MESSAGE FROM BETH PRICE

I am honored to serve on the board of Calgary Jewish Federation, and chair our community's Integrated Bursary Program (IBP). I am a co-founder of this program whose goal is to make Jewish educational, social, and cultural experiences such as day school, camp, and Jewish Community Centre membership more accessible for families in need of financial assistance.

IBP was created to remove financial barriers to participation in Jewish life and to make the process of applying for a bursary more dignified, anonymous, equitable, and effective. All schools, programs, and services covered by bursaries are included on one application form, meaning the process is done one time for the entire year for all family members. This shift facilitated a major change in operational procedures making them more respectful and compassionate.

An amazing group of dedicated volunteers support our program. They meet with families in a confidential environment to assure anonymity. Together with the applicants, the volunteer examines objective documentation, and provides an opportunity for families to highlight personal challenges and experiences that are specific to their situation. These conversations encompass the aspirations of each family, combined with an understanding of what is truly affordable in

terms of their contribution level and that of the community to enable their children to participate in various activities.

I am proud that each year IBP helps between 65 and 85 families engage in Jewish communal life including over 100 children enrolled in Jewish day schools, and many who participate in day or overnight camp. As well, dozens of families are able to join the Calgary JCC, helping them to remain connected to our community and to Jewish cultural programs and services. This year is particularly difficult given the extraordinary emotional, financial, and social challenges presented by the coronavirus outbreak. We remain committed to supporting families in their efforts to maintain connections to our Jewish institutions and to each other.

We understand that living an active Jewish life has costs, and that some of us do not have the necessary resources to participate. We are very grateful to our partner IBP organizations – The Calgary Jewish Academy, Calgary JCC, Camp BB Riback, and Halpern Akiva Academy – for sharing this financial responsibility with us. These organizations embrace the principles of IBP and have collectively appointed Federation as their funding and administrative partner in this essential endeavor. Through our collaborative efforts, we strive to build an inclusive Jewish community accessible to everyone

and have, to date, enabled hundreds of families and children to engage in Jewish communal experiences. IBP is made possible by our community's annual UJA campaign, as well as through very generous directed donations from private donors.

During this challenging year, we expect more families to require significant levels of support and we are here to help them. We will continue to put dignity, fairness, and confidentiality at the core of our efforts, as we build on the critical and meaningful legacy of all that we have accomplished since the program's inception 12 years ago. Our work is a labor of love, and we know that it is not easy, especially during these difficult and challenging days. The Integrated Bursary Program renews our pledge and is guided by the principles of Maimonides Ladder of Tzedakah: that is... to give with an open hand in an anonymous manner.

Wishing you a *Chag Shavuot Sameach* and continued good health,

*Beth S. Price*  
Beth Price  
Chair, Integrated Bursary Program and Board Member  
Calgary Jewish Federation



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AS OF MAY 22, 2020, MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY HAVE MADE A PROMISE TO LEAVE A LEGACY TO JEWISH CALGARY

Anonymous (22)	Peta Glezerson	Philip & Harriet Libin	Brenda & Garry Sapoznikow
Alice <sup>TM</sup> & Jacob (Jack) Adler	Rabbi Chaim and Yael Greenwald	Susan Light	Norman & Kathy Schachar Family Legacy Fund
Michael Balaban	Dr. Benjamin Grintuch & Jaclyn Horne-Grintuch	Sandra & Harold Lipton	Marina Segal
Dan Balaban & Family	Debbie & Nelson Halpern	Lister Family	Yannai Segal
Cheryl Baron & Robert Shiell	Rabbi Binyomin & Malka Halpern	Megan Macfarland & Tibor Kaldor	Eliezer Segal & Agnes Romer Segal
Ben Zion Be'eri	Hayim Hamborger	David Martin	Leonard Seidman & Kimberly Rothenberg
Jenny Belzberg	Jackie Hamborger	Sheila Martin	Debbie Shaikin
Rebecca Berlin	Annette Hanson	Roz Mendelson & David Hodgins	Shaikin Family
Marnie Besser	Lucille Hanson <sup>TM</sup>	Leah Moldofsky	Betty Sherwood
Judy & Ron Bing	Candice Hanson	Stuart & Elaine Myron	Deborah Shnay
Rachel & Jerrad Blanchard	Dorothy Hanson & Sheldon Shagal	Richard & Kimberly Nagan	Cheryl & Morley Shore
Amy Bondar	Sara Hastings-Simon	Jack & Donna Newton	Judith Shriar
Val & Lou Bracey	Josh Hesslein	Daniel & Roslyn Oppenheim	Laura Shuler
Annie Brodsky	Sidney Horovitz	Joe & Robyn Oppenheim	David Silver
Charbonneau Family	Josh Inhaber	Claude Oppenheim	Deborah & Adam Silver
Gertrude Cohos	Susan & David Inhaber	Rob & Beth Ordman	Larry & Tina Stanleigh
Peter & Kim Cohos	Betsy Jameson	Alex Osten	Beth & Craig Steinberg
Loredana Della Vedova	Barbara Joffe	Mark Paidra & Lisa Welikovitich	Shauna Switzer
Carolyn Devins	Naomi Johansen	Jane Paterson	Sam & Ida Switzer
Nadine and David Drexler	Diana Kalef & Elliott Steinberg	Hindy and Izak Paul	Ruben & Sasha Switzer
Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	William Katz	Lorne Pearl	Ted Switzer & Michele Doctoroff
Jennifer Eiserman	Birgit Krausch	Cynthia & David Prasow	Joseph Tappenden
Shilling Family	Ron & Barb Krell	Lynne & Ralph Preston	Linda and Gary Wolf
Joy Feldman	Mel Ksienski	Eugene Ragolsky	Helen & Leonard Zenith
Max Feldman	Malka & Stan Labell	Bonnie Kaplan & Richard Conte	Tamar Zenith & Blair Laven
Sam, Cindy, Rebekah & Josh Feldman	Eddy Lang	Susan Rose	
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\*Legacy gifts can be left to any community organization even if they are not listed above.



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## PLEASE WELCOME CALGARY JEWISH FEDERATION'S NEW HUMAN RIGHTS AND HOLOCAUST EDUCATION CO-CHAIRS

**Dahlia Libin and Marnie Bondar** are both granddaughters of four Holocaust Survivors and have been dedicated volunteers for Calgary Jewish Federation for many years. They have learned about the suffering and brutal, tragic loss of essentially their entire families in the Shoah. Their scope of experience includes programs such as L'Dor va Dor, Second Voices Project, and the Annual Holocaust Symposium, to commemorations including Yom HaShoah, Kristallnacht, and International Holocaust Remembrance Day. They remain passionate about ensuring that the horrors experienced during the Shoah are understood, remembered, and learned from, today and for generations to come. Together, Dahlia and Marnie will be overseeing this department to ensure continued programming and commemorations remain an important part of our community's activities.



**Dahlia Libin** has been a community volunteer and Holocaust education advocate for many years. Her surviving family was fortunate to start a new life in Canada, immigrating first to Montreal and eventually Calgary, where Dahlia was born and raised. After completing dual bachelor degrees and a Masters in Social Work with a specialty focus in gerontology, Dahlia supported a variety of organizations including the Alzheimer's Society of Calgary and Alberta Health Services.



**Marnie Bondar** grew up well-fed on chicken soup and extraordinary stories of survival and heroism. She maintained a tight bond with her Babi, Freda Plucer, until Freda's death in January of 2020. The two shared a lifelong commitment to standing up to intolerance and discrimination. After completing degrees in Honours English with Psychology, and obtaining her LLB, Marnie practiced law in Edmonton for many years before becoming Mediation Coordinator for the Alberta

Mediation Project for the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta. She has always been committed to Holocaust education in both Calgary and Edmonton; once Freda was no longer able to share her experiences from the Holocaust, Marnie stepped in to speak as part of the Second Voices Project. Marnie has spoken to thousands of students across Alberta for the last five years, and considers it an incredible honour to bring her Babi's history to today's youth.

## Calgary Holocaust Survivor Photography Exhibit:

We are excited to announce an upcoming photo exhibit honouring our Calgary Holocaust Survivors. Both living Survivors and those who have deceased will be featured in a unique exhibit that our community can share for many generations to come. This exhibit will show the faces of those who witnessed unimaginable horrors and miraculously survived the atrocities of the Shoah. The faces of men and women who lost so much and yet found the incredible strength to move forward.

This exhibit will give our community an opportunity to see the faces of those whose stories must be heard and never forgotten.

If you or your family would like to feature a loved one in this exhibit or you would like more information, please contact Marnie Bondar and Dahlia Libin at [holocaustedu@jewishcalgary.com](mailto:holocaustedu@jewishcalgary.com).

For all living Survivors, we will arrange a photo to be taken of you.

For those who are now deceased, we ask the descendants to submit a photo of their loved one.



### **Socher Kravitz**

Holocaust Survivor Socher was born in Goniadz, Poland on January 1, 1917.

*"The best time in my life was when it was announced that the war was finished. The happiest day of my life. But the results of this war was the worst time in my life.... I lost a lot of family members."*