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A MESSAGE FROM JOSH RAIZMAN, UJA CO-CHAIR



I want to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself and why I decided to take on the role of co-chair for the 2023/2024 United Jewish Appeal (UJA) campaign. I am 42 years old. I am the father of a two-year-old boy. I am a medical director of diagnostic patient laboratories at five hospitals. I grew up in Winnipeg, but did most of my post-graduate education in Ottawa and Toronto. I moved to Edmonton eight years ago with my wife to begin our careers. As a professional in my 40s who is not originally from Edmonton, you may ask why I decided to invest so much time into this campaign when I am already juggling many other responsibilities.

The answer: my Zaidas (my grandfathers).

I am co-chairing this year's campaign because I believe in the importance of tzedakah (charity), not just in the form of dollars, but in the form of giving back to the community. Both of my Zaidas were Holocaust survivors. One was hidden by

righteous gentiles in a potato attic, while the other was a victim of concentration camps. Growing up I watched both of them selflessly volunteer their time as Holocaust educators by courageously recounting their journey of rising from despair in Poland to hope in Canada. Their involvement in the Jewish community and the support they received helped to build their new lives. This has inspired me to continue in their volunteering footsteps. From one generation to the next, l'dor vador, I am now inspired to pass the value of tzedakah onto my children.

In a digital age where distractions are abundant and demands on your time and resources are ever-present, your decision to support this year's UJA campaign is a testament to your commitment to making a difference in people's lives.

At the UJA canvasser training event on August 28, I moderated a round table discussion where three community members shared their stories about how

programs funded by the UJA have directly created positive change to their lives in the city. A generous bursary allowed a student to have a primary Jewish education by attending Talmud Torah school. The Shalom Baby program allowed a newly arrived mom to feel connected with other moms. Aid from the Jewish Family Services allowed a recent refugee family from Ukraine to make a new home here.

As the grandson of Holocaust survivors, I believe we must work together to create a safe, inclusive, and enriching Jewish community that promotes traditions, unity, and education. As a young co-chair of UJA, I believe we must carry the torch of previous generations who helped support and build our community so that we can benefit now and well into the future. Your UJA donation ensures the important work of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton can continue to provide hope, compassion, and the belief that change is possible.

Reach out to us on social media or by emailing info@edjfed.org.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the
Jewish Federation of Edmonton,
The Jewish Community Centre of Edmonton, and
The Edmonton Jewish Community Charitable Foundation

Will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023
Commencing at 7 p.m.

Beth Shalom Synagogue
Lower Auditorium
11916 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta

For the purpose of:

1. Reviewing the financial results for the fiscal year just ended.
2. Receiving an update on past activity.
3. Elections of slates of Directors for the organizations.
4. Amendment to the Society's bylaws.

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, the Nominating Committee is giving notice that at the upcoming Annual General Meeting, there will be 4 vacancies to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton for a 3-year term (term expiring 2026).

Any Member of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton (any individual 18 years of age or older who made a contribution between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023 in the sum of at least \$18, or any one individual 18 years of age or older who made a joint contribution with another person between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023 in the sum of at least \$36) who would like to submit their name for consideration by the Nominating Committee to stand for election to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton may do so in writing to ceo@edjfed.org on or before October 20, 2023. Additional nominations must be made by three nominating Members and include the signature of the proposed nominee, who must also be a Member. Additional nominations may be made in writing and delivered to the Chief Executive Officer (in person) up to and including November 23, 2023. Please note that the bylaws do not allow for nominations from the floor. All nominations are as set out above.

Any Member who would like to add any additional business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting may do so in writing to the Chief Executive Officer up to and including November 23, 2023. Any request must be endorsed by signature of 20 Members.

SAVE THE DATE
Kristallnacht
COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9
7 P.M.



SAVE THE DATE
REMEMBRANCE DAY
CEREMONY

Edmonton Jewish Cemetery
7622-101 Avenue
Sunday, November 12
10:30 a.m.



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Program

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Please join us in supporting the 2023/24 UJA campaign to sustain thriving and secure Jewish life in Edmonton, Israel, and around the world.



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