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# The Hub

Your bridge to Jewish Edmonton



## A MESSAGE FROM BOARD MEMBER LISA MILLER



Having lived in Edmonton my entire life, I recall wonderful memories in community centres that go back to the old Talmud Torah site and the Hillcrest Jewish Community Centre (JCC). It's where friendships were formed, newcomers welcomed, and was teeming with activities and programs.

I have always believed in the importance of youth and teen programming, which is why I joined the board nine years ago. We decided to close the JCC with the promise to the community that we would find a new home and come back to the community to approve any new option.

The Jewish Federation of Edmonton has invested the proceeds, which has Canada Revenue Agency's approval for the sole purpose of a new JCC. Previous rounds of consultations and

negotiations culminated in an option at Talmud Torah that did not come to fruition. For the volunteers and leaders who spent copious hours on this process, it was decided to take a step back—and then COVID-19 was upon us. We continuously hear the clarion call for a new community space, a central address for "Jewish Edmonton" that meets the needs of a secular gathering space. While hearing from the community to develop our 2022-25 strategic plan, it was also a prominent issue.

I am proud of the diligent process the Facilities and Space Committee took in seeking a solution and recommendation to the board. The former Boy Scouts building on 109 Avenue and 142 Street is an exciting opportunity for our community. It is down to studs, so we have an open slate to work with

when we enter the design phase.

A bright and airy multipurpose room can easily be used for programming from movie nights, teen conventions, speaker series, drop-in play time and more. Jewish teens and young adults are facing increasing antisemitism, and having a space to strengthen their identity and connection is becoming increasingly important.

A space to welcome newcomers, connect the community and to even possibly have a Holocaust museum and resource centre are all possible with this new building. While the next phase will involve a design team and tendered process, we first have to decide that we want to have a community centre. Please come out on December 6 to have your say and to place your vote on this building.

Reach out to us on social media or by emailing [info@edjfed.org](mailto:info@edjfed.org).



### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND GENERAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION

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  
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.
5. To approve the purchase and acquire lands and buildings for the purpose of a Jewish Community Centre.

On behalf of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, the Nominating Committee and Board of Directors propose the following slate for election to the Board of

Directors:

Benaron Gleiberman – Three-year term  
Ellery Lew – Three-year term  
Lisa Miller – Three-year term  
Annika Zepp – Three-year term

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.

## Chanukah Together in Solidarity

Lighting menorahs for hostages



Save the date  
Thursday, December 14  
More details to come



DEADLINE  
EXTENDED

### Seeking young adults for Genesis Leadership Program

Become a community leader and gain the  
skills to put your Jewish values into action.

Contact Jacqueline at [jmedalye@edjfed.org](mailto:jmedalye@edjfed.org)  
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