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# The Hub

Your bridge to Jewish Edmonton



## A MESSAGE FROM FEDERATION CO-PRESIDENTS

We are honoured and humbled to act as the co-presidents for the Jewish Federation of Edmonton.

The presidency seat has remained unfilled for many years. We aspire to work hard to fulfill the needs of this role. We would be remiss if we did not give a tremendous shout out to the executive of the past few years, who has all worked to take on extra tasks, in lieu of no president. Special kudos go out to Steve Shafir, who served many years on the Federation board and executive; and was the last president to fill the seat. Thank you, Steve, for all your years of dedication to the Jewish Federation of Edmonton.

We have a big year ahead of us; with the work on our new Jewish Community Centre (JCC) beginning soon. We will enter the construction phase of this project. With the anticipation of the new JCC, we hope that all of Jewish Edmonton will share in the

excitement as this project draws closer to fruition.

The unexpected exodus from the office we called home for over a decade has reinforced that we need our own building. Luckily, we could find a temporary space that will be sufficient until our new office is ready.

Coming up soon on January 27 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. We encourage you to check out the display, Here to Tell, at the Alberta Art Gallery. The exhibit will be at the Alberta Art Gallery until February 9. Many school groups will visit this exhibit as part of their Holocaust Education studies.

Stay tuned while we plan for many events this coming year.

The Jewish Federation staff and board will continue to work closely with its many partners:

- Jewish Federations of North America,
- Jewish Federations Canada - United Israel Appeal,
- The Jewish Agency for Israel,
- The Joint Distribution Committee,
- Coast to Coast Partnership2Gether, and more.

We will also continue to collaborate, network, and build on our good relationship with the provincial government, Edmonton Police Service, and many other groups in our city.

Last, we will continue to pray for the release of the remaining hostages, and wish for an end to this war and peace upon our Jewish Homeland.

Rebecca Asbell and Benaron Gleiberman

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

## STEPS TO OUR VIBRANT NEW JCC

### 1. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION & PRE-DESIGN

Gathering input and visioning with community members, architects, and seeking grant opportunities.

### 2. DESIGN & TENDERING

Finalizing design plans, consulting engineers, and hiring a general contractor.

### 3. CONSTRUCTION & FINAL PREPARATION

The dream of a new JCC becomes a reality as construction is underway, Initiating spring/summer 2025.

### 4. OPENING OF OUR NEW JCC IN 2026

Grand opening and welcoming the community.

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STEP 4



2025 INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

*Here to Tell*

FACES OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

ART GALLERY OF ALBERTA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 27  
5-7 P.M.

Free event.  
Security will be present.

The Jewish Federation of Edmonton invites you to the Here to Tell exhibit for a brief program, film, and exhibit viewing.



An evening with

**BEN M. FREEMAN**

Wednesday, March 12

5:30 p.m.

Join us to discuss Jewish Indigeneity: Resilience, Identity, and Combating Antisemitism

Registration details announced soon



# Call for volunteers

Interested in shaping the 2025 Yom Ha'aztmout celebration or Israel Pavilion at Heritage Festival? Email [info@edjfed.org](mailto:info@edjfed.org) if you want to volunteer for the planning committee.



## SHALOM BABY

Welcoming new babies to the Jewish community, connecting, and supporting their parents!

Contact Jenn at [magalj@edjfed.org](mailto:magalj@edjfed.org) for more information.

