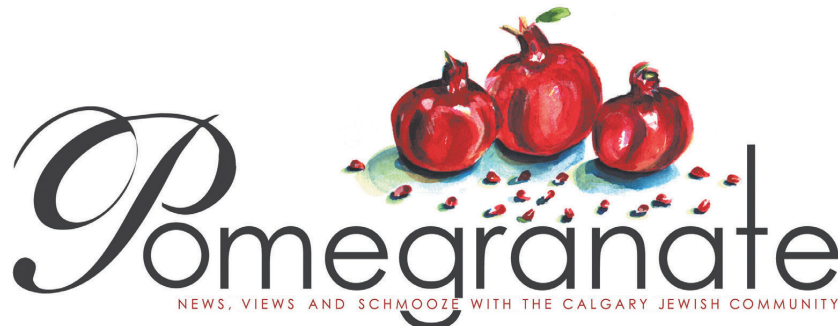


community calendar

Want to know what's going on in Jewish Calgary?
Check out the Community Calendar at jewishcalgary.org

Have an event?
Click on "Suggest an Event" to add it to the calendar



jewishcalgary.org



A MESSAGE FROM LISA LIBIN

As we close out our 2022 UJA campaign, I am already extremely excited with the prospect of the coming year. Like every campaign year, 2022 brought its own challenges but most importantly through our generous community, it also provided some amazing opportunities that I believe we can act on in the coming months.

When I began my term as president (which happened to coincide with when our 2022 campaign launched), it was a great opportunity for me to assess what resonates with our community and gain a good sense of why we all give.

One thing is clear – we all see Calgary's Jewish community as something special. Whether we are parents with children in day school or summer camp, seniors who look forward to frequent programs and delicious lunches, PJ Library® babies and toddlers, university students and Jewish young professionals, or valued Holocaust survivors and educators, we all actively choose to engage in our community for one defining reason: Jewish Calgary is special. Jewish Calgary is important.

We are already deep into planning our 2023 campaign strategy – a sneak-preview, much of it will revolve around this shared emotion; this feeling of community importance and uniqueness we all hold near and dear. But it will also be key that those who may not yet feel that same passion, that same connection, have the opportunity to truly experience and understand what makes Jewish Calgary the exceptional place it is.

This is where we must all play a role. We need to not only be involved but share this involvement with those around us. Bring a family member or friend to an event, encourage youth to volunteer and get engaged in activities that interest them, and if you work downtown, check out a great JAC program and engage with like-minded young professionals. This list goes on and on.

Think about how often you might be influenced to be part of an event or activity because a friend or family member is going. Now share that notion with someone else. So, the next time you attend a community event, I ask you to take a look around the room. I can almost

guarantee you will see people hugging, people talking, and ultimately you will see people just happy to be together at the same time, in the same place. This may have been something we took for granted for numerous years, but I still continue to feel this energy at each event I attend – especially after many years of virtual life.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for making my Jewish community into something that I feel is special – and important. Through your donations – but more importantly through your involvement and engagement – I am not only proud of who our community is today, but who we are set to become.

B'Shalom,

Lisa Libin

Lisa Libin
President

Calgary Jewish Federation



All events on this page are made possible by your gifts to Federation's annual UJA Campaign.

Building an inclusive community is a priority. Contact us and we will make every effort to meet your needs.

YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023 | 26 NISAN 5783
7:30PM | PAPERNY FAMILY JCC | 1607 90 AVENUE SW



IN RECOGNITION OF SHOAH WEEK
JOIN US AT:

THE CHILDREN OF WILLESSEN LANE

WITH MONA GOLABEK | APRIL 19 & 20
7:30PM | BELLA CONCERT HALL

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS:
VISIT JEWISHCALGARY.ORG

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023

IBP opens doors

Calgary Jewish Federation's Integrated Bursary Program

can help you, if you find it's a financial struggle to participate fully in Jewish life in our community.

With a single application followed by a discreet, personalized session with a Federation volunteer, you can access subsidies for day schools, summer camp, and recreational activities – depending on your need.

More information and application form available online at:
jewishcalgary.org or by email to: ibp@jewishcalgary.org



Calgary Jewish Federation is a participating charity in Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink.

All donations made through Birdies for Kids will be matched up to 50% making your donation go even further!

SAVE
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YOM HAZIKARON

Israel's Remembrance Day
MON. APRIL 24 • 7:00PM
PAPERNY FAMILY JCC

YOM HAATZMAUT

Israel's 75th Independence Day
TUES. APRIL 25 • 5:30PM
PAPERNY FAMILY JCC



This past February marked **JDAIM - JEWISH DISABILITY ACCEPTANCE, AWARENESS, AND INCLUSION MONTH**. Jewish Calgary offered engaging and interactive programs for all ages and abilities, beginning with a screening of *Life, Animated*, an award-winning film about a boy diagnosed with autism who turned animated Disney movies into a language to express love, loss, kinship, and brotherhood. Paperny Family JCC hosted *Through My Eyes*, an inspirational art exhibit showcasing the work of Yehudit Chayil, a local artist who overcame obstacles due to a mobility disability to master the art of painting. Concluding the month was a heartwarming presentation from Lieutenant Colonel Tiran Attia of Israel's *Special in Uniform*, who spoke on how the IDF incorporates young adults with disabilities into their regular service. Jewish Calgary also educated on acceptance and inclusion through special editions of PJ Library's *Tot Shabbat* and the JCC's *Welcome Shabbat*. Inclusion is a mindset, everyday initiative, and daily action that Jewish Calgary is proud to support. For more information or to volunteer, contact Karina Szulc at karinas@jewishcalgary.org.



CURATE AND CREATE FOR ISRAEL@75

The National Library of Israel (NLI) is offering a worldwide **YOM HAATZMAUT PROGRAM AND POSTER COMPETITION**, to motivate students to design Yom HaAtzmaut posters, and get a chance to visit Israel! Explore 75 primary sources, provided by the NLI, and **SUBMIT POSTERS BY APRIL 26, 2023** to be eligible. Poster winners will be presented on NLI platforms, and will receive \$750 USD towards an Israel experience, or school-wide activity!

For more info go to: EDUCATION-EN.NLI.ORG.IL/CURATE-CREATE



The first PJ Library® books arrived in Calgary in July 2009. Sixty-nine books were sent out to the inaugural group of PJ Library Calgary children, and since then we have sent out 69,659 books! Books that are loved and cherished, and passed down to family and friends; books that teach us about Jewish holidays, and how to be a mensch; books that make us feel happy, or silly, or ones that make us think – 69,659 books that have helped shape our community.

Since 2009, PJ Library families have gathered together to learn about holidays, create art, play with joy, and get to know each other. As a PJ parent myself, I can genuinely say that I met some of my best friends through PJ Library and so have my children. The babies that laid together on the floor at Shalom Baby have now been friends for close to nine years and will carry a bond that was created because of PJ Library – forever.



My name is **Sydney Truax** and I am the **PJ Library and Family Engagement Coordinator** with Calgary Jewish Federation. I have a passion for bringing people together and creating a sense of community. I am honoured to have this role and play even a small part in giving families their connection to Jewish Calgary.

If you would like to **learn more about PJ Library** or if you have an event or get-together you would like to see in our community, contact me at: **struax@jewishcalgary.org** or **403-537-8592**. I look forward to hearing from you!



PJ FAST FACTS

- PJ Library subscriptions cost **\$100USD** per child. Thanks to the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, our community only pays 50% of that cost, and your generous UJA donations help to pay for the rest.
- We currently have about **500** PJ Library and **140** PJ Our Way® subscriptions.
- Since 2009 we've sent out **69,659** books... that means in April we'll be sending out our **70,000th** book!
- Some Calgarian children started receiving books at six months and received a book every month until they turned 13! That's **150** FREE books!
- This year, PJ Library Calgary is celebrating our **14th Anniversary!**
- PJ Library provides books and programming to readers ages **0 to 8½**. This year we have celebrated holidays, swam at the JCC, created art, sang songs, read books, and so much more!
- PJOW provides books with Jewish themes to readers ages **8½ to 12**, plus an array of fun and age-appropriate programs and events for students in grades 4, 5, and 6.
- So far, **PJ Our Way** has celebrated Chanukah, jumped at the trampoline park, played glow in the dark mini golf, and more!



Thank you to our PJ Library Legacy donors who are ensuring our families will have the gift of books for generations to come. The Harold Grinspoon Foundation has extended the program to March 31, 2024 so we can continue raising funds for the future of PJ Library Calgary. Every cash legacy gift will received a 25% match to support PJ Library Calgary in perpetuity. There is no minimum amount to participate. For more information contact **Diana Kalef** at 403-444-3154 or **dkalef@jewishcalgary.org**.

2022 PJ LIBRARY ENDOWMENT HONOUR ROLL

Anonymous (4)	Bayla & David Jacobs	Carrie Scherzer
Renata & Anthony Armstrong	Pavel Korotkin	The Shaikins
B. Ashrafi	Barb & Ron Krell	Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro
Ashley Beames	Marilyn Libin	Ilya Shoimer
Shoshanna & Zeev Berger	Rochelle Lipsman	Professional Corporation
Sheila & Barry Bloomfield	Martinson Family	Cheryl & Morley Shore
Jackie Busheikin	Chana McKereghan	Sandy Shuler
Jana Zalmanowitz & Terry Crohn	Elaine & Stuart Myron	Esther & Gary Silberg
Hanita & Aaron Dagan	Nancy Flatters & Andrew Oppenheim	Deborah & Adam Silver & Family
Andrea & Laurence Davis	Pfeffer Family	Marg Semel & Adam Singer
Susan Dvorkin	Polley Family	Hilda & Len Smith
Lil Faider ²¹	Cynthia & David Prasow	Jackie Halpern & Glenn Solomon
Alice Fischer	Beth & Lorne Price	Darlene Switzer-Foster
Mary & Arthur Fishman	Jorda Promislow	Michelle Thal
Ellen & Daryl Fridhandler	Rochelle Rabinovitz	Kathie & Stephen Wainer
Kristina & Matthew Greenberg	Karen & Sheldon Roth	Fania Wedro
Eva & Gordy Hoffman	Pnina & Mark Rubensohn	Lynne Oreck-Wener & Bob Wener

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **PJ Passover Party**
Sunday, April 2 • 10AM-12PM
- **PJOW Goes to the Movies**
Thursday, April 20 • Time TBD
- **Popsicles in the Park**
Sunday, June 25 • 10AM-12PM



REGISTER FOR PJ



For kids 0-8½ years:
pjlibrary.org/enroll-in-a-community



For kids 8½-12 years:
pjourway.org/signup



PJ celebrates Shabbat every other Friday with an interactive half hour of songs, stories, and brachot (blessings).

Upcoming dates:
March 31 • April 21



Do you have a baby, two or under? Join us every other Wednesday at the JCC. for coffee and nosh while sharing the joys and oys of parenting.

Next meeting: **April 26**



PJ LIBRARY GRANDPARENTS

Great news! Grandparents can receive the gift of PJ Library, too! Register to receive special mailings and emails from PJ. Scan QR code below or go to **pjlibrary.org**



DID YOU KNOW?

PJ Library will pay you to hang out with your friends! **PJ Library Get Together Grants** are now open! Whether you're hosting a Shabbat dinner, holiday event, volunteer project, or hike, PJ Library will reimburse your family for up to \$100USD of expenses to feed, entertain, and delight your gathered guests. Families may apply for a total of three separate events. Eligible PJ Library subscribers will have already received a Get Together email containing a personal host code and link to complete an application. Contact **Sydney** for more information or if you need help finding your unique code.