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A MESSAGE FROM YANNAI

Thank you to the Calgary Jewish community for the opportunity to serve as Federation president over the past three years. Writing this last message for the *Pomegranate* has given me a chance for some introspective thoughts about my time in this role.

I remember that upon accepting the position I thought long and hard about what I hoped to accomplish during my tenure. In my first speech, I announced to the community that my hope as Federation's president was to facilitate the goal of "more Jews doing more (Jewish) things together". Looking back at the amazing growth of both the quantity and quality of programs and services offered by the Federation and all of our community agencies and organizations over the past three years, I believe that we have met this goal.

I would like to add a sincere thank you to our Federation CEO, Adam Silver, and the entire Federation staff for making my job easy. As well, I wish to express appreciation to my fellow board members and all of our volunteers for their countless and selfless hours on behalf of the community. I extend this thank you to all of the staff, leadership, and volunteers of all of our community organizations for being true partners in making our Calgary Jewish community so special. Of course I must also thank our generous UJA donors that make all we do possible.

When I took over the role of president, I also expressed another hope for my term (although this one was expressed mostly to my own self and a few close confidants) – that nothing would "blow up" on my watch, and that I would be able to return the community, with all of its institutions, in (at least) more or less the good health that they were in when initially handed over to me. Of course, I did not expect that with only a few months to go in my term, we would be facing a global pandemic that has proven to be so disruptive to our community.

Given that COVID-19 has certainly had a major impact on our community and institutions, there has been a specialness in the way we have come together to ensure the health and well-being of our community members and institutions through an even greater spirit of innovation, hard work, and cooperation. As I write this message, it seems that we are just starting down the road towards the return to normalcy. I am confident that as a Jewish community, we will emerge even stronger and more united than we were before.

So once again, *Todah Rabah* for the opportunity to help build our wonderful and special community over the past few years. I wish you all a safe, healthy, and relaxing summer. I look forward to being able to gather together to reconnect in person soon.

B'Shalom,

Yannai Segal
President
Calgary Jewish Federation

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 • 7PM • VIA ZOOM

AGENDA
- President Remarks and CEO Remarks
- Approval of Minutes – AGM 2019
- Present and Approve Fiscal Year 2019 Audited Financial Statements
- Appointment of Auditors
- Election of Directors

Due to restrictions presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the AGM will be a business only meeting. A community event and awards night will be scheduled for a future date, likely as an online program.

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