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A MESSAGE FROM CEO STACEY LEAVITT-WRIGHT

We are approaching the holiday of Purim, a time of celebration, reflection, and unity, commemorating the bravery of Queen Esther and the triumph of good over evil. It is a reminder of the strength and resilience that has always been a hallmark of the Jewish people.

The courage of Queen Esther, who risked her life to save her people, is a timeless example of bravery. In Edmonton, we are seeing fortitude and courage among our youth, who face antisemitism in school, on social media, and on campus. It is crucial that we help them navigate challenges and stand proud of their heritage. With community partners, we continue to empower them with education and a strong sense of identity.

On March 12, Hillel will welcome author Ben Freeman, whose talk about Jewish Indigeneity: resilience, identity, and

combating antisemitism is based on the latest book in his trilogy. A grant from the Government of Alberta to combat antisemitism, cultivate resilience in our Jewish residents, and foster empathy among Alberta's diverse population supported this event. We have invited Indigenous representatives who will take part in the evening. Registrants under the age of 22 will receive a copy of his new book.

Through the United Jewish Appeal campaign, we consistently support our teens and young adults, strengthening their Jewish identity through annual funding to BBYO and Camp BB Riback. I look forward to providing physical safe spaces in the new Jewish Community Centre and running into teens as they come after school to hang out in their lounge.

We are thrilled to announce that Be The

Narrative: Student to Student has chosen us as a community.

Student to Student® is an educational outreach program that helps increase the understanding of Judaism and reduce stereotypes among high school students. It empowers diverse Jewish teens to work together and share personal experiences with non-Jewish peers to expand knowledge and dispel stereotypes. We will roll this out into the fall.

Let us all take a moment of Jewish joy and pride this Purim, whether you are taking part in the Megillah's reading, sharing mishloach manot with friends and family, or giving to those in need through matanot la'evyonim, may this festival bring you happiness and a sense of community. Together, we are creating a thriving caring, engaged and connected Jewish community.

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



2025 Earl Parker Award for Jewish Film

Open to all Canadian filmmakers, students, schools, and organizations.

Submission deadline: March 31, 2025
Learn more and enter at jewishedmonton.org

Winner to be announced May 6 at Opening Night of:



SAVE THE DATE - OPENING NIGHT: MAY 6, 2025



Edmonton Jewish Film Festival



The finest Jewish themed films, online and in-person.

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DEADLINE APRIL 17, 2025

IBP opens doors

Jewish Federation of Edmonton's Integrated Bursary Program can help.

If you are having a financial struggle to have your children participate fully in Jewish life in our community, apply today at jewishedmonton.org.



An evening with BEN M. FREEMAN

Jewish Indigeneity: Resilience, Identity, and Combating Antisemitism

Wednesday, March 12
5:30 p.m.
Edmonton Clinic Health Academy L1-490
University of Alberta
Free

Register today at jewishedmonton.org



Young Adult Purim Party

Saturday, March 15
9 p.m.
\$5 entry for ages 18 to 30
RSVP at jewishedmonton.org

Drinks & snacks
Prizes for costumes

