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NEWS, VIEWS AND SCHMOOZE WITH THE CALGARY JEWISH COMMUNITY



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A MESSAGE FROM LISA LIBIN, DIANA KALEF, AND ADAM SILVER

In the coming weeks, we will experience *Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah*. This calendar year, all of our fall *chagim* (holidays) are over on October 18. In addition, the new school year will be well underway. Many of us will be incredibly busy with family, work, and life while we balance our continued re-engagement in community events and programs.

It has been encouraging of late to see Jewish Calgary waking from its slumber, coming back to life. From Halpern Akiva Academy and The Calgary Jewish Academy to the Paperny Family JCC and our community's synagogues and other organizations – we are seeing more enrolment, more participation, and the re-emergence of physical, face-to-face community. We are also seeing continuing efforts to provide hybrid and virtual opportunities, with organizations being even more accessible and leveraging the very best talent and expertise around the world.

Much of this amazing energy is powered, in part, by our community's annual UJA campaign. For decades, generous and caring community members have contributed millions of dollars to ensure our

children and grandchildren are educated and cared for, older adults have a place and programs to reduce their isolation, those with special needs are supported, Israel is celebrated, the memories and lessons of the Holocaust and the stories of our brave survivors are preserved, and the safety and security of Jewish Calgary remains strong, and so much more!

As we continue to aspire to be one of the best Jewish communities in the world, we are motivated to reflect on what that means in general, and what that means to each and every one of us.

This year's UJA campaign theme is **MY Jewish Calgary**, and it is an ode to, and a recognition that we are all pillars of this community. In our Case for Giving, we ask the question – *What does Jewish Calgary mean to you?* The answer is simple for most of us – Jewish Calgary is the place where we grew up in a warm embrace of family and friends or where we were welcomed as newcomers; it is a safe place where we take care of our most vulnerable and ensure there are portals of entry for all ages, stages, and abilities; it is a community that has dayschools, camps and an open door to the 'living room' of our community where we can gather with others.

We hope you will join us in pondering the question – *What does Jewish Calgary mean to you?* When you picture your answer, we are certain you will realize just how amazing our community is, and we know you will choose to meaningfully support this year's UJA campaign to secure the Jewish Calgary you envision.


The late Rabbi Jonathan Saks reminds us that we are all in this together and that we all matter; "The beauty of a *kehillah*, is that when it is driven by constructive purpose, it gathers together the distinct and separate contributions of many individuals, so that each can say, 'I helped to make this.'"

From our families to yours, we wish you a sweet, healthy, and happy new year – *Shana Tova U'Metuka!*

B'Shalom,


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Shana Tova
FROM CALGARY LIFE & LEGACY® PARTNERS



CALGARY PRIDE 2022



Between August 26 and September 4, over 200 community members took part in this year's **Calgary Pride Week** events which included the **Annual Pride Shabbat Dinner, First Annual Pride Drag Brunch, and Calgary Pride Parade**. This has been the most successful year-to-date for community engagement with our Queer Jewish community, which would not have been possible without support from our partners at CIJA, CJPAC, Temple B'nai Tikvah, and Beth Tzedec Congregation, alongside our Pride Committee members, Jaclyn Finestone, Ishmaeli Goldstein, and Amy Goldberg. Calgary Jewish Federation is committed to celebrating our 2SLGBTQIA+ community, 24/7, 365 days per year. Thank you to everyone who has joined us in fostering a brave, safe, caring, and inclusive community.



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Here to Tell
FACES OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

DIGITAL EXHIBIT



HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS
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We are currently adding Holocaust survivors to be featured in an online digital exhibit of **Here to Tell: Faces of Holocaust Survivors**. For any survivors, or their descendants with a Calgary connection who wish to participate, please visit heretotell.com. Deadline for submissions is October 17, 2022.



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MY JEWISH CALGARY IS INCLUSIVE

Thanks to you, our community is known for celebrating diversity, promoting acceptance, and creating a welcoming space for everyone. Through your United Jewish Appeal (UJA) dollars you enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities through social, recreational, and culturally connective programs such as **Kesher**. You provide inclusion education and training to our lay leaders and community members, and you create barrier free programs and services for everyone. Furthermore, you make events and initiatives such as **Pride** offerings possible – promoting and honouring the many diverse backgrounds and identities that make up the tapestry of Jewish Calgary. **My Jewish Calgary is inclusive – what does Jewish Calgary mean to you?**



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MY JEWISH CALGARY LOVES OUR HOMELAND

As Jews, our connection to our homeland, *Eretz Israel*, is immeasurable. Through United Jewish Appeal (UJA), you continually bring Israel home to Calgary, promote advocacy and awareness, and enhance the lives of Israelis at home and abroad. Programs and services such as **Birthright Israel**, **Partnership2Gether**, Israeli Consular Services, community relations, **Calgary Hillel**, and cultural events and programs, are just some of the ways that your UJA gift supports Israel. **My Jewish Calgary loves our homeland – what does Jewish Calgary mean to you?**



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